

Minutes of the Damariscotta Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)

4:30 - 6:00 pm, October 19, 2020

In Attendance: Haas Tobey, Ann Pinkham, Jenny Begin, Rachel Collamore, Ann Jackson, Muffy Miles

1. Review of draft agenda, approved
2. Review LUAC minutes of September 14, approved.
3. In keeping with “social isolation” guidelines, we are meeting virtually via the Zoom.com app.
4. Robert Faunce, Town Planner, sent links to local websites about historic walking communities and Museums in the Streets projects. We all agreed that this is a very exciting idea and will read and review the websites before our next meeting. The idea would bring positive historic and scenic information to our communities and visitors.

Our first thought in discussing this was that it would be great to include the entire Pemaquid Peninsula in this conversation. There could be clusters of historic information/sign installations with walking tours in each town or village with one large map of the area as well. Each town could have handouts, pamphlets or attached interactive websites that provide more information or stories. Rachel Collamore suggested a smart phone app to scan for a guided tour.

Other individuals or groups to include in a community conversation about this idea could include :

Mary Ellen Barnes at the Lincoln County regional Planning Commission
Lisa Hagan at the Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce
Historical Societies from each town on the Pemaquid Peninsula
The Maine Historic Preservation Commission – (possible grant money ?)
The Lincoln County News and the Roberts family
Local students, perhaps a history class

The Land Use Advisory Committee could help to organize a group to work on this project. Haas Tobey thought that a project like this could be a bridge to connect where we are now to eventually looking at and revising the Damariscotta Comprehensive Plan. We would need to think about public property vs. private property for installations as this project goes forward. Haas Tobey will update Matt Lutkus and the BOS about this idea.

5. Jenny Begin brought up concerns about the storm water run-off system at 435 Main Street, specifically the D.E.P. approved drainage collection area behind the Camden National Bank. She has noticed that when it rains, water collects, fills up to the drains and then comes out in sheets into the woods behind. There are pools of water in the woods, as it is being used as a run-off basin. She didn't see any major stress on trees, but wonders if we are changing the ecology of that wooded area. Muffy Myles wondered what will happen in the winter with plowing and substances used to treat the parking lots.

Our discussion led to talk of the permitting process. We talked about using rain gardens, berms, more permeable surfaces and having more smaller collection basins rather than one large one to accommodate the greatly increased amount of precipitation we are getting.

6. Muffy Myles brought up the excessive speed of cars along the Bristol Road. We agreed that speed is a problem in many areas of town. She will speak to Stan Waltz, the CEO.

Next meeting : November 9, 2020 4:30 – 6:00

Websites from Bob Faunce to review :

<https://www.boothbayharbor.org/museum-in-the-streets>

<https://mainstreetmaine.org/listing/museum-in-the-streets-belfast-me>

<https://www.belfastmuseum.org/walkingtours>

<https://www.facebook.com/WiscassetMuseumInTheStreets/>

<http://themuseuminthestreets.com>