



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – July 18, 2023 (Special Meeting)

Chair Larissa Thomas called the special meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

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

Public Hearing – Moratorium Ordinance – Gary moved to sign a public hearing notice for the petitioned Moratorium Ordinance to be held at the Lamoine Consolidated School on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0. The Board signed the notice.**

Special Town Meeting – After a brief discussion about the wording of article 3 (land sale) by adding the words “at least”, Gary moved to sign the revised warrant. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0. The Board signed several copies of the warrant.**

Code Enforcement Officer Contract – Stu said the revised contract was not yet ready, but would be for the July 31, 2023 meeting.

Other Matters – Animal Welfare Seizure – Stu reported that the State of Maine Animal Welfare Agent seized 19 cats, 3 dogs, 3 rabbits, 2 parakeets, 2 snakes and a bearded dragon from a residence and charged the people living in the home with animal cruelty on Monday.

Shooting Incident – Members expressed their disappointment and sadness over a shooting incident during the weekend.

Heat Pumps – Larissa reported representatives from the Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future visited the Town Hall, Fire Station and School earlier in the day to look at the new heat pump installations. She said they were excited to supply funding for the project and would support future projects that could help reduce fossil fuel dependence, and urged fellow board members to contact her if they had any ideas. She noted that Planning Board member Don Bamman’s daughter Ashley was one of the representatives who visited.

Passings – Stu reported that former Budget Committee chair Henry Ashmore passed away earlier in the day, as did Tech Committee chair Justin Zinke’s father.

Tree Identification Walk – Larissa reported the walk is rescheduled for September 6, 2023 at the Simon Trail. No rain date was set.

Portable Classroom – Kathleen noted that the front portable classroom at the school is gone. Stu said it was demolished on Monday, which set off a fire alarm in the school’s central system.

Next Meeting – The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 7PM.
There were no changes to the meetings scheduled through September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board