



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – November 17, 2022

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Select Board Members S. Josephine Cooper, Larissa Thomas, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Glenn Crawford and School Committee Chair Brett Jones

Agenda Review – The board opted to move the request from Mr. Crawford up in the agenda to accommodate him.

Minutes, November 3, 2022 – Larissa moved to approve the minutes as printed. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 11 – The Board approved the warrant in the amount of \$321,989.35. Stu reported he moved \$300,000 to the checking account to cover the checks. He said the school warrants total about \$274,000, with the tuition bill for MDI High coming in.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu noted that his concern about investment interest revenues was apparently unfounded, as the October investment interest was approximately \$15,000 which puts that line well over budget. Kathleen asked about the revaluation status. Stu reported they are done with the field work.

PFAS Water Filter Bid – Stu reported bids were due today at 4PM and only one came in, that from Water Treatment Equipment, Inc. for \$13,765.34. He said an Ellsworth company and Norlens in Orrington received the RFPs by e-mail but did not submit bids. He recommended that the Maine DEP review the bid prior to it being awarded. Gary so moved, Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0**

Playground Structure Installation – Stu reported the playground equipment at Lamoine Beach was installed and there will be a bill for that as well as a commemorative engraving. He said the project was funded several years ago by the Hodgkins Fund, and the unexpended part of the project was closed into the Hodgkins Fund. He said he placed this on the agenda for informational purposes only, as when the bills come in, it's his intent to charge them to the Hodgkins Fund.

Request of Glenn Crawford to include zoning change on 2023 Town Meeting Warrant – Mr. Crawford said he would like to have the town consider rezoning his property's Shoreland Zone to the Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities District. Jo asked if Mr. Crawford was required to gather signatures again. Stu said the Board has the right to place this on the warrant without signatures should it choose to do so.

Mr. Crawford said he had tried that at a previous town meeting, and the matter ended in a 38-to-38 tie. He said people did not know what it was he was trying to do. He said he received permits for a pier for his family's use, as that did not require a zone change. He said those permits restrict the pier to family use only. He said he would like to let other

fishermen use the pier, as he fears that commercial fishing activity at Lamoine State Park may be in jeopardy.

Kathleen said she'd like to see a written proposal. Mr. Crawford said the language was on the proposed petition that was provided to the Board. Kathleen said he should be able to do a commercial pier now. Mr. Crawford said he was not under the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A brief discussion followed regarding the zoning restrictions and the zone in which the property is located.

Larissa asked Mr. Crawford what his vision was. Mr. Crawford said he would like to put in a pier, allow commercial fishermen to unload their catch, and then moor their boats at the State Park. He said that would give year round access to the fishermen. Larissa said it would appear the change would be that a pier would be constructed and there would be some traffic to and from it. Mr. Crawford said he doesn't know if anyone would say anything if non-family members used the pier, but his plan would fall under a commercial use. A brief discussion followed on what uses were allowed.

Nathan moved to place the matter on the annual town meeting warrant. A brief discussion followed regarding signature gathering. Larissa 2nd. Kathleen said she would like some information from the Planning Board regarding vehicular access to the pier. Stu said even if the zone change were approved, Mr. Crawford would still need Planning Board approval for a commercial pier. **Vote in favor was 4-1 (Rybarz opposed).**

Facilities and Infrastructure – Jo said that following [last week's meeting](#), there are some steps to take. She said one of them is a working committee, and listed the groups from which to choose members. Jo moved to form the committee, Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Jo said she presumed we would send requests to the groups identified as key members of the working group, including the previous Community Center committee. Larissa said Iris Simon would be a good choice if she is willing, and offered to serve if she were not. Stu said he would put out the word for "at large" members. Nathan said the Select Board should have a representative. Jo said she is willing. Nathan said he wants to see a group that will move the matter forward. Stu said the meeting gave the group a purpose and that was to hire a consultant. A lengthy discussion followed.

Gary asked if the town should look at another survey. A brief discussion followed on the previous survey response. Nathan said the committee should have a narrow charge. He said the bottom line is space.

Stu said he would send invitations to the specific groups mentioned to offer a committee member. He said he would utilize social media for the at large committee members. Another brief discussion followed on gathering information on ideas, and the process to follow. Jo said the idea is not to waste the time coming up with a series of plans and have it voted out. Gary said he doesn't want to hear "where did that come from?" Jo said it would be good to have names by the next meeting.

Elder Issues – Jo said the initial meeting for a possible committee is tomorrow at 1PM at the town hall. She said they hope to come back to the Select Board with thoughts and then appoint a committee.

Assessing – Stu said he was struck by the number of voters who asked him “how should I vote on this?” He said he was not able to answer the question under law while they had a ballot in hand. He did note that latest Lamoine Quarterly had a clear article on the question. He said he was also struck by how easily the question passed.

There was a brief discussion about the voter turnout in Lamoine. Stu said he came up with the 79% figure based on the number of active registered voters as opposed to the full number of registered voters, which included inactive.

The discussion turned to advertising. Stu suggested meeting with the Board of Assessors to develop an ad strategy. Jo asked when the change takes effect. Stu said July 1, 2023. Kathleen said the challenge will be to develop a job description, salary and/or cost. Stu suggested meeting with the Assessors at the December 15th meeting.

Appointments – Jo moved to appoint Gregg Tehennepe to both the Technology Committee and as an alternate to the Budget Committee, terms ending June 30, 2025. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Shellfishing Update – Kathleen said the Joint Municipal Board meets at the end of the month. She said there is a proposal to raise the recreational license fees. Stu said he suspected there might be some pushback on that. Kathleen asked for input. Stu said he did like the idea of licenses running through the calendar year instead of July to June.

Returnables – Nathan moved to award the proceeds from December 2022 to the Lamoine Grange. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Nathan moved to award the proceeds from January 2023 to the Conservation Commission. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Road Names – Jo moved to approve the following road names:

Goldenrod Lane – A private road intersecting on the North side of Woodcock Lane at the present entrance of 68 Woodcock Lane, extending northerly approximately 1,088 feet, serving homes and cottages to be constructed on Tax Map 10 Lot 7-1-3.

Tidal Lane – A private road intersecting on the Northeast Side of Partridge Cove Road (State Route 204) at the present entrance of 154 Partridge Cove Road, extending northeasterly approximately 1,580 feet and terminating at residences approximately 115 feet from the shore of Partridge Cove, serving homes built on Tax Map 8 Lot 10.

Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

General Assistance Ordinance Update – Gary moved to set a public hearing for December 1, 2022 regarding an [updated General Assistance Ordinance](#). Kathleen 2nd.
Vote in favor was 5-0.

Animal Control Update – Stu reported a zoom meeting earlier today was held between several of the towns interested in a regional Animal Control Officer. He said the County Commissioners were waiting for a job description, and that appears to be ready. He said the Unorganized Territory Supervisor suggested that towns sign agreements and get them back to him to show strong interest. He said that before signing, the group is asking for clarification on an indemnification clause.

Vehicle Damage – Needles Eye Road – Stu reported that Nathan called on Tuesday morning reporting that a cross culvert on Needles Eye had a large lip on it while it was awaiting paving. Stu said several cars reported tire damage while traveling over the area which had been prepared only a short time prior. He said the contractor had made arrangements to get the tires repaired at his expense. The culvert was paved a short time later.

[Board of Appeals](#) – The Board signed a card expressing sympathy to the family of Appeals Board Chair Griff Fenton who passed away on Saturday night, November 12th.

There was discussion about appointing one of the alternate members to take Griff's slot on the board. Stu said alternate Gary Loft had expressed interest. The Select Board felt the recommendation should come from the Appeals Board.

Stu reported the Appeals Board will meet on November 28, 2022 and he would communicate to the Appeals Board that desire. Kathleen asked if the Appeals Board has met with Attorney Dan Pileggi yet regarding the proposed ordinance. Stu said that the plan had been to develop written questions for Mr. Pileggi and that is on the agenda for the 28th, along with a variance request.

Other Business – Stu reported that the school put on a very nice Thanksgiving Dinner earlier today.

Next Meeting Dates – The Board will hold regular meetings on December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19, 2023, February 2 & 16, 2023 and March 2, 2023. Larissa said she might not be able to attend one of the January meetings.

[Budget Workshop](#) – **[Parks Budget](#)** – There was discussion about maintenance of the outhouses at Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park, the flag program, maintaining the Athletic Fields (that should go out for bids soon for the spring), and establishing a capital improvement fund for the ballfields. There was a lengthy discussion about who should manage the ballfields.

[Fire Department](#) – The budget is up \$11,850. Stu said 94% of the increase is due to increased energy costs. There was a brief discussion about fire safety in light of the costs and the likely desire to burn wood.

Roads – The Board reviewed the proposed budget which is up steeply, again due to the greatly inflated cost of oil and its impact on paving and contractors.

Capital Improvements – The board agreed to add a line for a capital fund for the athletic fields at \$1,500. Stu suggested utilizing the Hodgkins Fund for that.

School Budget – Brett Jones said he presumes the school budget will be developed sooner than in the past few years, but will not be ready until after the March town meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board