



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – November 3, 2022

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Present were: Select Board members Kathleen Rybarz, Larissa Thomas, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon

Agenda Review – There was no change to the printed agenda.

Minutes – October 20, 2022 – Stu reported Larissa sent a couple of very minor corrections. Kathleen moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure warrant 10 – The Board signed the warrant in the amount of \$289,402.88. Stu noted that school expenditures were \$257,000 of that, and the first snow plowing bill was another \$12,000. He said he had to move \$200,000 from the investment account into the checking account.

Cash & Budget Reports – There were no questions regarding the printed report.

Checking Account Reconciliation – The Board signed the statement expressing satisfaction with review of the reconciliation of the checking account. Stu noted that the bank had made an adjustment regarding a check deposited in August but had not informed the town. Some investigating by the bank identified the check and the maker will receive a letter.

PFAS/Landfill Wells – Stu reported the Maine DEP sent a letter and a lengthy report to the town saying that three residential wells will need special filter systems due to PFAS contamination. He said that he got approval from MDEP on a [Request for Proposals](#) that is in tonight's packet. Nathan asked how much further the MDEP tested water for PFAS. Stu said they went to both ends of Coolidge Crossing and toward Lamoine Beach.

Gary moved to put the water filter installation out to bid. Jo 2nd. A brief discussion followed on how long the PFAS contamination will likely continue. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Facilities/Infrastructure Meeting – The Board discussed the proposed agenda for the meeting on November 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the School. Stu said if we can find the Survey Monkey Data he'll try to make a power point presentation for the start of the meeting. Kathleen asked if it will be on television. Stu said he's not had much luck with the school's TV system, but could try. He said it would not be carried live.

Elderly Issues – Jo said she has two people who would definitely serve on the committee, Iris Simon and Mary Jude. She said she would like to have an initial meeting at 1PM on November 18, 2022 at the town hall. She said she would like to ask Sally Smith to serve and encouraged fellow board members to ask others.

Animal Control Update – Stu reported that Hancock County Unorganized Territory Supervisor Millard Billings had some updated news, and the interested communities would meet sometime after Election Day. He said he was working on a reported animal abuse incident at Lamoine State Park.

Vacation Requests – The Board had no objection to days off requests around Thanksgiving by the Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant.

Budget Workshop – Stu reported he drafted a memo regarding recycling after speaking with ecomaine. He said the recycler sold the plastics that are not contaminated, but had to incinerate the contaminated materials. Larissa said that was surprising. Stu said the bottom line is that it is very costly to recycle. Jo noted that only about 9-percent of the town's waste is recycled, but it represents nearly 50% of the waste disposal costs. She noted the memo outlined five options. There was a brief discussion about working with the Blue Hill/Surry transfer station on recycling. The Board had no objection to giving the memo to the Budget Committee and to ecomaine.

The Board reviewed the public safety/non fire department budget, including the ambulance contract and projected animal control costs.

The Board reviewed the various lines of the proposed revenues budget.

Other – Soccer Team – Nathan noted the Lamoine Consolidated School Soccer team won their league championship earlier in the day.

2nd Grade Tour – Jo reported the 2nd grade completed their historic tour of Lamoine including a stop at the town hall on Wednesday. She said Superintendent Liebow was the bus driver and got a good tour of the town.

Fire Call – Stu reported the fire department responded a couple of hours earlier to a call for a vehicle that got stuck in the mud at Marlboro Beach and the tide came in. He said the department worked with the towing company to hook onto the truck and get it hauled out.

Election Day – Stu reported the office has processed more than 350 absentee ballot requests. He said early processing begins tomorrow morning at 11AM.

Comments – Nathan asked to make sure that athletic field maintenance is included in the budget. Stu said it would be in the Parks & Recreation Budget, but he needed a figure.

Stu noted the new business manager, Dan Higgins, starts with the school department on November 14th.

Next Meetings – Jo announced the next meeting on November 10th is the [Facilities/Infrastructure meeting](#), with regular meetings planned for November 17, December 1st and 15th, January 5th and 19th and February 2nd and 16th

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stu Marckoon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board