



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – April 15, 2021

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present were (at the town hall) – Selectmen Robert Christie, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and via Zoom Meetings, Selectman Kathleen Rybarz. Selectman Nathan Mason had informed the board that he had a conflict and was not able to attend.

Executive Session – Gary moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(a) to conduct the annual job performance review with the Administrative Assistant. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0 (Rybarz had not yet joined the meeting).**

Out at 6:59 PM.

Regular Meeting

Gary opened the regular meeting at 7PM. No one in addition to those listed above joined the meeting.

Minutes – April 1, 2021 – Bob moved to approve the minutes as written, Jo 2nd. **Vote in Favor was 4-0 (McFarland abstained).**

Expenditure Warrant 24 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$133,572.07. Stu said the school made up about \$95,000 of the expenses, and the fire department has ordered a lot of traffic safety gear. He noted that a check to Arthur Ashmore electric is on the warrant for hooking up the new gear dryer at the fire station, and the washing machine should arrive on Monday.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu reported that at approximately 78% through the fiscal year, the municipal budget has been 75% spent.

Attorney Costs – Stu reported that bills keep trickling in for the Moldawer v. CEO II case from the Appeals Board attorney who keeps receiving unsolicited e-mails from the plaintiff. He said he has drafted a letter to the attorney saying that the case is now considered closed and thanking the attorney for his work on the matter. Jo moved to sign the letter, Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Animal Control Officer – Gary said he was sad to hear that Animal Control Officer Shannon Byers wants to step down when her contract expires at the end of June. He said his wife, Debbie, has worked closely with Shannon at the Small Animal Clinic and has contacted her in hopes of reaching some sort of arrangement to remain in some sort of ACO role. He said the State's Animal Control representative was also very impressed with Shannon's work. He said Debbie would be willing to work with Animal Control if Shannon were willing to stay on board in some capacity, and would like permission to

have that discussion continue. Jo said she had no problem with that. Bob said it would be a good idea to attempt that. Kathleen said it would be good for one or the other to have that assistance. Stu suggested that perhaps Debbie would be willing to become the ACO with Shannon as an advisory deputy.

Bob moved to table acceptance of accepting the resignation of Animal Control Officer Byers pending further discussion. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Lamoine 150! – Jo reported the committee is working at a frantic pace to plan out the celebration week in August. She said they plan to meet on May 6 and 20 and June 10, and they'll probably need to meet more often. She asked if it would be OK to bring some Lamoine 150! Merchandise to sell outside the town meeting on May 26th. She noted there are a lot of nice items. There was no objection.

Jo reported a radio theater group plans some performances in July. She said the Lamoine 150! Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the August events. She said the events include:

- Digging up the time capsule from 1995 and burying a new time capsule on August 8th
- A presentation by the Historical Society on August 11th
- Lamoine Community Arts play on August 13th.
- Parade and Fireworks at Lamoine Beach on August 14th.

She said there are a lot of moving parts to this. Gary asked if the dates are tentative. Jo said they're pretty well set, and if any other group wants to hold an event, to let the Lamoine 150! Committee know. Stu reported that the Lamoine Conservation Commission was interested in sponsoring a boat tour event along the coastline and inquired about insurance coverage needs.

Kathleen asked if the committee had explored alternatives to Lamoine Beach for fireworks. Jo said they had, but ultimately it was determined that Lamoine Beach would be the best approach. A discussion followed regarding the other locations. Bob said he foresees safety and crowd issues, and weather is a factor. Jo said the fireworks company makes adjustments for weather. Bob said using shuttle buses could be an issue, and when the fireworks are over, volunteers will be needed. Jo said there are lots of unknowns. Kathleen suggested that possibly there are other parking areas in addition to the school that could be utilized. Jo invited Kathleen to attend the next Lamoine 150! Meeting. Gary asked if that would be available on Zoom. Jo said it would.

Stu noted that an order to OK the use of Lamoine Beach for fireworks was not acted upon at the last meeting. Jo read the resolve aloud and moved to sign it. Gary 2nd. Bob asked if the COVID-19 circumstances might fall into the "exigent" provision. Stu said that was part of the purpose for that language. **Vote in favor was 4-0 and Selectmen present signed the order.**

Jo said on August 14th there will be a parade, the play structure at Lamoine Beach would be dedicated, a dessert party would be held, speakers would make presentations, and

there would be live music and fireworks at dark. Kathleen said the committee should let the neighbors know about the plans.

Road Commissioner – Stu said he drove all the local roads earlier in the week and came up with a work plan and a request for estimates. He said that worked well last fall and would like to request estimates from the local contractors again this spring. There was no objection from the Board.

Jo noted that a cross culvert on Seal Point Road appears to be slightly clogged and could probably be easily shoveled out. Stu said he would take a look and try to do that when the weather is appropriate.

Paving – Stu reported he awaits a proposal from Haley-Ward on overseeing the paving program for the summer.

Revaluation RFP – Stu reported the Board of Assessors discussed a revaluation with RJD Appraisal and the number they came up with was higher than what has been set aside over the years. He said a contract that expensive must go out for an RFP and Assessor Brian Thomas has developed one. He suggested waiting for town meeting approval for the project before sending it out.

Insurance Inspection Follow Up – Stu reported that he has developed a blood borne pathogen and Hazard Assessment program for the facilities maintenance and transfer station workers. He said he borrowed heavily from the similar programs in place at the fire department. There were no objections to either program moving forward.

Transfer Station Capacity – Gary noted some recent early closures at the transfer station because the facility ran out of space. Stu said he contacted Karen Knuuti of Maine DEP and she advised there is no problem with adding new dumpsters if needed provided they're in the same disposal area. He said he contacted Casella Waste and the monthly cost to add one dumpster is \$258. He said the budget can absorb that cost. Kathleen moved to add the dumpster. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Regional Shellfishing – Kathleen reported that the Town of Franklin has agreed to be the administrative community once Ellsworth ends that function. She said the Joint Municipal Board will meet on Monday to update the paperwork. She said some of the towns have not submitted yearly reports. Stu said he was not familiar with what reports are required – he sends in a monthly report to the City of Ellsworth with the license sales. Kathleen said she would have more of an update after the JMB meeting.

Other – Returnables – Jo moved to award the proceeds from the returnable containers at the transfer station to the Historical Society for the month of April. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Mowing – Stu reported that Richard McMullen had submitted his rates for mowing Lamoine Beach, the Salt/Sand Shed, Anderson Garage and Town Hall. He said it was

up slightly from the previous year, and he would recommend accepting that. Jo so moved, Bob 2nd: **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Comments – Jo asked how long the state of emergency might last. Stu said the Governor had extended it another 30-days just yesterday.

Gary reported that he received his vaccination shots through Northern Light hospital, and it was very well run.

Stu noted that the ospreys have returned to their nest site on Mud Creek Road and have started to rebuild after last year's fire. He said he was out there this afternoon and a gentleman from Versant was observing the camera feed that has been set up and will be on the Internet soon.

Stu reported the fire department made a very good save at a reported structure fire on Lydia's Lane early Saturday morning. He said the cause was spontaneous combustion of oil and varnish soaked materials that had been placed in a trash bag in the cellar. He said it filled the house with smoke, but the fire department was able to quickly extinguish it with minimal damage.

Bob noted that the Hancock County Sheriff's Department pulled over an ATV that had been operating on Lamoine Beach Road earlier in the evening and thanked the deputy for that effort.

Next Meetings – Selectmen will individually sign an expenditure warrant on April 29th, and hold regular meetings on May 6 and 20 at 6:30 PM, beginning with employee reviews in executive session. The Hodgkins Scholarship Sub-committee will meet on June 3rd prior to the regular meeting, and the Board will meet on June 17th and July 1st. The board will individually sign a special town meeting warrant on May 12th for the May 26th meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen