Minutes of the Damariscotta Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)

Monday, December 2, 2019 4:30-6:00

In Attendance: Robert Faunce, Bruce Rockwood, Haas Tobey, Jenny Begin, Ann Pinkham, Chris Roberts, Ann Jackson

- 1. Review of draft agenda, approved with additions.
- 2. Review of November 7, 2019 minutes, approved.
- 3. Bob Faunce would like remind us to add to the inventory of Damariscotta's scenic views. He shared a spreadsheet to identify scenic views with descriptions, photographs and risk factors.
- 4. Bob let us know about a Planning Board discussion topic. Damariscotta will need to amend the boundary lines of the C-2 district to include one property operated by Lincoln Health on the Miles Campus. There are some inconsistencies in the written descriptions of the zones in the Shoreland Zoning and Land Use Ordinances.
- 5. We reviewed the Heart & Soul event from November 19. All agreed it was a wonderful and well attended event. Many attendees were excited about ideas and information presented and would like to volunteer. Haas Tobey shared some feedback information about things people love about Damariscotta, where we walk and issues related to walking. The committee organizing this did a terrific job!
- 6. Haas is working with a group to continue Community Conversations about Habitat. Big goals for the group would be to work on: 1. Water quality 2. Oyster Creek watershed/habitat 3. Culverts and 4. Restoring/conserving ecosystems for alewives, elvers and/or salmon.
- 7. Jenny Begin has been talking to the Bremen Conservation Commission and will attend one of their meetings. The Bremen Conservation Commission acts as an advisory group to the Selectmen. The C.C and the Planning Board share some of the same expertise and can both offer advice about development. Conservation Commissions have to follow state statutes for their mandates/charter. Jenny will find information about representative charters. It might be beneficial to provide educational presentations to our Planning Board.
- 8. The Historic Preservation Ordinance and memo written by Bruce is on the Planning Board agenda for December 2 for a preliminary discussion and posting for public hearing.
- 9. Future goals for the LUAC include looking at ways to enhance the quality of residential areas in town, and looking at lighting and signage as they impact this. Haas shared a section and map of the proposed zoning revisions from the Future Land Use Plan in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. "It is an indication of how we, as a town, want to look at our zoning going forward. As such it is LUAC's mandate to revisit this zoning incorporating our needs for inner village evolution." Haas has distributed a map reflecting this concern and pointed out we had approved addressing this as a priority in our August meeting. (Map attached)

Next meetings: Monday, January 6, 2020 4:30 - 6:00

Monday, February 3, 2019 4:30 - 6:00 Monday, March 2, 2019 4:30 - 6:00

[Generally we meet the same day as the Planning Board, the first Monday of each

month.]