

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE
LAMOINE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established a Conservation Commission consisting of five (5) members, serving without pay, to be appointed by Municipal Officers pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3261 for terms of three years. Members shall initially be appointed for terms of one, two and three years, so that the terms of approximately one-third of the members will expire each year. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

- A. Meet at least quarterly and set aside at least a portion of each meeting to hear the conservation concerns of the community;
- B. Keep records of its meetings and activities, and make an annual report to the municipality to be published as part of the annual municipal report;
- C. Conduct research, in conjunction with the Planning Board, into local land areas and natural resources;
- D. Seek to coordinate the activities of existing Town committees and Boards and other organizations organized for similar purposes; and
- E. Prepare and keep an index of all open areas and significant natural resources and recreational assets in the Town, whether publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, and of sources of information about the same prepared or held by other agencies or organizations, all for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the proper protection, development or use of those open spaces, natural resources and recreational assets.

Section 3. POWERS OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- A. The commission:
 1. May, within a budget to be established by the municipal officers or otherwise without use of Town funds, prepare, print, and distribute informational material as it deems necessary;

2. May receive gifts or grants in the Town's name for any conservation research or recreation purpose and administer said gifts or grants for those purposes subject to the terms of the gift of grant. Any grant application submitted by the commission shall first be approved by the municipal officers;
 3. May, along with the municipal officers, appoint non-voting associate members to the Commission to assist it in its work. There shall be a public list of associate members.
- B. The Commission shall submit its recommendations for ordinance changes or other policy initiatives pursuant to this Ordinance to the Planning Board at least 30 days in advance of submitting such recommendations to the municipal officers for action.
- C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with or usurp any duties, powers or functions of any existing Town committee or official.

Approved at the Annual Lamoine Town Meeting held March 6, 2002.

/s/ Glenn Crawford, Selectman

/s/ S. Josephine Cooper, Selectman

/s/ Thomas Spruce, Selectman

Attest: A True Copy
Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Clerk