



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – April 18, 2024

Vice-Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Present were: Select Board members Larissa Thomas, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Surveyor Steve Salsbury, Paul MacQuinn (Harold MacQuinn, Inc.), Town Attorney Dan Pileggi, and Attorney Tim Pease (for Harold MacQuinn, Inc). Select Board member Nathan Mason had informed the Board he was unable to attend.

Gary moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(a) and 1 MRSA §405(6)(c) to discuss a legal matter with the town attorney and for a possible real estate negotiation. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Out at 7:04 PM

Regular Meeting

Present in addition to the Select Board and Adm. Asst. were Thea Embers and Josh Conary.

Agenda Review / Addendum – Gary asked that the meeting start with the addendum items first.

Passing of Perry Fowler – Gary called for a moment of silence in memory of Perry Fowler, the chair of the Planning Board who passed away unexpectedly on April 14, 2024.

Following the moment of silence, board members signed cards expressing condolences to Mr. Fowler's family.

Planning Board Appointment – The Board agreed to advertise through the usual means for an alternate member of the Planning Board. Stu reported that Stewart Workman has agreed to fill the full seat for the 5-year term. Mr. Fowler's term would have expired on June 30, 2024. Gary moved to appoint Mr. Workman to a term on the Planning Board to expire June 30, 2029. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Minutes – **April 5, 2024** – Stu reported Larissa sent in a few minor corrections. Gary moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

April 9, 2024 (Special Meeting) – Larissa moved to approve the minutes as written. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 24 – The Board signed the warrant in the amount of \$182,056.38. Stu noted that snow plowing and school expenditures accounted for the majority of the costs.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu noted the fiscal year is now 80% complete.

Payment in lieu of taxes – Gary said the town has received \$1,000 from Maine Coast Heritage Trust in lieu of taxes and in the past the Board has allocated that to the Conservation Commission. Kathleen said that is an appropriate use. Larissa said the Conservation Commission has some money and no immediate plans to use it. She said she would recuse herself from voting. Jo said the Land Conservation Fund has about \$20,000. Stu noted that’s a different fund than the Conservation Commission. After a brief discussion Jo moved to allocate the PILOT to the Conservation Commission. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0 (Thomas abstained).**

Transfer Order – Gary read from the Administrative Assistant’s report: “*Cynthia Donaldson was in last week and is concerned about maintaining the playground equipment at Lamoine Beach. She notes that money from hat sales as part of the Lamoine 150! Celebration was supposed to go for the playground. That project is long since done, but there is some damage to repair. The Parks Commission would be the group responsible for maintaining. Cynthia suggests that \$2,313 be transferred from the Lamoine 150! Fund to the Parks Fund. I need your approval to make that happen.*”

Jo moved to approve the transfer. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0, the Board signed a transfer order.**

Mowing Bids – The Board opened three bids for mowing and lawn maintenance services as follows:

Bidder	Town Hall	Lamoine Beach	Salt/Sand Shed	Storage Garage	Aeration	Grub Control	Fertilizer
Berry Cove Gardens	\$45	\$135	\$45	\$45	\$125	\$155	\$145
All Around Town	\$75	\$125	\$85	\$65	\$400	\$500	\$500
Conary’s Clean Cuts	\$60	\$120	\$60	\$40	\$300	\$500	\$500

Kathleen said she would like to hear from Mr. Conary who was present. Mr. Conary said his prices for aeration, grub control and fertilizer was based on all four areas. Stu said generally only the town hall needs those services. Mr. Conary said he would charge a lot less if only the town hall needs that treatment.

Larissa asked about the chemical content of grub control. Mr. Conary said he uses a Home Depot product and would stay away from the monarch gardens.

Jo moved to award the mowing and lawn maintenance job to Conary’s Clean Cuts. Kathleen 2nd. Larissa said it’s with the understanding that the prices for aeration, grub control and fertilizer would be significantly adjusted downward as only the town hall requires such treatment. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Paving RFP – The Board reviewed a request for proposals for road paving. A couple of corrections were given to Stu who said he would send it out with a May submission date.

Special Town Meeting – May 21, 2024 – The board briefly reviewed the proposed warrant for the special town meeting. Stu reported the Budget Committee meets with the School Committee on Monday, April 22, 2024 to make the school budget recommendations and the warrant will be ready to sign on May 2, 2024.

FEMA – Storm Damage – Stu reported he met with a FEMA representative who has taken over for the previous FEMA representative with whom he met, who came following a meeting with a FEMA team earlier in the year. He said he's submitted the expenses from the December 18, 2023 storm and various documents FEMA has requested. He said it's a very complex process on the part of the federal government.

He noted that Marlboro Beach is in pretty good shape at the moment, noting that it was packed with people for the eclipse on April 8th, as was Lamoine Beach.

Thea Embers asked if the FEMA assistance comes with strings attached. Stu said FEMA has required documentation of the expenses and the process used to remove debris. A brief discussion followed.

Request for Special Town Meeting – MacQuinn Road Discontinuance & Land Swap – Larissa moved to proceed with planning a special town meeting to request approval for discontinuing MacQuinn Road and to accept a land donation from Harold MacQuinn, Inc. behind the current town hall property. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Other – Planning Board Vacancy - Stu said he would place an ad on the town's Facebook page and the website for an alternate for the Planning Board. He noted the board is currently all male members, and encouraged the Select Board that if they know of someone interested in serving to contact them.

Perry Fowler Funeral – Stu said visiting hours are Friday from 5PM to 7PM at Jordan Fernald Funeral Home, and the funeral service is Saturday at 11AM.

David Worcester - Stu said there is a spaghetti dinner fund raiser at Helen's Restaurant in memory of Mr. Worcester who was killed in a traffic crash last week in Steuben. Mr. Worcester was a resident of Walker Road.

General Government – Ms. Embers said she was present to try to learn more about how town government works. She asked about the term warrant, which the Select Board had signed earlier in the meeting. Stu explained in this case the warrant is an order to the Treasurer to pay bills. Jo said the Town Meeting is also called by a warrant. There was a brief discussion about forms of municipal government.

Community Action Grant – Larissa said she plans to have the draft of the Community Action Grant ready for the Conservation Commission to review in May.

Shellfishing Joint Municipal Board – Kathleen reported the Joint Municipal Board will meet with a Shellfish Warden candidate next week.

Upcoming Meetings – Stu reported he has a conflict with the proposed August meeting date (which should have been August 15), and requested the board meet a week earlier on August 8, 2024. Jo said she has a conflict with the 2nd Thursdays of each month, but would try to adjust her schedule. The meeting schedule is now as follows:

- a. May 2 & 16, 2024
- b. June 6 & 20, 2024
- c. July 11, 2024 (sign expenditure warrants July 1 & 25)
- d. August 8, 2024 (sign expenditure warrant August 22)

Attorney Use – Larissa moved to authorize Stu to contact an alternate attorney, starting with Eaton/Peabody's Patrick Lyons and if he's not available to utilize names provided by town attorney Pileggi to represent the town in the matter of Towne v. Code Enforcement Officer. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board