



Lamoine Select Board

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Notes from Facilities & Infrastructure Workshop Meeting November 10, 2022 – 6:30 PM

The meeting was held at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium. Among those present were: Select Board Members S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Larissa Thomas; Facilitator Matthew Dunlap, School Committee Members Brett Jones, Robert Pulver, Superintendent of Schools Rob Liebow, Fire Chief George Smith, Assistant Fire Chief Rick Martens, Firefighters Nathan Dandurand, Shelly & Dan Coyne, Budget Committee Member Mark Harris, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board Stu Marckoon, members of the public Harold Peachey, Iris Simon, David Henry, Carol Korty and Jaime Rose. (Formal attendance was not kept, apologies to those who attended but are not listed).

Facilitator Matthew Dunlap began the meeting. Stu started out with a power point presentation presenting existing infrastructure, the challenges presented by the components of the local government holdings, and results of a survey from 2019.

Mr. Dunlap asked those in attendance to identify to priorities for the town and received the following answers:

- Safety (concern regarding fire trucks, parking, and children in proximity to the fire station)
- Useable space
- Attractive facilities that invite use and engagement
- Flexibility and adaptive/variable space
- Educational Opportunity
- Keeping infrastructure up to date and meeting codes
- Long term planning
- Affordability
- Maintenance & Management

Mr. Dunlap then asked who the stakeholders are for the town facilities.

- Taxpayers
- Firefighters
- Guys that plow the roads
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Maintenance workers
- Citizens groups such as Lamoine Community Arts, the Historical Society, the Little Childrens' Group and others
- Children and Parents
- Businesses

- Senior Citizens
- Neighbors (including neighboring communities)
- Visitors, tourists and seasonal residents
- Victims of Crisis

The next topic of discussion was what opportunities there might be addressed with the town infrastructure.

- Bringing the community together
- Integrating future plans
- Saving money
- Improved municipal communications

Mr. Dunlap then asked the group to identify the pitfalls and liabilities on the facilities and infrastructure issue.

- Going too far – raising taxes to the point of unaffordability.
- Not going far enough – including shortchanging students and citizens and being short sighted.
- Ongoing costs
- Not doing enough research
- Not finding good people
- Not enough community engagement
- The impact of any plans on abutters
- Environmental impact

The discussion then turned to the next steps.

- Costs and Feasibility
- Immediate vs. Long Term options and needs
- Who is going to carry out the next step
- Reviewing past work and building on that and not duplicating past work
- Exploring use of a consultant to develop concrete plans by next July 1st.
- Work with the prime stakeholders
- Reviewing the existing resources including the physical resources, existing surveys and understood priorities
- Developing several options to understand costs
- Establish a committee including:
 - School Committee member
 - Fire Department Member
 - Municipal Government Representative (Stu?)
 - Past Community Center Group member
 - A Budget Committee Member
 - An at-large parent
 - An at-large citizen

Those present thanked Mr. Dunlap for his skilled leadership and his time. The highlights of the meeting were recorded on several sheets of a large easel pad and those notes are the bulleted items above.

The session adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board.