



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – October 21, 2021

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Municipal Officers Nathan Mason, S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland, Robert Christie, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Conservation Commission Chair Larissa Thomas, Paul Adams and Boston Post Cane recipient Betty Adams.

Presentation of Boston Post Cane – Gary read a resolve that declared Betty Adams as the oldest citizen of Lamoine following this week's passing of June Davis who was 101 years old. He presented the cane to Mrs. Adams. She spoke briefly of her life, being born in Hermon, going to Bangor High School and then to Farmington Normal School which became Farmington State Teacher College. Mrs. Adams, who is 97 years old, was accompanied by her son Paul and accepted custody of the cane which is presented to the oldest citizen of the town.

Agenda Review – No other changes were proposed to the printed agenda or addendum.

Minutes – October 7, 2021 – Nathan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 9 – The Board signed the warrant in the amount of \$124,020.22. Stu noted the first plowing contract bill of the upcoming winter was on the warrant, and the school warrants made up about \$86,000 of the total.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu noted that in the past several weeks, a number of tax liens have been paid off. There were no questions regarding the written reports.

Easement to American Tower Company – Gary moved to execute the easement to American Tower Company as approved by the special town meeting two weeks ago. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0. The Board signed the myriad of pages to accomplish the transfer.**

Broadband – Stu reported that the Hancock County Commissioners' office is holding a zoom meeting for distribution of ARPA funds to assist with Broadband expansion to unserved areas. He said he wasn't sure if he would be able to attend at 5PM on Monday. Several board members said they would try. Stu said he would send the e-mail links to the full board.

Stu reported that he spoke with his counterpart in Hancock, and there might be some interest in participating with the Eagle Point portion of the project for those homes located in Hancock.

Fire Truck Bid – Nathan moved to send requests for proposals for the new fire truck and chassis out to bid. Stu noted that bids would be due in two weeks, the board would open the bids and forward to the fire chief for recommendation.

Commercial Trash Hauling – Gary noted that a 2-page memorandum from Stu regarding an incident involving an unpermitted commercial trash hauler was in the packet. Stu reported the person, who cleans vacation rentals in Lamoine, has now obtained the required permit. Jo noted there was a suggestion regarding communications. She noted that the transfer station manager was doing his job monitoring incoming refuse, but the communication on the part of both parties left something to be desired. Stu noted that the transfer station manager was given a copy of the same memorandum. Discussion followed on future growth of trash disposal.

Assessing future – Gary noted that Stu's bi-weekly report included a note regarding the elected Board of Assessors, and a future discussion on that board dissolving and assessing being done by a contractor. He noted the town would have to vote 90-days before the annual town meeting, and at least 10% of the turnout of the last gubernatorial election would have to cast ballots. He said the likely goal would be to vote in the general election in November 2022.

Marlboro Beach Revegetation – Conservation Commission Chair Larissa Thomas said revegetation project at Marlboro Beach has begun, and that McMullen Landscape and Construction had placed boulders at the areas they wished to revegetate to discourage traffic. She said signs are in, and there is a temporary sign on the kiosk. She said there are reports of people parking in vegetated areas where they should not be parking. She asked if the town could enforce it, whether rules could be posted, and if the area should be roped off. She asked how the Select Board wished to deal with abusers.

Nathan noted that no rules signs are posted. Stu said there would have to be an ordinance in order to enforce any rule. Jo said she is not OK with people camping, but commercial fishermen need access. She said she is furious about the abuse. There was discussion about an ordinance. Stu said he would check the ordinance that is currently in effect. Discussion followed about putting up poles and ropes to protect the revegetation area.

Stu suggested contacting Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) for some guidance. Bob agreed that might be helpful. Mrs. Thomas said she had spoken with FBC and they were appreciative of efforts to conserve the beach. She said she's not sure if the Conservation Commission has enough funding to purchase posts. Discussion followed about installing signs.

Nathan said an ordinance will be needed if something is going to be enforced. Discussion followed on publicizing the revegetation project.

Marlboro Beach Road –Speed – Stu reported he spoke with the engineer from Maine DOT who examined the road. He said the proper speed limit would be 35 MPH, but the engineer will recommend lowering it to 30MPH to the Commissioner.

Cell Tower Height – Stu reported the FAA is accepting comments regarding raising the altitude of the cell tower until November 4, 2021.

Resignation - Stu reported that Deanne Cray has moved out of town and had e-mailed her resignation from the Recreation Committee earlier in the day. Nathan moved to accept her resignation. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Budget Workshop – Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2022/23 Administration and Waste Disposal budgets.

Other Matters – Time Capsule – Jo said they would like to store the time capsule for the next 25 years. She said the 150! Committee would like to do that next Friday.

County Budget – Jo reported work is wrapping up on the County Budget and gave an update of where things stood with that.

Shellfishing – Kathleen reported the Joint Municipal Board will be meeting. She said there is discussion about regulating oyster harvesting, requiring a license to do so with safety regulations.

Next Meetings – The Board will meet next on November 4th, December 2 and December 16, with warrant signings on November 12th and November 24th. Regular meetings will also take place on January 6, 2022 and January 20, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.