

## **Agenda of the Damariscotta Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)**

4:30 - 6:00 pm, Monday, September 14 2020, **via Zoom** (Zoom Invitation from Haas Tobey).

1. Review and approve draft Agenda with any required additions.
2. Review and approve with any required corrections the Minutes of the July 20, 2020 LUAC Meeting.

3. R. Faunce, Planner report on developments since our last meeting.

4. Haas Tobey recommended that we need to address the question of how we should: (1.) Identify; (2.) Evaluate; and (3.) Document the **Scenic Resources of Damariscotta**. He re-sent us the PDF of the 2008 Maine *Scenic Assessment Handbook*. (Let me know if you need it resent again. We should probably post it as a resource on our town website.) Haas commented in his email: "This question is more than timely: we are losing a key feature of the view captured in Bob Faunce's early photo on Branch Road: The grandfather oak has lost its one live limb and should be taken down." [I attach the other PDF he sent us as it should be included in our posted record of the LUAC.]

Planner Bob Faunce comments on this item: Hi – protecting scenic resources will be a two-part process. First, the scenic resources or viewsheds need to be identified. The LUAC has done a first stage inventory and I understand that the public will be asked for their input. Once the resources have been inventoried, the most significant resources and/or those at greatest threat should be prioritized for protection This should not result in a laundry list of all possible resources but should be limited to a manageable number. I don't believe it is necessary to go through the process described in the scenic assessment handbook. Damariscotta is a small community and the time and effort outlined in the handbook are substantial unless there are volunteers to do so.

The second stage would be to consider and propose ordinance provisions to protect such resources. This is a link to a publication I prepared pursuant to a contract with the then-state planning office and it is still on the DACF website

[https://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/docs/protectinglocalscenicresources\\_dec07.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/municipalplanning/docs/protectinglocalscenicresources_dec07.pdf). It is 13 years old and some illustrations may be outdate or inapplicable to Damariscotta but it provides a good understanding of the process of protecting resources including those projects that fly below the radar of the PB.

5. Bruce shares with this agenda a PDF of an article on how Climate Change may impact legal practice, as it mentions the potential of litigation by municipalities due to climate related property damage and flooding. We should be monitoring how climate change is likely to impact our land use planning requirements.

6. New business: None.

**Next meeting: Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm, as Oct 12 is a Holiday.**