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Town Decides on Anderson House, Well

(Lamoine) — At a special town meeting, voters decided to purchase the Nathan and Marti Anderson home on Lamoine Beach Road instead of working with the Department of Environmental Protection to drill a new well to provide clean water to the house. The vote, after 90-minutes of discussion, questions, and answers was 28-to-23.

The now closed landfill impacted the water at the Anderson home to the point that the DEP required that some action be taken to clean up the damages. The DEP works in partnership with towns, providing 90-percent of the funding for the most economic cleanup option. In the Anderson case, the DEP estimated the cost to search for and install a new, clean well, would be approximately \$55,000. By picking up 90-percent of that estimate, the DEP would pay \$49,500.

Bob Birk, the Lamoine project manager for the DEP agreed the state would contribute that same amount toward the purchase of the Anderson home, provided that once the town buys the house, the well is capped off and the home is not used for residential purposes. Just how the house and out-buildings would be used remains an issue for future town meetings. The Selectmen will likely solicit ideas in the near future, and pick

one to present to another town meeting.

Over the many years of trying to deal with the problem, the Selectmen determined that purchasing the home would give the Andersons the relief they sought, and keep the town from having to maintain a well, test it at least twice annually, and potentially limit the town in its ability to sell the sizeable gravel deposit on the other side of the landfill. Because the estimated cost of the well doubled during the discussions, and there was no guarantee a well would stay clean, the Selectmen opted to recommend the building purchase option. The board was also quick to state that they felt it was up to the voters to make the ultimate decision on how to correct the situation.

The Budget Committee studied the proposal closely, and recommended in favor of the well option. The reasoning was cost and the psychological impact on the other properties which have their wells tested by the town.

Mr. Birk and geologist Dick Behr of the DEP attended the town meeting and fielded a number of questions regarding both options. With the vote settled, the town, DEP and the Andersons will work toward closing the sale on the property.

Home Lacking Septic Cited

(Lamoine) — The town has issued its final warning to a homeowner who moved into a mobile home on Francis Drive but did not put in a septic system. Trailer owner Wesley Bentivoglio his brother Michael, who owns the land, were given two weeks to install a leach field in accordance to the plumbing permit issued in 1999.

A complaint from a neighbor prompted an inspection by Local Plumbing Inspector John Holdsworth. He found the home discharging waste into a pair of 55-gallon drums, with the liquid waste spilling over the top. An immediate warning was issued to install the septic system designed when the homeowners originally obtained a building permit. Mr. Bentivoglio arranged to have a septic tank installed, and that was completed in a timely fashion, but the leaching field had not yet been installed by Mid-September. A 2nd warning was issued, but has not yet been complied with. That will prompt a final notice of violation, but along with that comes an offer from the town to pay for completion of the septic system pending qualification for such a procedure. Under that plan, the town would then take a lien upon the property until such time as the town is

DOT To Explain Route 184/204 Rebuild

(Lamoine) — Officials with the Maine Department of Transportation will meet with interested residents in November to explain the proposed rebuilding of the Jordan River Road, and portions of Douglas Highway and Lamoine Beach Road. Engineers and surveyors spent several weeks this summer marking the road for the final project design. A final meeting date had not been set at press time. The town will post the date as the meeting draws near.

A simultaneous project may improve the intersection next to the Town Hall.

Meanwhile, crews from the MDOT have spent several weeks ditching Douglas Highway from the Ellsworth Town Line to Pinkham's Flats. The project should be complete in early October, and include Pinkham's Flats and Partridge Cove Road. Many residents have offered to take the material from the ditches to use a fill to even out their terrain.

Matt Roys from Clean Air Systems installs one of the tracks at the Lamoine Fire Station for the new air handling system in early September. The new system has flexible hoses that attach to the fire trucks and suck the diesel fumes from the exhaust system, keeping much cleaner air inside the fire station.



Fire Department Clears the Air

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Station is a much nicer place after installation of a \$30,500 air cleaning system. The Plymovent system involves long hoses that attach to the exhaust of the fire trucks and release at the doorway as truck leave. The exhaust is sucked into an fan at the rear of the building.

The Selectmen agreed to let the fire department pick up the rest of the cost of full installation as only half was funded at this year's town meeting. The 2nd half of funding will be placed before next year's meeting to reimburse the departments funds.

In addition to the air system, the tailpipes on the fire trucks had to be modified, which will be factored into next year's appropriation, along with electrical work performed on the fire station. The final part of the project is to re-paint the inside of the fire house to remove the soot from years of smoke and fumes.

reimbursed for the expenses. Selectmen felt this would be in the interest of public health in the neighborhood and for the homeowners to remain in residence. Town officials are exploring the proper manner of proceeding with the leach field system.

The matter of how a home was located in town without a septic system installed was another matter of policy concern. In this particular instance, the residence obtained a building and the proper plumbing permits. The permit holder is required to contact the town office prior to taking occupancy to make sure the plumbing inspections are done and the home is placed within the proper setback and meets the ordinance building specifications. The Bentivoglios did not call for those inspections when they moved the mobile home onto the lot, therefore the inspections did not take place.

The Town Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) will look into a better way of tracking such matters in an effort to make sure the problem is not repeated. Since the issuance of the building permit in 1999, a building inspection tracking form has been instituted by the CEO.

Plumbing Inspector Holdsworth also initiated action on two other septic problems in the past few months. The Department of Marine Resources informed the town about two failing systems they picked up when they performed water quality tests. A septic system on Seal Point Road has been replaced and an outhouse on Mud Creek Road was destroyed and discontinued by the house owner at the direction of the LPI. The actions should clear up the water in Mud Creek and a tributary brook leading to the Skillings River.

Town Prevails in Tree Growth Penalty Case

(Augusta) — The State Board of Property Tax Review voted unanimously in favor of the Lamoine Board of Assessors and upheld a tree growth penalty imposed on landowner J. Aubrey Davis in 2001. The penalty was for converting land valued at tree growth rates into a working gravel pit. Using state laws, the assessors calculated the penalty at \$19,285.

Mr. Davis applied for an abatement and was denied by the Board of Assessors on two occasions. The next step was the State Board which convened in Augusta in late August. The hearing spent the first couple hours determining whether the board had jurisdiction in the case because of the two abatement hearings. The Town and the Davis did not object to the State Board hearing the case, and the board agreed to move on.

As the testimony was given, Mr. Davis stated that he felt the penalty was excessive. He said the measurement of the gravel pit area taken by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection did not accurately reflect the amount of usable material in his pit area. The State Board asked Mr. Davis for documentation of how much area could not be used for gravel extraction. He did not produce a breakdown.

The State Board asked the assessors about similar gravel pit values and determined the penalty was indeed correct according to state laws. Professional appraiser Bob Duplisea appeared with the assessors on the town's behalf at the hearing. Mr. Davis has paid the penalty.

Planning Board Approves 10-Unit Development

(Lamoine) — A proposed 10-unit subdivision off Douglas Highway won unanimous approval from the Lamoine Planning Board at its September meeting. Anthony and Elizabeth Belch of Ellsworth submitted the plan called Applewood Acres.

The Belches have developed similar subdivisions in Ellsworth, and are marketing lots through Katsiaticas Real Estate. Construction started on the subdivision road in late September and Mrs. Belch indicated she would seek the first building permit by early October.

The Belches plan up to 10 upper scale

homes for the lots. They purchased the land from the Robert Ames Trust, and the lots will overlook the Jordan River.

Testimony at the public hearing included neighboring landowners who expressed concern about increased traffic entering Douglas Highway from the subdivision, and the impact on utilities, water, and septic systems. After discussion of the concerns, the Planning Board voted in favor of the subdivision.

Mrs. Belch said they may approach the town in the future to accept the subdivision road as a town road.

New Road Names Assigned

(Lamoine) — New construction and subdivisions have prompted several new roads that required names. The Selectmen approved the following in September:

- **Old Schoolhouse Lane**—Serving the new subdivision being marketed by Mike Woodard Realty off Partridge Cove Road
- **Poplar Lane**—Serving two new mobile homes off Buttermilk Road owned by Patricia Young.
- **Pasture Way**—Serving the Saltwater Farm Subdivision off Needles Eye Road marketed by Steve Joy
- **Orchard Drive** — Serving the Applewood Acres Subdivision (see article above) off Douglas Highway.

Permit Revocation Reversal Sought

(Lamoine) — Landowner John Burns addressed Selectmen on September 12th, asking that they reverse the revocation of a septic permit. The Selectmen responded that they do not have the jurisdiction to do so, and asked Mr. Burns to present evidence that the order for revocation was based on incorrect evidence. Mr. Burns countered that a letter written by his septic designer never admitted that a mistake had been made in the site design.

The town revoked the permit in April after the State Department of Human Services conducted a search of the property and found the septic system was located in unsuitable soil and was too close to the high water mark, in

Town May Fine Non-Permitted Parking Area

(Lamoine) — Failure to obtain a Shoreland Zoning permit prior to expansion of a parking area and road at the end of Seal Point Road may result in a substantial fine against either the contractor, the landowners or both. Anthony and Josette Pettegrow who own the Seal Point Lobster pound submitted an after-the-fact application to the Planning Board for the parking area after the town received a complaint that the permit was not obtained. The Planning Board has called for a report on the percentage of lot coverage in the area as part of its fact-finding. The Board also asked the Board of Selectmen to impose an appropriate fine, and recommended a doubling of the permit fee.

At a meeting in September, Selectmen reviewed a proposed consent decree offer that it could make to the Pettegrows, but felt a fine of \$100/day for each day of the violation ought to be imposed. The matter has been turned over to town attorney Tony Beardsley who will work with the Pettegrows attorney to come to an amicable agreement.

One of the provisions of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is a requirement that no greater than 10-percent of the lot in the Shoreland Zone be disturbed of vegetation. The Planning Board has asked for an accurate accounting of vegetation disturbance by the shorefront activity. Possible action could come at the October meeting.

violation of state site location laws. The town plumbing inspector issued the permit in 1999 at Mr. Burns' insistence after he submitted the design. The Building and Land Use Ordinance requires that any septic design located in the Shoreland Zone receive approval from the Planning Board, but the issue was not brought before the board, and the system was installed within days of the approved permit's issuance.

The property and plumbing permits have been the source of two federal court cases in which the state and town have prevailed. Several site evaluators flunked the site for location of a septic system. Mr. Burns, who reported to the Selectmen that he is a licensed septic inspector in Massachusetts, has claimed there is nothing wrong with the soil on his property and it could support a septic system. The state Department of Human Services vehemently disagreed.

Appeals Board Turns Down Shed Expansion

(Lamoine) — Following a hearing in August, the Lamoine Board of Appeals upheld a Planning Board denial of a site plan review permit to Carlton Johnson. Mr. Johnson sought to expand his boat and vehicle storage capacity at his commercial building site on Shore Road.

The Planning Board found that the site qualified as an industrial use under the land use definitions because of its' size. It denied the permit because the shed did not meet the required setbacks from neighboring property lines. The Appeals Board agreed.

Mr. Johnson has 45-days to appeal the BOA decision to Superior Court.

New Board Chairs Chosen

(Lamoine) — Planning Board members chose Perry Fowler as their new chair in July. Mr. Fowler has served as the vice-chair for the past two years. He is a general contractor and lives on Walker Road. He succeeds Doug Coleman who expressed a strong desire not to be board chair any longer.

The Board of Appeals chose acting chair Melody Havey to be their chairman for the rest of the year. Ms. Havey is an attorney who works for the Maine Attorney General's Office specializing in Department of Human Services cases. She succeeds Fred Stocking who was named to the Conservation Commission

Subdivision Plan Incomplete

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board, after hearing testimony on a proposed subdivision to sell a gravel pit from a large parcel of land, reversed itself and found the application incomplete. They've asked landowner J. Aubrey Davis to submit the required plan showing better detail what part of the parcel he intends to sell. The matter had gone to public hearing after a vote in August finding the Board felt it had enough information in the plan on which to take action. Several members of the public testified that the plan was not adequate.

Tax Rate Up 14% - Bills Slightly Late

(Lamoine) — The tax rate for Lamoine now stands at \$13.40 per \$1,000 valuation, an increase of 1.65 mills, or 14-percent from the 2001/02 rate. Much of the increase is due to special education costs, high school tuition costs, and a doubling of the cost of snowplowing. The local education appropriation (the amount of property tax) required for education rose 13.4% this year, and the use of town surplus and gravel sales income was down significantly adding to the increased tax amount. The increase on a home and land valued at \$100,000 was \$165.00. Since 1998 the tax rate has increased from 9-point-1 mills, or approximately 47%. The education budget has increased 34% in that 5-year span. Non-education, non-county budgets increased 25%, and the county tax has increased 68%.

Non-education (excluding capital) increases over the 5-year period were:

- Public Safety 55%
- Road Maintenance 51%
- Social Services 32%
- Code Enforcement 22%
- Solid Waste 18%
- Administration 3%
- Planning 0%
- Library 0%
- Parks & Recreation -3%

The tax bills were mailed a little later than usual this year due to a delay in obtaining the pre-stamped envelopes from the post office. The bills went out just after labor day. The tax commitment was made on schedule in mid-August by the Board of Assessors. Taxes are due October 31st.

Another Boom Summer For Construction

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth reports a very busy summer for building permits. The following permits were issued:

Nbr.	Name	Project
33	Peter Farragher	Deck
34	Douglas Haft	Addition
35	Anthony Pettegrow	Camper Trailer
36	Charles Adams	Deck
37	Donald Clark	Shed
38	Roger Day	Deck*
39	Charles Major	Addition
40	George Graham	Sun Porch

41	Todd Damon	Residence
42	Michael Wilder	Residence
43	William Hersey	Residence
44	Charles Swanberg	Deck
45	Stewart Workman	Residence
46	Stewart Workman	Addition
47	Patricia Young	Residence
48	Patricia Young	Residence
49	Lyle Moldawer	Garage
50	Michael Southard	Garage
51	Dennis Ford	Car Port
52	Fred Hutchinson	Garage
53	Thomas Lanks	Addition

Hot Real Estate Market Leads To Lower Tax Exemptions

(Lamoine) — Taxpayers who receive homestead, veterans and other exemptions from their tax valuation have noticed the amount of exemption decreased slightly this year. The decrease is due to the town's valuation being less than 90-percent of what the state says the full valuation ought to be. That's a direct result of high prices being paid for property in town, especially for shorefront land.

The town's certified ratio, the percentage of its total taxable valuation compared to what sales figures show the full valuation ought to be, came in at 86-percent. The state allows a 10-percent leeway in application of this ratio to things such as the homestead exemption, veterans exemptions and other various exemptions. The homestead exemption to valuation would normally be \$7,000, but because of the ratio, it was reduced to \$6,700.

The ratio also has an effect on the personal property valuations for equipment and machinery. Those valuations must be reduced by 95.7% to reflect the overall valuation condition of the town.

The Board of Assessors is looking at the situation closely, and exploring options to avoid an expensive full revaluation of the town. One option is to add a factor to all properties to reflect more closely the sales prices.

Deputy Code Officer Certified

(Lamoine) - Congratulations are due to Deputy Code Enforcement Officer John Larson who recently passed his certification tests on Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Standards. Mr. Larson will take the test in October on Building Inspection Standards to receive full certification as a Maine Code Enforcement Officer.

The Seal Point Road resident was appointed in 2001 to be the Deputy to John Holdsworth, filling in during vacations and other off-times. He reports he intends to seek certification as a Local Plumbing Inspector once his Code Enforcement Certification is complete.

Ordinance Updates Considered

(Lamoine) - The Town's Planning Board is working to update the Building and Land Use Ordinance based on feedback from the defeat of changes in March, 2002. A rough draft of changes was prepared for the October 8th meeting and the document will be refined for a possible vote in March 2003.

The board is also working on a revision to the Floodplain Management Ordinance. The current version was approved in 1991 and the State Planning Office informed towns that major changes should be made based on models sent out in 1996.

Conservation Commission Starts Big Tasks

By Carol Korty, Associate Member

Lamoine's Conservation Commission is off to a good start. Scheduled meeting times are the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, open to the public.

Many tasks have been suggested for the Commission to take on: provide a public forum where the town can discuss conservation issues; help the Planning Board by researching information they need to make informed decisions; write an ordinance for use of the town's three public parks; create a nature trail; assess the impact of new residential subdivisions; develop guidelines for tree harvesting; refine guidelines for reclaiming empty gravel pits; monitor quality and quantity of water; collect materials on conservation issues at Town Hall for everybody's use; and plan long-term land use for the Town. The Commission has started by picking up the Selectmen's request to look into use of the public parks and the Planning Board's request to look at options for gravel pit restoration.

Two of the sessions brought in guest speakers. Doug Jones spoke at the July 10th meeting on the history and status of the Cold Spring Water Company in Lamoine, and Jim Ecker, District Forester of Hancock County spoke at the September 11th meeting on forestry issues. Both sessions were well attended and provided excellent material for the town to make use of, including questions to consider, awareness of services provided by

the state to towns free of charge, and specialists to contact for detailed information on many topics. The Commission plans to continue bringing in other resource people and is open to suggestions for topics and names. Two meetings focused on identifying some of the many issues of importance which have been suggested to members. They include creating an inventory of Lamoine's natural resources: shoreland, forests, farm land, wet lands, the aquifer, residential areas, zones for commercial development, and the recreational areas of Lamoine Beach, Marlboro Beach, and Bloomfield Park on Blunts Pond.

The Commission is made up of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Fred Stocking (Chair), Pat Wallace, Phil Richter and Nancy Pochan are the current members; there is one vacancy. Carol Korty and Michael Southard serve as associate members. Lamoine residents interested in serving on the Commission are invited to submit their names to the Selectmen, who would like to make an appointment before the Commission's October 9th meeting.

Volunteers and adjunct members are also needed and would be welcome at all levels of involvement! There's lots to be done. Please contact any of the Commission members with your ideas and suggestions. The Commission sets aside a portion of every meeting to hear from the public on concerns about Lamoine's environment and natural resources.

Fire Department Purchases Gas Detector

(Lamoine) — Using funds raised privately, the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department has purchased a new gas detector. The device will be used in a variety of ways to make sure firefighters do not enter hazardous locations without the proper protection.

The need for a gas detector has grown in the past few years, especially with the advent of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors installed in people's homes. The detector purchased by the fire department can determine if the home CO detector is actually

picking up the gas or if it's malfunctioning. If CO is present, firefighters should be able to trace the source with the detector.

Besides CO, the detector will also measure the explosion level, the oxygen content, and for hydrogen sulfide gas. The department voted to use the funds it raises from auctions, the annual fund drive and the clam chowder supper to purchase the detector following an incident in Franklin which left one man dead and a teen-ager injured when they were exposed to hydrogen-sulfide gas.



The new gas detector purchased by the Lamoine Fire Department will tell firefighters whether it's safe or not to enter areas.

Three Join Volunteer Fire Department

(Lamoine) — Three new members have joined the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department in the last quarter. A familiar face since childhood around the fire station, **David Herrick Jr.**, joins his father and grandfather on the department. David turned 18, the minimum eligible age for operating firefighting equipment.

Also joining the LVFD is **Robert Schust** of Deer Run. He's a semi-retired salesman from Michigan and a half-year resident.

The final new member to join is **Kermit Theall**, a new year round resident of Cove Road. Mr.Theall hails from New York state, and is a self employed building contractor.

New department members are always welcomed. Training is provided to new members on an as needed basis. The fire department meets weekly on Thursday evenings starting at 7:00 PM.

Flu Shots Available November 6th

Dog Bite Complaints Resolved

(Lamoine) — A dog belonging to a Partridge Cove Road woman had to be destroyed after it attacked two bicyclists in a short time span. The dog was quarantined at the Small Animal Clinic for 10-days as required by law before it was euthanized. The incident sparked loud complaints from some cyclists about dog law enforcement. It has also prompted the town office to produce a new pamphlet that will be given to people registering dogs.

Another dog bite incident required a bit of detective work by Animal Control Officer Harry Lounder. At the Emergency Room, the victim who spoke little English told Officer Lounder that he was bicycling home when the dog ran after him and bit him. After spending a day trying to find the offending dog in the neighborhood where the man thought he had

Sink Hole Fixed at Lamoine Beach

(Lamoine) — The ground literally opened up one Saturday in August at Lamoine Beach Park, creating a sink-hole approximately 5-feet in diameter and about the same in depth. The hole was located just inside the picnic area next to the middle of the parking lot.

Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon happened to visit the beach that evening and found the hole and immediately got some barricades from the fire station. Contractor Jay Fowler came by the next day and determined that only some fill would be needed to fix it.

The hole apparently was the result of an old, rusted tank. The cover of the tank finally failed and the dirt on top collapsed into the dry cavern. It's not clear what the tank was used for in the past.

been, it was evident no such dog was there. A call from the Emmaus Center a couple days later came up with a different story. It turns out the victim had approached a used car dealer on Jordan River Road and the dog was on the porch when it bit him. A check with the dog's owner found the rabies shots were up to date, and there was no issue with the dog running at large. Selectmen met with Officer Louder this summer and received assurance the complaints he gets are dealt with. He said he would do a better job following up with the complainants.

Fire Dept. Supper Set for October 19th

(Lamoine) — The annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department Clam Chowder Supper will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Tickets are available in advance from most firefighters and the town office, or can be purchased at the door. The fire department will sell tickets door to door on Sunday, October 12th in the afternoon.

Dinner consists of Chef Albert Herrick's delicious clam chowder, yeast rolls, baked beans, casseroles, beverage and pie. It's an all-you-can eat affair, and folks are advised to come early to get a seat for the first serving at 5PM.

Proceeds from the dinner will help replenish the fire departments funds that have been used to purchase equipment like turnout gear, the gas detector, and the air cleaning system in recent months.

No Fires, Just Many Calls For LVFD

(Lamoine) — Firefighters answered 10-calls for help over the past quarter. None were for actual fires in town, but the department covered several towns during other fire calls.

July brought a string of lightning storms to Hancock County. The worst was the night of July 3rd, and a bolt of lightning ignited the Franklin Trading Post. Lamoine stood-by for coverage of Hancock and Ellsworth while their departments assisted Franklin on the fireground. Thankfully no lightning damage was reported in Lamoine. The next day Lamoine stood by as Ellsworth was short handed for volunteers on a car fire call. In early August the department stood by while Sullivan battled a fire on an island in Flanders Pond

Firefighter Bill Fennelly helped rescue a man and his son from Bar Harbor who got caught in high winds while kayaking between Salisbury Cove and Trenton. Fennelly happened to be exercising the rescue boat when the call for help came in.

Several medical assistance calls came in as well during the quarter, including calls on Seal Point Road, South Birchlawn Dr., and Marlboro Beach Rd.

Finally, the department responded to what was initially reported as a serious injury car accident. It turned out to be an empty horse trailer that came off the hitch and flipped over in the woods on Douglas Highway. A neighbor heard the crash and reported it immediately.

(Lamoine) — Flu shots will be available at the Lamoine Town Office on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 from 1PM to 3PM. Health Link, a division of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital will administer the shots. A small fee is charged. Some flue facts from Health Link:

WHY:

- Flu vaccine protects you from certain types of flu.
- Reduces your risk for other upper respiratory infection.
- Decreases flu transmission to someone in the high-risk category.

WHO:

- *High-risk category: Children or adults with the following chronic diseases: lung disease/emphysema, congestive heart failure, heart disease, diabetes, asthma or immuno suppression.
- Anyone who could transmit the flu to those in high-risk groups; e.g. healthcare workers, in-home caregivers, people who live with folks in high-risk groups, visitors in nursing homes and hospitals.

WHO ELSE IS AT RISK?

- Pregnant women (not recommended in first trimester)
- Travelers

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

- Flu vaccine CANNOT cause the flu. It is a dead virus.
- Vaccine contains NON-INFECTIOUS, killed virus that cannot cause the flu.
- If you have been very ill, your physician may recommend waiting for the shot.

Still Waiting For The Metal Truck

(Lamoine) — The metal pile at the transfer station should disappear soon. The initial plan was for it to be removed in July by the metal contractor, Grimmel Industries. Selectmen voted to close off the collection of waste metals and white goods last spring because of the difficulty in controlling what went on the pile. The Department of Environmental Protection asked the town to clean up the pile and the dirt surrounding the cement pad to prevent groundwater contamination.

Grimmel was contacted many months ago, and at last word, Lamoine was next on the list as of late September. Grimmel suffered losses from a major fire at their Topsham headquarters in July which slowed up their ability to collect metal piles across the state.

Once the metal is removed, the town will have to remove and replace soil from around the cement pad which has become a hazardous waste. The Selectmen face several disposal and/or recycling options. Such waste, if it meets testing specifications, can be used as a mixing material with cement, and that disposal option is less expensive than a landfill.

Park Ordinance Development Requested

(Lamoine) — After numerous complaints from parties, to skinny-dipping, to rude view blocking parking at the two major town parks, the Board of Selectmen asked the Conservation Commission to develop an

Raccoon Cove Road Re-Paved

(Lamoine) — Crews from Lane Construction put a new layer of pavement down on Raccoon Cove Road in August. While not in particularly bad shape, the new layer will help with the strength of the road surface, and should ensure that the road will last for the remainder of this and the next paving cycle.

When it was re-built in the mid 1990's, only a couple inches of pavement was placed over a smooth layer of gravel. In the 7-to-8 years since rebuilding, the road had started to show minor stress from use and the freeze/thaw cycle of the winter. The new layer of pavement should hold off that damage for years to come.

In future years, the town will ask voters for monies to repave each end of Shore road, the lower end of Mill Road and the Upper End of Buttermilk Road, and Seal Point Road. Those roads or sections have not been repaved since 1993 or before. It's estimated that a pavement surface with moderate traffic and basic maintenance should last at least 15-years. The paving cycle will then start over again with the oldest pavement covered first.

ordinance for the town parks. The commission replied that it would like samples from other towns, and enforcement would be an issue. The town has samples from Bangor, Bar Harbor Kittery and South Portland.

Water Tests Reduced To Annual Event

(Lamoine) — The rising costs of water testing and the relative stability of many years of results led Selectmen to vote to reduce residential well tests near the closed landfill to once per year. It was not an easy decision.

The town tests five homes for various metals and organic compounds to make sure the water in those five homes is safe to drink. The tests now cost \$375 apiece, or about \$1,900 per round. Doubled, that's \$3,800 per year, or roughly all that was budgeted for well testing. The Department of Environmental Protection also requires that the town conduct tests on wells drilled close to the landfill area once a year, and because engineers with special equipment are required for those tests, the cost is about \$2,800 this year, and will rise to \$3,116 next year.

Selectmen wrote to the DEP to ask if there were some way to get some relief, either through a less expensive testing source, or reduced frequency of tests. The DEP replied that since the test results have proven steady over the years, they would allow annual testing. The Selectmen invited residential well owners to give their opinion and none had any objection to the reduced testing frequency. The tests will be conducted in the spring of the year when the water table is generally the highest.

Settlement Signed In Waste Dispute

Harbor Update

(Lamoine) — Lamoine Harbor Master Bill Pinkham and Deputy Gerald Ford met with Selectmen during the summer to discuss concerns in the harbor area in front of Lamoine State Park. Mr. Pinkham said the biggest problem is that mooring owners are failing to mark their mooring floats with the mooring number. That has led to confusion as to where the moorings are located, and to movement of some moorings.

The harbor master also pointed out that all lobster cars, and there are four moored off the park, need permission from the Army Corps of Engineers for location in the harbor. Applications were sent to the four lobster car owners, and at least one has applied for an Army Corps permit. Mapping of all moorings has begun, but may not be completed until sometime in 2003, pending accurate GPS measurements.

Sign Thefts Continue to Plague Town

(Lamoine) — The time period just after school ended and just before college started seemed to be a hot time for sign thieves. The Road Commissioner has replaced at least ten street name signs over the summer at a cost of nearly \$250.00.

Among the more popular thefts were Last Resort Lane, Woodcock Lane and Dicks Rock Road, which were swiped twice within a month. Other thefts included Lamoine Beach Road and Shore Road. Those signs was found destroyed on Shore Road later. Ford Lane drove away, and the newly named

(Lamoine) — The dispute between the Selectmen and Russell Boynton Jr. has ended. Mr. Boynton was cited for illegally bringing solid waste onto his property without a permit. The debris in question was an the remains of a garage torn down by Mr. Boynton's former brother-in-law. The debris burned in a fire after sitting on the property for several months. Mr. Boynton got a fire permit, but the permit was for brush, not building debris. The town had pictures of the pile before it went up in smoke.

In the consent agreement between the Selectmen and Mr. Boynton, the matter was closed after Mr. Boynton signed a pledge not to bring any more waste onto his land, and for payment of a \$400.00 fine. The Selectmen had offered to let Mr. Boynton provide services t the town at a reduced rate, but he chose the option of paying in cash instead. According to the town's solid waste ordinance, landowners need permission to bring waste from outside their property onto their land.



A Tree Grew In Lamoine

Workers load a tree that grew across the street from the town hall onto a waiting flatbed truck.

Photo by Bobbie Burdick

(Mt. Desert) - Workers from a local landscaping company harvested a tree on the property across from the town hall this summer. The 35-foot fir was transported to a summer estate in Mt. Desert to replace a tree that blew over in a windstorm last winter. The operation took place over a couple of days, and was quite fascinating to watch as workers delicately handled the tree and the huge root-ball while placing it on the back of the flatbed truck. At one point Douglas Highway was blocked for a few minutes while the heavy equipment brought the tree to the Town Hall parking area for loading. .

Lamoine landscaper Bobbie Burdick reports sadly that the tree did not stay long, as it became infested with an insect. She says it'll be replaced by a smaller, nursery grown tree. The Lamoine fir tree will be cut and milled, and made into garden furniture for the Mt. Desert homeowner.

Bob-o-link Lane flew off.

The town contacted law enforcement authorities to enter the sign names into their computers in case they recovered signs during other investigations. Discovery of dozens of stolen signs at a University of Maine Fraternity House did not yield any for Lamoine. The police department on campus reported they had a lot of calls from towns looking for signs.

The replacement signs will be installed in early October, and the holders smeared with grease to give the thieves a little reminder of their exploits.

Seal Point Road Smoothed Out

(Lamoine) -- The gravel end of the Seal Point Road was quite a mess after the winter snow and spring melt. A quick grading lasted less than a week, with potholes quickly reappearing. Contractor Harold MacQuinn Inc., was hired to put some more material down on the road to act as a surface material, and to scrape the pot holes again. The effort seems to be working as the ride has been a lot smoother afterwards.

The short section of road was not paved when the lower end of Seal Point Road was rebuilt in 1995. Town meeting voters failed to approve the funding required for a rebuild of that section when residents testified that they did not want the road paved in that area.

Buttermilk Road Cracks To Be Sealed

(Lamoine) — A New Hampshire based company specializing in what's called hot crack sealing was hired to fill in the cracks on Buttermilk Road with a hot rubber material. Henry W. Dow, who grew up in Lamoine, placed the winning bid of \$5,500 for the job. It's expected Mr. Dow's crew will perform the work in October.

Crack-sealing helps to keep the water out of the pavement, keeping it from cracking and making pot holes in the freeze-thaw cycle in the winter months. It can add years of life to a road.

Wildlife Flourishes Near Homes

(Lamoine) — Lions and Tigers and Bears—Oh My. Well, no tigers that we have heard about in Lamoine this summer, but lots of bear complaints. Folks in North Lamoine report a lot of ruined bird feeders from a big black bear that has roamed the neighborhood looking for food. Marilyn Lockhart of Douglas Highway got a picture of a bear on her back deck raiding the bird feeder (below).

As for lions, Mary Henry sent a picture of what looked like a huge cat or mountain lion near her father's house on Douglas Highway. It was too fuzzy to make out, but it did look a lot like a large cat of some sort. Moose have made the often spotted list, and



Marilyn's Bear
Marilyn Lockhart snapped this picture in 2002

wild turkeys have become quite plentiful all over town. It's expected that next year's turkey hunting season will include Lamoine on the list. Sightings are down this year for raccoons and skunks, though a skunk did stink up the town hall recently. Rabies may be the culprit for those species.

Tax Reform Petition Contemplated

(Lamoine) — Selectmen tabled a resolution that would throw support behind a tax reform drive by Maine Municipal Association (MMA). The proposal seeks to lower property taxes by forcing state government to fund 55% of the school budget as promised in state law, and 100% of special education costs.

MMA officials say that would shift approximately \$200-million away from property taxes statewide, but the burden would be on the Legislature to find a way to raise that money to come back to the local towns. At a recent information session, MMA suggested a rise in the sales tax by 1-cent which could generate most of the income. Property taxes currently are the biggest piece of the revenue pie in Maine, followed by state income taxes and sales taxes.

Another proposal being floated by the City of Belfast would increase the sales tax to 6-cents on the dollar, with that extra penny coming back to the communities that generate the sales. A quarter of that revenue would go to county government, which would directly offset costs to local property taxpayer which fund county government costs.

To further complicate matters, another petition drive is under way to cap property taxes at 10-mills (\$10 per \$1,000 valuation) in all Maine towns. Several similar drives in the past have begun, but none made it to the ballot because of forged or improper petition signatures. Lawmakers look for some work in the coming years on property tax reform.

Library Seeks Comments

(Ellsworth)— The Ellsworth Public Library receives a limited amount of funding annually from Lamoine. The elected Board of Trustees formed an advisory committee which is made up of representatives from the outlying communities served by the library. Lamoine's representative is Frank Murray, who also serves on the town's School Committee.

Mr. Murray asks that anyone who has concerns, comments or good ideas for the Ellsworth Library to get in contact with him so he can relay them to the board.

911 Update

(Ellsworth) — Enhanced 911 service could become available to Hancock County residents by the beginning of 2003. The County RCC (regional communications center) committee reports the equipment to establish a Public Safety Answering Point has been ordered for installation at the Hancock County Courthouse, and should arrive sometime in December.

The committee has also recommended to the county commissioners that a director for the RCC be hired, and the job has been offered to an Ohio woman who heads up a similar operation there.

Hancock County is the last in Maine to fully receive 911 service. The Mount Desert Island towns currently have 911 service as they established their own PSAP in Bar Harbor earlier this year.

Public Works Committee Gathers Information

(Lamoine) — After a busy summer, the Lamoine Public Works Study Committee is starting to pull together the information it is finding out. During the summer, the committee selected Ken Smith to be the committee's steering committee chairman. The committee has branched off into 3-subcommittees, studying transportation, town facilities and solid waste.

The solid waste committee has been perhaps the most active, looking at the present transfer station setup, what materials can be recycled, what other communities have for a setup, and what state regulations affect solid waste disposal efforts on Lamoine. The subcommittee will merge its findings with those of the other subcommittees to see if there are opportunities for better efficiencies of

operations.

The transportation committee is charged with looking at the road maintenance needs of the town. Of particular concern is snow removal, given that the contract cost has nearly doubled in the past two years. That committee is looking into what a fleet of trucks and labor might cost the town, and how winter operations could merge with summer maintenance needs.

Finally, the facilities committee is looking at possible locations for a public works operation, and if other town facilities ought to be combined with a "town garage" so to speak. That subcommittee reports very few pieces of land as potentially available for municipal needs into the future, but they're still looking at all the options.

Historical Society Works on Collection, Building

By Jo cooper

(Lamoine) —The Lamoine Historical Society has formed a committee to obtain grant money to assist in the restoration of the East Lamoine Meeting House. The town landmark was named to the National Historic Register this year. The building needs extensive renovations to its interior. It was named to the register as a well-documented example of architect Seth Tisdale's work and as one of the earliest church buildings in the area. The committee is helped by professionals in the field of historic restoration.

In addition, the Society is cataloging its large collection of historic documents,

photographs, books, genealogical materials and other artifacts. New member Brooke Childrey, museum curator for Acadia National Park, and Anne Stocking, a professional archivist, will be helping with this vital work. The Society is often contacted by people wanting to do historical research and this will make it much easier to access information and materials. The Historical Society is also actively searching for a location in town for a museum to house the collection and make it more available to residents.

The Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday at 7:00 at the Lamoine Baptist Church.

Lamoine 7th Graders Get Their Apples

(Lamoine) — You can't tell this year's 7th graders that the Maine Laptop Program has become a political hot potato. With some lawmakers wanting to yank the funding for the program, a state full of 12 and 13 year olds are learning hands on with one of the essential tools of business and loving it.

The 14 members of the 7th grade class received their brand new Apple I-books about a week into the school year, and immediately went to work creating files, editing music and video presentations, surfing the 'net and IM'ing (sending and receiving Instant

Messages) to buddies literally across the world.

Teacher Tim Barlow's room is rigged up with a wireless receiver so that students can go on-line with their computers without being tied down by network wires and telephone lines. Mr. Barlow reports the computers are working well, and are a big hit with the students. Among the computer projects the students might create right away is a "voter list" for use in a mock election this fall at the school.



Hard At It
Seventh Grade students Heather Young (foreground) and Sarah Marckoon hit their Apple I-Book portable laptop computers in the classroom. Every 7th grader in Maine was issued a laptop computer this year as Governor Angus King's initiative came to fruition. Students report the machines work well and are "cool".

The "I Do's" Have It This Summer

Scouts to Collect Food

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will have boxes around town to collect non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) as part of the annual Scouting for Food drive in November. There will be boxes at the transfer station, the school and the town hall. An important part of scouting is helping other people, and the scouts will be delivering the food to the food pantry in Ellsworth on November 10. Boxes will be out at the beginning of November.

Another Grad Honored

(Lamoine) — Life Christian Academy graduate **Tasha Murphy** received honors from the Board of Selectmen this summer. Miss Murphy graduated from the Trenton School with honors in June.

Tasha is the daughter of Ralph and Patricia Murphy of Lamoine Beach Road and received a certificate signed by town officials wishing her the best in her academic future.

Save Those Ink Cartridges

By Lisa Branch

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Patrons have started a new fund raising program called Fundingfactory.com. We are collecting Laser Cartridges, Inkjet cartridges and used cell phones. There is a box at the Lamoine School and at the Lamoine recycle center. We would

(Lamoine) — Romance must have been in the air in Lamoine this summer as at least 9-marriages took place, either in town or involving residents.

Eric Groover and Amy Ackerman exchanged vows on July 6th with Reverend Dr. David Henry of the Lamoine Baptist Church presiding. The reception was held at Amy's grandmother's home in Marlboro.

Kent Barnes and Lola Moore were married on July 5th in Sorrento by Judith High. They reside on Lamoine Beach Road.

Kenneth Roth and Kathleen Frazee were married by Reverend Henry on July 27th. The bride has been a long time summer resident of Lamoine on Lorimer Road.

John Clayton Terry and Verna Thurston were married in a ceremony at the Lamoine Town Hall the morning of July 31st. The Florida Couple took vows from Notary Public and Deputy Town Clerk Stu Marckoon.

Three New Lamoiniacs Born

(Lamoine) — Welcome to **Aurora Jade Haslam** who was born on June 19th, 2002 at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. She lives on Birchlawn Drive.

Hunter Rae Sargent was born on June 28, 2002 at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital. He's a resident of Mud Creek Road and has been in to visit the town hall staff.

Cara Mae Frye is the latest new resident of Lamoine, having arrived on July 8, 2002. She was born at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth.

Peter Meyer and Kathryn Moore were married July 20th by Attorney David Kee at Mr. Meyer's father's home on Woodcock Lane. The couple resides in Hancock.

Jonathan Colby and Laura Pinkham were united in marriage by Pastor Robert Maddocks in Ellsworth on July 21st. Mr. & Mrs. Colby reside on Sugarbush Drive in Lamoine.

William Lancaster and Lorelei Leslie exchanged their vows in Unity on August 17th. Reverend David Tripler officiated. Mr. & Mrs. Lancaster live on Needles Eye Road.

Shane King and Lori Bowers were married on September 6th in Lamoine. Notary Patricia Hibbard performed the ceremony.

Alan Wuorinen and Laura Almond were married in Lamoine at Mr. Wuorinen's parents home on September 28th. The couple resides in Massachusetts. Deputy Clerk Marckoon oversaw the ceremony.

Two Pass Away

(Lamoine) — We note with sadness the passing of two long time residents of Lamoine in the past quarter. **Kathleen Moore** died July 2, 2002 at an Ellsworth Nursing Facility after a long illness. Her husband Donald, daughter Mary, and granddaughters Kelly and Robin Henry reside in Lamoine.

Former Boston Post Cane holder, **Arnold Salkaln**, died at Golden Acres rest home in Franklin on September 4, 2002. Mr. Salkaln was for many years the oldest resident of Lamoine, and was 98 years old at the time of his death. He lived for most of his adult life at a home on Ash Lane in Marlboro.

also like to get local business involved. If you work at any of the area hospitals, banks, Jackson Lab, Attorney offices etc and just throw this stuff away, you can help. We will supply the free UPS shipping boxes. Please call Lisa 667-7434 or Sharon 667-3524 for more information. This is a great and easy way to raise money for the school while helping to save the environment. We hope to raise enough money for a new playground.

Poetry Corner

(Lamoine) - A couple years ago after her friend Dr. Ben Whitcomb died, Lamoine resident Brenda Whitney wrote this poem. We finally found it after filing it away.

Lamoine

Lamoine a place where strong winds blow,
Where tides move out and clam flats show.
Eagles fly high in the sky and plummet,
With caps of clouds on the mountain summit.

Seal boats out on the ocean's horizon.
Sea smoke rising off the water, around ocean liners.
Sandpipers and seagulls, on the rocks and sand.
Chickadees in the bittersweet giving life to a new clan.

Seals laying in the sun on shooter's ledge.
Wild ducks hiding in the roses near the edge.
Low drone of lobster boats getting a morning catch.
The clammers and wormers working six hours at a stretch.

Alders and holly berry to hide the deer and fox,
Wild turkeys stop and live in our swamps.
It's a place you can sit and watch fog come in,
And say to yourself how lucky you've been.

Lamoine is the most beautiful place to go,
Untouched by human hands by God's heaven's glow.

Brenda Whitney, 1999

October 2002-Lamoine Town Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-7PM School Board	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Fire Dept	4	5
6	7	8-7PM Planning Board	9	10-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	11	12
13	14-Office Closed— Columbus Day	15	16-7PM Budget Committee	17-7PM Fire Dept.	18	19-5PM LVFD Supper at School
20	21	22	23	24-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	25	26
27	28	29	30	31-Taxes Due 7PM Fire Dept.		

November 2002-Lamoine Town Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4-School Board 7PM	5-10am—8pm Election Day	6-1PM—3PM Flu Shots at Town Hall	7-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	8	9
10	11-Office Closed, Veteran's Day	12-Planning Board 7PM	13	14-7PM Fire Dept.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28-Office Closed, Thanksgiving	29	30

December 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-School Board 7PM	3-Planning Board 7PM	4-Assessors 7PM	5-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12-7PM Fire Dept.	13	14
15	16	17	18-2000 Tax Liens Due	19-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	20	21
22	23	24-Office closing at Noon	25-Closed for Christmas	26-7PM Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30	31-Office closes at 2PM				

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