

League of Towns

A Collaborative Unit of Government Serving
Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Ellsworth, Lamoine, Mount Desert,
Southwest Harbor, Swans Island, Tremont, Trenton, and
Acadia National Park
P.O. Box 248 Northeast Harbor, Maine 04662

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2019

Lamoine Town Office

10:00 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:00am, Present: Durlin Lunt, Cornell Knight, David Cole, Stu Marckoon, Fred Ehrlenbach, Mike Madell, Christopher Saunders, Jim Fortune, members of the press and public.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda.** Moved Marckoon and seconded Ehrlenbach to adopt as presented. Vote: Unanimous.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
May 28, 2019. Moved Ehrlenbach, seconded Marckoon. Vote: Unanimous.

Regular Meeting

- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Review of the financial statements and possible adoption of a Motion "to accept the financial statements as sent". Moved Ehrlenbach, seconded Fortune, vote: unanimous.
- V. **Old Business:**
- VI. **Regular Business:-**
 - a. **County Government (Charter)** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018) Standing invitation to the County Commissioners to attend LOT meetings to discuss the possibility of a Charter Commission and other relevant matters.
Hancock County Sheriff Scott Kane reported that HCSO has hired a female deputy who will start July 5, 2019. Kane is also interested in hearing whether any towns have a pre-employment drug testing policy. Madell reports that ANP has drug testing for law enforcement and CDL drivers. Hancock County Administrator Scott Adkins reports that he shared the League's invitation to County Commissioners to attend a meeting. He reports that there is not interest in a charter at this time. He also reports that the County audit should be finalized next week. Ehrlenbach asks about the County's position on the Hancock County Planning Commission. Adkins answers that we'll see what comes out of tonight's meeting. Marckoon re-

ports that the Lamoine Planning Board has recommended that Lamoine suspend its membership HCPC becomes a functioning organization. Knight asks what compensation is for County Commissioners. Adkins answers that it's around \$11,000 with health insurance. County is currently self-funded but is switching to Allegiant Care. Marckoon asks if Community Benefit Fund is still coming in from the wind towers. Adkins reports that it is.

- b. **Affordable Housing.** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)
Marckoon reports that they haven't seen as many building permits this year. Cole reports that Ellsworth is still going strong.
- c. **Municipal Collaboration** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)
Ehrlenbach asks whether League might want to take on the salt bid. Adkins also volunteers the County, but Adkins also recommends waiting until next month's League meeting, after there is more clarity about HCPC's direction.
Saunders asks Lunt about an island-wide Shellfish Management Commission. Lunt advises Saunders to contact Victor Doyle, and Lunt will send Doyle's contact information. Marckoon reports that Trenton, Lamoine, and Ellsworth are part of a regional Shellfish Commission. One of the challenges with a regional commission is determining who is the overseeing law-enforcement agency.
Saunders asks whether there has been any movement on dispatch. Knight reports that Chief Willis is working on a proposal.
Saunders asks about code enforcement. Fortune reports that they have a contract code enforcement, Dennis Dever, who lives in Southwest Harbor.
- d. **Opiates and other addictive substances** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)
- e. **Solarization** (Standing item from elected official's workshop 2018)
Marckoon reports that Lamoine voters approved an advisory warrant article to lease out their landfill for a solar array. Knight reports that Bar Harbor has approved a battery system through ReVision to reduce demand charges on their public works garage.

Members Reports – (Other topics of interest and importance to League members) Future of the Hancock County Planning Commission

Marckoon reports that their advisory article on whether to participate in a municipal partnership initiative with MDOT was narrowly defeated. Lamoine has since sent a letter to Lamoine's legislature delegation urging them to rethink this program.

f. Future Meetings

July 23, 2019 Cranberry Isles. Meet at 9am at Upper Dock in Southwest Harbor (off Clark Point Road).

August- No Meeting

September 24, 2019- Swan's Island

VII. **Next Agenda:** Suggested discussion items for the next Agenda

VIII. **Adjournment.** Ehrlenbach moves, Fortune seconds, vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:04am.