



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – February 16, 2023

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

Present were Select Board members Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Larissa Thomas, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz (arrived 7:30pm); Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Planning Board Chair John Holt

Agenda Review/Addendum – Mr. Holt said he was present to listen and provide information from the Cold Spring Water Company, if needed.

Minutes – February 2, 2023 – Stu said Larissa sent in several edits which he has incorporated in the on-line version. Larissa moved to approve the minutes as edited, Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 18 – The Board signed the warrant in the amount of \$194,988.41. Stu noted the plowing bill for February is on the warrant, and the two school warrants totaled about \$150,000. Nathan asked if the Pine Tree Waste bill was for a month. Stu replied that it is.

Cash & Budget Reports – Nathan said the maintenance for the athletic fields should be placed on the next agenda. Stu said the snowplowing bid should also be on the next agenda. Jo asked if the report shows that expenditures are 10% behind for the year. Stu explained that he calculates the estimated expenditure level based on the percentage of the year that has passed.

Audit – Stu reported the reason for the audit delay is that the town's assigned CPA developed COVID 19. He said we're next up on their projects.

Bids – Community Resilience Grant – Larissa said Revision was the only company to bid on the solar portion of the project. She began reading the very lengthy submission. Stu said he would recommend that the board study the submission and perhaps have a recommendation for the next meeting.

The heat pump portion of the bids saw submissions from Dave's World, Valley Home Services, and Dawes Heat Pumps. After Larissa read the submissions, Stu suggested closely reviewing the submissions and coming up with a recommendation for the next meeting. Nathan so moved, Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

School Portable Classroom – Water Supply – Stu reported that Superintendent Rob Liebow called him earlier in the week to report that the new portable needs a water supply in excess of the current supply from Cold Spring Water Company in order to supply the sprinkler system. Stu said he told Mr. Liebow the fire department is looking into a similar cistern type of project with a pump, and perhaps the two projects can work simultaneously. Jo asked if the sprinkler system would work if the fire department filled its trucks. A brief discussion followed.

Cold Spring Water Company treasurer/operator John Holt said the company has plenty of water. He said the school currently stores water in a cistern for drinking water use. He gave a brief history of the school water system. There was a discussion on possible designs, location, and the lead issue at the school.

Town Meeting – Shoreland Zone Map Amendment Hearing – Mr. Holt, who is also the Planning Board Chair, said the Planning Board held a public hearing on the matter as required. He said Kathleen came to represent the Select Board. He noted the hearing was on the same agenda as the “Glampground”, and drew a larger than normal attendance. At this point Kathleen arrived at the meeting after attending a Legislative Policy Committee meeting in Augusta.

Kathleen reported there was good attendance at the Planning Board meeting and many participated in the hearing and had a lot to say. She said many were disappointed that Glenn Crawford was not in attendance. She said she reviewed the Select Board meeting from November and quoted what was discussed at that meeting and there was a good discussion.

Mr. Holt said there was significant frustration that there was no presentation from Mr. Crawford or the Select Board on why this was being done. He said people wanted to know what a commercial pier might look like, and there is no application. He said there is a lot of speculation and frustration. He said the rationale for the proposed zoning district change escaped anyone present.

Jo said it’s not up the Select Board to make the presentation on behalf of Mr. Crawford. Mr. Holt said people asked if this was a recommendation from the Select Board. Jo said Mr. Crawford could have presented a petition again, and the matter was turned down at town meeting a couple of years ago because the vote ended in a tie. She said she would have been opposed to placing this matter on the warrant had it been an absolute “no” from the town meeting. Nathan said it’s a question for the town to decide, not the Select Board.

Mr. Holt noted the town meeting did not approve the proposal 2-years ago. He said a year ago the Planning Board approved a pier for family use. He said nothing has been built since. He said there was a lot of discussion about the request and thinks it will be a spirited discussion at the town meeting. Kathleen noted the item was first voted upon during the pandemic, so attendance numbers may have been suppressed.

Jo reported she received an e-mail from a concerned citizen regarding the “Glampground” proposal. She said she replied that she would pass it along to the Planning Board. Stu noted the Planning Board chair received the same e-mail and had responded. Jo asked what the people had to say at the Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Holt said he told those in attendance that they would not entertain comment until the applications are found complete and then a hearing would be scheduled. He said there are things missing from the application, including an environmental impact study and

traffic study. He said until the applications are complete, it's not yet appropriate for public comment.

Jo asked if people were concerned about the proposed zoning map change because of the "Glampground" proposal. A brief discussion followed. Jo said she spoke with a realtor from Surry who had mentioned the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Holt said there are septic and water supply issues that need to be addressed and the state would be involved. He said the Planning Board could not issue a local permit until state permits are in hand. There were brief discussions about vernal pools and other potential campground issues.

Citizen of the Year Resolve – The Board liked the proposed plaque wording. Stu said he's waiting for more information for the resolution.

Town Report – Stu said he's still waiting for the audit to finish up the town report.

PFAS Water Filters – Stu reported the filters have been installed at the three residences in the Shore Road area and the company that installed them will take care of testing the water quarterly for the first year as required. He said he's waiting for some sort of sample agreement from the Maine DEP for maintaining the filters which really only require changing cloth cylinders periodically. He said he has submitted for cost reimbursement for the systems and testing.

Recycling – The board reviewed an e-mail from ecomaine asking if the town wanted an education effort this spring. There was no objection. Stu said he expected there would be quite a discussion about the cost of recycling at town meeting.

Computer Policy – Stu reported that to continue cyber insurance from Maine Municipal Association, a policy needs to be in place. He asked if the board wished to base a policy on the MMA model. Kathleen moved to do so, Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Parks – Marlboro Beach – Stu reported Perry Fowler was consulted after he met with a couple of Parks Commission members and he did some repair work on the road the next day.

Bloomfield Park Tree – Stu reported he'd had no responses yet from either tree service in town regarding an estimate for that work.

Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Stu reported the committee will meet next Thursday at the school and get a tour of the new portable classroom. Nathan said the last meeting was at the school and they toured the school and fire station. He said the group has a good sense of what is currently going on.

Committee on Aging – Jo reported the group met last Friday with Lamoine's Little Children representatives. She said they discussed the new portable classroom and the possibility of a "reading corner" which could interest volunteer readers. She said that raised a lot of possibilities about doing things together.

Jo said Jane McMullen is willing to join the committee and an official appointment is needed. She said the group hopes to do a community survey to find out who is interested in what. She said the recent cribbage afternoon at the Grange had a small but fun turnout.

Jo said they want to meet with the Fire department and anyone else who might be aware of people who are living alone. She said they are developing a resource list for town meeting which would also be available at the town hall and the Lamoine Baptist Church. She said everyone on the committee is pitching in.

Regional Animal Control – Stu reported that to his knowledge, the county has yet to hire a regional ACO as no one has applied. He said several other towns have signed contracts with the county. He said he hopes to have a zoom meeting next week with the other towns. Larissa asked about offering benefits to the position. Stu said that would be the county's call, but it would be very expensive.

Remote Computer Access – Stu referred to a memo from tech committee member Bob LaChance suggesting remote access to install security upgrades to the recently installed network storage system. Jo said there needs to be limited access. Gary moved to approve Mr. Lachance's request. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Plexiglas Removal – Stu said he discussed with Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs-Lord about possibly removing the Plexiglas protection at the service counters as the pandemic has waned somewhat. After discussion, the consensus was to leave the decision up to Jennifer and Stu.

Other – Mr. Holt suggested formally thanking the Frenchman Bay Conservancy for its recent acquisition of the former Bar Harbor Golf Course property in Trenton. A brief discussion followed about the environmental protection that offers. Jo said the Board could note its appreciation.

Kathleen reported on her trip to Maine Municipal Association in Augusta for the Legislative Policy Committee meeting earlier in the day. She said there are a lot of bills of interest that have been introduced this session. She said they deal with everything from ambulance service, housing, tax liens, voter identification and armed security for schools.

Stu noted that he returned to work earlier in the day after being diagnosed with COVID and in quarantine for the past five days. He said he feels fine.

Nathan reported the Lamoine Consolidated School girls' basketball team finished as runners up in their league, losing by a point to the Pemetic/Tremont squad last week.

Next Meeting Dates – The next regular meeting will be on March 2, 2023, the town election is March 7, the open town meeting March 15, and the organizational Select Board meeting is March 16th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board