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Voters Reject Land Use Changes

Restrictions in proposed aquifer zone too limiting

(Lamoine) — By a nearly 2-to-1 ratio, voters in Lamoine turned down a long set of proposed changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance that was last updated in 1999. The biggest change proposed was establishment of a special Aquifer Protection Zone (APZ) over the sand and gravel resources of the town that generally denote where the underground water supply is greatest. The final vote was 304 no to 155 yes with a voter turnout of nearly 40%.

At the public hearing held prior to the referendum vote the Planning Board explained how the proposed zone would work to protect the underground water supply. Members said recreational commercial building projects would be allowed, but general commercial building would not be allowed in the zone that covers roughly 20% of the town. Additionally, minimum lot sizes would increase to 2-acres one year after the ordinance changes went into effect. The larger lot size was designed to cut down on

the number of potential septic systems located in the aquifer protection zone. Finally, the zone would also prohibit new gravel pit permits within the zone, limiting gravel extraction operation to those pits already permitted, although pit owners could expand to the limits of their contiguously owned land.

The restrictions on commercial building and to larger lot sizes seemed to raise the most objections at the public hearing. Residents said the ordinance change would allow, for example, a school over the sand and gravel aquifer, but would not allow a small business. A school septic system, witnesses testified, would have a much more serious impact

Miros Propose Gravel Extraction Project

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has another new gravel extraction application to review on a piece of land that was determined to be in violation of the town's gravel extraction ordinance.

William Miro of Scarborough, the son of landowners Ralph and Mary Miro of Lamoine, submitted a gravel extraction application to the town on March 4th, a day before voters could have potentially put the land off-limits to gravel mining. The Planning Board might take up the application for a completeness review at its April meeting.

The land, located on the east side of Douglas Highway, is scarred from a

previous extraction operation dating back to the 1980's. The Town fined Mr. Miro for violation of the gravel extraction ordinance for failing to obtain a local permit. The case was appealed to the Maine Supreme Court, with the town prevailing and collecting over \$60,000 in fines, interest, and attorneys costs.

Mr. & Mrs. Miro asked the Selectmen for permission to present their plans to the town meeting during the last week in February. The Selectmen turned down the request because nothing on the warrant was related to the matter. The Selectmen instead invited the Miros to meet with them in March to explain the

Some people were confused by that tactic, returning the ballots by mail with candidates checked off as well, perhaps thinking this was a new way of voting. The sample ballots were not counted. Many letters to the editor appeared in the local newspapers extolling the virtues of either side, and one group even purchased a newspaper ad in the Ellsworth American urging people to vote for their viewpoint.

Planning Board members were far from discouraged by the vote. Most said they now have an idea what the town would like as far as a building and land use ordinance is concerned, and may work to present something less stringent in the near future.

Proponents of the changes testified that their vision of Lamoine has little to do with business locating in town. One woman told the audience that she would like to see only single family housing allowed throughout the community. Others in favor of the proposal told about the science of the aquifer.

A heated campaign from both sides came in the days leading up to the election. Both sides mailed out sample ballots with their viewpoint marked.

Voters Return Incumbents To Office

(Lamoine) — Incumbent candidates had little trouble winning re-election at the town meeting voting held March 5th. Only one had opposition.

With a near record voter turnout for a regular town meeting, voters returned Selectman Glenn Crawford, School Committee member Bonnie Marckoon, Assessors Terry Towne and Town Clerk Hubene Brodie to office. Winning election for the first time was new School Committee member Francis Murray who fills a seat vacated by resignation of Anne Gommel. The term expires at Town Meeting 2003.

The only contested race was for Town Clerk/Tax Collector where Hubene Brodie was challenged by Marlboro Beach Road resident Linda Keady. Mrs. Brodie has held the office for the past four years, and outpolled Ms. Keady 351 to 61. It was Ms. Keady's first run at political office. A few voters cast write-in votes.

Final Voting Results

Selectman	
Glenn Crawford	365
Others	11
School Committee 3 years	
Bonnie Marckoon	414
Others	6
School Committee 1 year	
Francis Murray	368
Others	2
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	
Hubene Brodie	381
Linda Keady	61
Others	1
Tax Assessor	
Terry Towne	343
Others	11
Referendum—Land Use	
Yes	155
No	304
Votes Cast	461
# of Registered Voters	1192

project and find the proper venue for gathering citizen input. The Miros did not show for the Selectmen's meeting.

The Miros mailed a flyer to each household in Lamoine that raised more questions about the project than the town has answers at this point. The flyer said the property would be used for the disenfranchised but gave no details. The letter to the Board of Selectmen also provided no details. The flyer invited members of the public to call the Miros for more information.

Final Year for Town Report Delivery

(Lamoine) — Lamoine is apparently one of the few communities in Maine to deliver its town report to each household by hand. The 2001 town report delivered in February will be the last to be hand delivered. The main reason: Dogs!

For the past many years the Downeast Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol led by John & Barbara Bartosenski delivered the reports. In the early years of their involvement young cadets used to drop off the reports to each home. After one cadet received a dog bite, the CAP limited the delivery to adult members only. The town, in return, paid a donation to the CAP for the service which was a lot less

expensive than mailing the thick booklets to each household.

The Bartosenskis informed the town this would be the last year for the CAP's involvement because of the many households they stopped where dogs were not restrained. They also reported that many people they talked with didn't want a town report.

The Selectmen discussed the distribution plans briefly. It was decided that reports will be sent home with school children and general notification made to voters that reports are available at the town office. The Town thanks the Civil Air Patrol for its many years of service.

Town Approves Appointed Tax Collector

(Lamoine) — Voters who attended the open town meeting on March 6th gave approval to an ordinance change that will have the municipal officers appoint the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. For virtually all of the town's history, the Town Clerk's position has been an elected post. In recent years the position was combined with the Tax Collector's job in recognition of the fact that the same person usually held both jobs, and the combination would be more efficient.

The move to an appointed position did not come lightly. Selectmen debated whether to put the question to the town meeting and be perceived as wanting to remove from the voters the power to choose whom they wanted for the position.

At the same time the Selectmen viewed the job of Town Clerk and Tax Collector as very specialized and requiring someone with record keeping abilities. The other factor that swayed the decision to ask the town meeting was removal of a town

clerk. With an elected position, if someone were performing poorly in office they could not be replaced until the next fiscal year. In an appointed situation the Selectmen have the say over job performance and could remove a poorly performing tax collector for cause at any point. Selectmen were quick to note this has not been a problem in the past and this year's contested race for the position had nothing to do with the article appearing on the warrant.

The hand vote to move the position to appointed passed after a fairly lengthy discussion about the pros and the cons of the move. The change will become effective on July 1, 2003 when the present elected Clerk/Tax Collector Hubene Brodie's term expires. The Selectmen are likely to offer the job to Mrs. Brodie provided she wishes to continue. Mr. Brodie favored the change to an appointed position, noting that she did not like to run for the job each year.

Town Meeting Funds Assistant Clerk

(Lamoine) — If all goes well, there should be a new face in the Town Office a couple days each week to assist the public with vehicle registration, property tax collection and other matters of town business. Voters approved \$7,100 to fund an Assistant Clerk/Tax Collector's position effective July 1, 2002.

The need for the additional part-time position in the office provided the most debate at open town meeting. The Selectmen and Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon reported that business has increased markedly in the office in recent years, and it takes a lot more time to accomplish the required record-keeping associated with the transactions. The Selectmen also noted that the tax collection functions are not officially part of the Administrative Assistant's job description.

The Selectmen and Town Clerk put together a job description. Applications are due by April 25th (see page 7). The schedule at this point is expected to be quite flexible to accommodate the various needs of the three office positions. The person filling the new position will require a significant amount of training.

Foreclosed Property Sold To Owner

(Lamoine) - A residence and land acquired by the Town in December for non-payment of taxes was sold back to the owner in February for payment of all back taxes. Ernest Smallidge of Seal Harbor had filed a foreclosure action on the property between the time of the property being tax-acquired by the town and the sale to him. His son and ex-daughter-in-law had owned the property and were under court order to sell it after a divorce proceeding. Ernest Smallidge held a mortgage on the property and had paid the taxes for several years prior to his foreclosure action.

Under rules passed annually at the Lamoine Town Meeting, the town initially offers the foreclosed property back to the former owners for payment of all back taxes. Failing that, the property is put up for auction to the general public. The complicating matter of the foreclosure by Mr. Smallidge in this case prompted the town to offer to sell him the property if the previous owners did not pay within 30-days. Mr. Smallidge agreed to those terms, and the town executed a quit-claim deed to Ernest Smallidge in February. He expects to sell the property this year.



State Champs Again

(Bangor) — The Lamoine School Cheering Squad brought home its 2nd straight Jr. High Trophy from the Maine Wal-Mart tournament. The team won the mixed division championship, competing against many other teams from across Maine. Lamoine scored 71 points of a possible 100, the third highest score of all teams competing in all divisions. The team also won the Union 92 championship held in February in Ellsworth.

State Champions

Kneeling (l-r) Sarah Marckoon, Alicia Bentivoglio, Katie Murphy, Sean Keady, Steph Walls, Kim Tupper, Jina Haslam, Katie Bowman. Standing (l-r) Coach Cori-Lynn Noddin, Chase Harding (mascot), Brooke Moulard, Anna Clewley, Rebecca Anderson, Casandra Engstrom (capt.), Kirstien Dickey, Kelly Wilder, Amy Jones (Asst. Coach)

Tree Growth Penalty Appealed To State

(Lamoine) — The State Board of Property Tax Review will rule on a penalty for removal of property from tree growth exemption without notification to the Board of Assessors. The fine was imposed on J. Aubrey Davis after the Maine Department of Environmental Protection supplied the town with an estimated acreage on his gravel pit area of over 12-acres. Mr. Davis had claimed an area of slightly less than 5-acres for assessing purposes, and valued the remaining 8-acres a significantly lower tree-growth values for over 20-years.

The Board of Assessors imposed a penalty of over \$19,000 of which Mr. Davis has paid \$5,000. The Lamoine Assessors twice rejected an application for abatement of the remainder of the penalty.

In March the Assessors received notification Mr. Davis, his wife and sister-in-law have appealed to the State Board of Property Tax Review. The Lamoine Assessors have submitted their response.

Subdivision Appealed, Then Approved Again

(Lamoine) — Plans for an 11-unit subdivision received a minor setback at the Appeals Board level when the board ordered the case sent back to the Planning Board. Neighboring landowner Beth-Ann Boland appealed the Planning Board's approval and signatures on the plan, even though it had ordered some conditions that did not appear on the plan and for a road to be moved.

Developer Steve Joy admitted that the Board signed the plan prematurely and that a new final plan needed to be filed in the case. He provided the Planning Board with the new plan shortly after the appeal was granted, and the corrected plan was approved that evening. Among other changes ordered by the Board of Appeals was removal of a fire pond initially requested by the Planning Board. The Appeals Board noted that fire protection plans are not required for residential subdivisions.

Subdivision Approved

(Lamoine) — The Planning Board gave approval in March to "The Old Schoolhouse" subdivision off Partridge Cove Road (Route 204). The 9-unit development is on land owned by Dexter Briggs and is being developed by Michael Woodard. Two neighboring landowners filed an appeal in late March, citing alleged violations of the land use ordinance.

Assessors To Make Straight Salary

(Lamoine) — After several years of a combination of hourly pay and salary, the Board of Assessors will be paid a straight salary in the upcoming fiscal year. There was no debate on the pay structure at the open town meeting.

Several years ago, after complaints that some assessors didn't put in as much work as others, the Budget Committee recommended that part of the pay be based on how much work was performed by each board member. The Assessing Board reported this year that they found it cumbersome to keep track of the hours they work on assessing at home. The Selectmen agreed to the desire, noting that in the past year the Board has been better about working cooperatively.

Ordinance Change Hastens Applications

(Lamoine) — The potential for a new building and land use ordinance appeared to spur applications for new gravel extraction operations. In March, the Planning Board granted approval to gravel extraction and site plan review permits for Harold MacQuinn, Inc. for a pit operation on either side of MacQuinn Road, and to Patrick Jordan for a pit off Walker Road, north of Blunt's Pond. Both proposals drew some public

Dog Warrant To Be Issued

(Lamoine) — Dog owners who've failed to register their dogs for 2002 will want to do so quickly, as the cost increases significantly once the Animal Control Officer (ACO) receives the warrant.

Annually, the Town Clerk prepares a list of unregistered dogs for the ACO who in turn visits each listed owner and serves them with a notification to register the dog. A \$10 fee is added to the cost of dog registration for each person on the list. Failure to register in a timely fashion can result in court action for failure to register a dog.

Each dog owner who had not registered was notified in February that their registration is overdue. Many have since registered the animals.

opposition at the hearing before the Planning Board took action, but nothing that is not allowed by ordinance. Most of the comment was concern about gravel mining in general.

The Board also will deal with another gravel permit proposal (See Miro, page 1), and a commercial building application for another gravel pit area, and a conversion of use to a home occupation boat business.

Appeals Board Runs Short of Voters

(Lamoine) — The six member Board of Appeals ran short in March. An appeal of a rejection of a site-plan review permit by Doug Gott & Sons to expand their gravel pit failed to garner action from the Appeals Board because not enough members could vote. Chairman Fred Stocking declared a conflict because he's an abutting landowner. Board member Nick Pappas also owns land in the general neighborhood and felt he had a bias. Member Jay Fowler, a gravel contractor and father of Planning Board member Perry Fowler was also determined to have a conflict. Alternate member John Wuorinen was also found in conflict because of his appearance at the Planning Board meeting where he spoke on the matter at hand.

That left only acting chair Melody Havey and member Warren Craft, which was one person less than the quorum needed to make a ruling. Ms. Havey recessed the meeting until further clarification could come from Maine Municipal Association. Additionally, the appellant's attorney works for the same firm as the town attorney, and that conflict was brought to light.

According to an Appeals Board manual, if so many members have a conflict that a quorum cannot be obtained, some with a stated conflict will have to make a judgment based on the rule of necessity. Ms. Havey is researching how to bring that about and will likely reschedule the meeting for sometime in April.

Excessive Application Fees Adjusted

(Lamoine) — Gravel pit applicants Ronald MacQuinn and Patrick Jordan got a case of sticker shock when they submitted their newly required site plan review applications. Mr. MacQuinn's application cost \$43,560 and Mr. Jordan's \$10,890. That's because the Site Plan Review Ordinance called for a 5-cent per square foot fee for all applications over 4,000 square feet. Attorneys for both told the town it was excessive. The Selectmen

agreed.

A new application fee plan charging 5-cents a square foot for building coverage, and \$50 per acre of disturbed ground was proposed by the Selectmen. They held the required public hearing to set the fee in late March and adopted the new fees after hearing testimony. The Selectmen then passed orders to return the excess amounts given the new fee schedule.

Town Asked to Revoke Permit

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Human Services will meet with the Board of Selectmen and the Local Plumbing Inspector in April to review the process for revocation of a plumbing permit for a septic system. The permit was issued to John Burns who's property had failed a number of site evaluations. A site evaluator from Brewer designed the system.

The Division of Health Engineering obtained a search warrant and inspected the system last fall, and the town received a letter in January requesting the revocation. Mr. Burns, meanwhile, has asked the Board of Assessors to grant a tax abatement because he claims the lot is now unbuildable. He has twice brought suit in US District Court against the town for discrimination in his failure to obtain a permit.

New Dumpsters At Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — Users of the Lamoine Transfer Station will notice new dumpsters for regular household trash. The new 10-cu. yd. front load canisters belong to Pine Tree Waste and replace the town owned

rear loading dumpsters purchased when the transfer station opened. Representatives from Pine Tree Waste proposed the replacement of the 9-year old canisters in order to make their trash pickup much more efficient.

The town was able to sell all 13 of the old rear loading dumpsters for \$200 apiece to Gott's Disposal of Southwest Harbor. Selectmen felt there would be little value left to the rear-load dumpsters at the end of the current trash hauling contract.

Public Works Study Committee Formed

(Lamoine) — Responding to a request for help, the new Public Works Study Committee has begun work. The Committee will recommend to the Selectmen whether it is feasible for the town to establish its own public works department or to continue relying on private contractors to perform town work.

Appointed to the committee are Peter & Reggie McDevitt, George & Duane Crawford, Jay Fowler, Ken Smith, Chris Tadema-Wielandt, Richard King, Dennis Ford, Donald Cooper, Thomas St. Clair, Nicole Berzinis, Bill Pinkham, John

DEP Complaint Received on RV Lot

(Lamoine) — A staffer from the Department of Environmental Protection who was walking his dog wrote to the Code Enforcement Officer about a recreational vehicle located off Bay Road in Lamoine. The staffer said it appeared that the RV was in violation of a number of Shoreland and State DEP permit requirements.

Deputy CEO John Larson responded that the DEP had issued the proper permits for the pad's placement

near Lamoine Beach, and the property owner sought and received approval for the building permit for RV placement from the Lamoine Planning Board last May.

A follow up letter from the complainant acknowledged that the proper DEP permitting was indeed obtained, but continued its assertion that there are violations. The matter was referred to other DEP staff for follow up investigation.

Transfer Station Not Polluting Wells

(Lamoine) — After extensive investigation involving several test wells at the Lamoine Transfer Station and tests of nearby residences, the Department of Environmental Protection determined that well pollution in the vicinity is not coming from the transfer station. The conclusion came in a very thick report from Sanborn, Head and Associates which conducted the field work last fall.

The testing involved water and soil samples from several areas inside the transfer station, and water samples from

well owners immediately adjacent to the facility. The testing did show soil contamination at the transfer station, most likely from materials stored on the metal pile. Testing of some of the residences turned up some problems, but the materials were not the same as found at the transfer station, and more likely caused by environmental factors at the homes. The Selectmen may use the information for improvements at the transfer station facility to help contain leakages.

All Options Still Open At Polluted Well

(Lamoine)-The Board of Selectmen continues to explore what options are available to relieve the damage caused to one home's water supply by the long-closed landfill. The Board met with homeowners Nathan and Marti Anderson in March to discuss a proposal from the Department of Environmental Protection to drill a new well a fairly long distance from the home, and pipe the water to the home. Both the Andersons and the Selectmen have concerns about the feasibility of the proposal, including how

long the DEP would back the project. If the town opts to proceed, the DEP would pick up 90-percent of the cost.

Other options include having the town purchase the property and discontinuation of residential use, possibly selling the home and moving it off-site. The DEP would not pay much, if anything, for that option. The town was exploring the potential cost to purchase the land and costs to move the residence to another property. Another meeting is planned with the Andersons.

Historic Exemption Denied

(Lamoine) — Selectmen rejected a request from the owners of the old Shore Acres Inn to develop an ordinance to allow for a tax exemption for designated historic properties. The Board of Assessors turned down Charles and Marcia Hemingway because the town has no such ordinance.

Under a recent state constitution amendment, towns may pass an ordinance to offer a tax break on historic properties provided the property owners enter into a preservation agreement with the town. The Selectmen in rejecting the ordinance request, invited the Hemingways to petition for a special town meeting to consider a specific ordinance, though the Selectmen felt it would be difficult to administer.

New Road Names Needed, Approved

(Lamoine) — Selectmen approved the name Bobolink Lane to a drive that serves two homes on Mud Creek Road. New road

names will be needed in the subdivisions recently approved. The developers will suggest the names when roads are built.

\$1 Million Dollar DOT Road Project Planned

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Transportation will spend a little over a million dollars to fix up Jordan River Road (Route 204) and parts of Route 184 on Douglas Highway and Lamoine Beach Road in 2003. The town received official notification of the project in February.

The plan appears to be an attempt to strengthen the road which is frequented by extremely heavy dump truck traffic carrying gravel from Lamoine to Mt. Desert Island. Those roads are posted

against heavy traffic for several weeks during the spring.

The Selectmen wrote to the DOT expressing concern over speeds in front of the Lamoine School, site distances at the intersection of 184 and 204, and notification of underground water lines belonging to the Cold Spring Water Company.

The Selectmen also expressed disappointment a poor section of Route 184 from 204 to Route 1 was excluded.

Town To Repave Raccoon Cove Rd.

(Lamoine) — Voters at the annual town meeting appropriated \$25,000 to repave Raccoon Cove Road, but rejected an additional \$15,000 to fix up MacQuinn Road. The paving project will take place during the summer of 2003.

Raccoon Cove Road was first paved in 1993 when a major reconstruction of the road was completed. A 2" layer of pavement was placed on the road that cuts between Route 204 and Marlboro Beach. That has started to break up in places due to weather, and it's felt another 1.5" of pavement will strengthen what's there to last many more years.

Voters were reluctant to pave MacQuinn Road which is subject to heavy truck traffic cutting between Route 1 and Route 184. Many noted there is only one residence on the Lamoine end of the road, and a new gravel extraction operation could increase the heavy traffic.

Cable TV Rewiring To Begin Soon

(Lamoine) — Adelphia Cable TV will begin a major re-wiring project in Lamoine, Hancock and Sullivan in April. The new wiring will bring digital, fiber optic service to Lamoine.

The new lines will hook Lamoine in with the Ellsworth system, promising better picture quality, the same channel line-up as Ellsworth and for the same rate as Ellsworth and other area cable subscribers pay. Additionally, cable Internet access service will be available once the improvements are complete in January 2003. The cable service is much faster than telephone modem dial-up service and can possibly allow more work-at-home options in high tech fields.

So, When Will We Be on TV?

(Lamoine) — Now that voters approved a new Cable TV Franchise Ordinance at town meeting, the town will be able to broadcast events from the Town Hall and School, eventually. First, the rewiring process (see left) must be complete, and broadcast tie-ins must be installed by Adelphia in both buildings.

After the wiring is done, the Town will have to purchase some equipment. Adelphia will grant the town \$1,000 toward purchase of a camera and audio equipment to hook into the lines. Ideally, there would be a couple cameras and a number of microphones to cover the various meetings, and that will come with time.

Selectmen Make Requests of MDOT

(Lamoine) — A speed limit review and sight distance improvement request went to the Maine Department of Transportation this winter.

Responding to a request from a Jordan River Road resident, the Selectmen asked the MDOT to review the 45-mile an hour speed limit and passing zone near the Bangor Hydro building and Buttermilk Road intersection.

The Selectmen also asked, again, that something be done about the visibility at the intersection of Douglas Highway and Pinkham's Flats. The request came in response to the MDOT solicitation for highway projects.

Walkin' The Line

(Lamoine) — The Town has written to Selectmen in Hancock and Trenton asking to arrange for a perambulation (walking & marking) of the town lines this year. State law requires that town officials perform this task every 5-years, and no one seems to know the last time it was officially performed. The line with Ellsworth was perambulated about 4-years ago, but marked in such a way that the task can be done every 10-years.

Street Sweeping Out To Bid

(Lamoine) — Selectmen will have to choose from among three bidders for the annual street sweeping project. Bids were solicited after local contractor George Crawford inquired about the street sweeping job. In the past several years Perry Fowler of Lamoine has swept the winter sand off the town roads and parking lots. Mr. Fowler, Mr. Crawford, and Downeast Supervac have all submitted bids in advance of the April 11th deadline. Other bidders may pick up forms at the town hall if desired.

Accessible Toilet Requested

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen are looking at options to provide a wheelchair accessible portable toilet at Lamoine Beach for the coming summer season. The request came from the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor which frequently uses the park.

The problem comes from toilet availability. Ray Plumbing, which supplies the portable toilet, said the larger size doesn't readily accommodate wheelchairs, and is more than twice the cost of the normal porta-john. Another

Unpaid Tax Listing Clarified

(Lamoine) — The Board of Assessors abated the unpaid personal property tax of Dexter Briggs listed in the 2001 town report. Mr. Briggs had paid excise tax on

his tractor, but neglected to tell the tax collector the same equipment had been taxed as personal property. Normally the personal property tax would be paid first and used as a credit against the excise tax.

Contractor Asks for More Hours

(Lamoine) — Commercial Trash Hauler Rusty Boynton has requested the Lamoine Transfer Station be open longer on winter Fridays to accommodate his trash loads. The Board of Selectmen offered to open the facility for an hour to accommodate Mr. Boynton, provided Mr. Boynton pays the additional costs for opening and staffing. If Mr. Boynton approves, the general public would not be allowed to dump during that time.

Mr. Boynton did not reply to the Selectmen's offer yet. Summer hours begin in May.

problem comes from potential for vandalism at the park. In recent years, the plumbing company has reported vandalism at the beach when people have tipped the portable toilet over.

Town officials are looking at requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and what options might be available to install such a toilet instead of facility rental. The toilet is usually installed by Memorial Day.

Firefighters To Receive "Thank-You" Pay

(Lamoine) — Other than the fire chief who received \$1,000 a year to hold the town appointed office, the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department was a truly voluntary effort. From the standpoint of money only, it's a losing proposition for members who expend gas, clothing and most importantly their time to protect the town. Fire Chief Skip Smith proposed to the budget committee this year that fire department members receive a small stipend (between \$150 and \$300 each) each year to help reimburse for some of these costs.

The Budget Committee agreed it was a good idea, and included it in the

budget recommendation. The Town Meeting gave swift approval to the public safety budget, after inquiring about the payment plan.

Chief Smith said fire department members will have to meet a minimum standard for meeting attendance and training in order to receive the payments. In researching what other departments in the area, Chief Smith found that most include some sort of small stipend or expense reimbursement for members. Firefighters who will benefit from the new system say they're pleased to receive some recognition from the town.

Ice Storm Generates Fire Calls

(Lamoine) - A quick but nasty ice storm on January 13th brought flashbacks to the disaster of 1998. The fire department responded to 4 calls for help that evening. A tree across Lamoine Beach Road by the State Park brought out a chainsaw crew which quickly cleared things away. At the same time, the Hancock Fire Department asked for help on a chimney fire on Miles Lane off Mud Creek Road when they found their route to the scene blocked by trees. Later that evening the department assisted with a car/pedestrian accident when Marion

Stocking was hit by a vehicle. She suffered minor injuries, but the first responding fire truck slid off the road when it pulled up to the scene. A passing MDOT plow truck used a towing cable to pull the truck back onto the road.

The final call came late in the evening when a snowmobile rider reported he'd been hit by a falling tree on Marlboro Beach Road. The State Police investigated, and firefighters removed the tree and snowmobile from the road. The driver and passenger suffered minor injuries, the sled was badly damaged. Fire Lieutenant David Herrick was on the scene before the call as he was plowing snow in the area. He said he was quite surprised to find a snowmobile when he started cutting away the tree.

Members Sought For Committees

(Lamoine) — At least five people are needed to serve on the newly authorized Conservation Commission approved at this year's town meeting. The commission may also include any number of associate (non-voting) members. People interested should contact any Selectman or the Town Office. The Conservation Commission will likely start meeting in July once the Selectmen approve the appointments. Duties will include investigating impacts of proposed projects and taking stock of what resources exist in town. The Commission will work closely with the Planning Board.

Fire Department Receives Restitution

(Bucksport) — The Lamoine Fire Department received a check for \$371 from the District Attorney's office for its efforts on a large woods fire in May 2001. G.M. Allen & Sons pleaded no contest to state charges for failing to control the fire, and paid a \$10,000 fine. That fine was divided among the over 30-fire departments that sent manpower and equipment to the scene.

Lamoine sent six firefighters and the brush truck to Bucksport that day. The money goes into the fire department's

general fund after a majority of the firefighters said they'd rather not receive the pay for their volunteer efforts.

Enhanced 911 May Start In July

(Ellsworth) — The Hancock County Commissioners have appointed a 9-member board of directors to establish a new 911 calling and dispatch center in Hancock County. Town Administrator Stu Marckoon was selected to be the chairman of the board.

The new dispatch center will initially handle police dispatch for the County Sheriff, fire dispatch for small fire departments including Lamoine, and possibly Ambulance dispatch calls. The

The Selectmen also have an opening on the budget committee, most likely in an alternate position. The budget committee generally starts meeting in late October through January, reviewing proposed budgets for the coming town meeting.

In addition to the vacancies, openings occur annually for volunteer board positions on the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. Current sitting members get the opportunity for reappointment, but volunteers are welcome should an opening occur.

New Firefighters Join Department

(Lamoine) — Membership in the fire department has started to rise again with some new members. The department welcomed **Rian Tripp** as a new member. She's formerly from the Orland Fire Department and recently moved into Lamoine, all trained and ready to go. **Amy Stevens** has also joined the department and is currently taking training as a Firefighter I with members **Mary Harney** and **Steve Valteau**. New School Committee Member **Frank Murray** has signed on with the department to help with record keeping. Finally, keeping things in the family is **Chris Rose** who recently signed up. His father-in-law is **Chief Skip Smith**.

Town Insurance Covers Wildfires

(Lamoine) — The town's insurance carrier, Maine Municipal Association, has included new coverage for the fire department to cover the costs of suppressing wildfires. The coverage is limited to \$10,000 to cover the costs of things like state helicopters, specialized manpower and equipment. Under state law, a town is responsible for up to 1-

percent of the state of valuation in fire suppression costs. In Lamoine's case that would be slightly over \$100,000.

hope of the board is to have the regional communications center up and running by July 1st. If that comes to be, then the emergency number for Lamoine and other Hancock County Communities will become 9-1-1.

The 9-1-1 system was supposed to go into effect in 2001, but the County opted not to establish an answering point by then. Hancock was one of two counties in Maine without the Enhanced 911 service county-wide.

Few Attend Candidate's Night

(Lamoine) — The candidate's showed up, and a few members of the public appeared for the pre-town meeting candidate's night. Most of the questions went to the two unopposed school committee members about specifics of dealing with education. There was some discussion of the Building and Land Use referendum, and the three ordinances approved at open town meeting. The Lamoine Patrons served refreshments during the hour long session sponsored by the Selectmen.

Labels Help Out School Efforts

By Betty Anderson, Lamoine School Secretary

(Lamoine) The Lamoine Consolidated School is participating in the Campbell's Labels For Education. There are many Campbell brands and package forms eligible for redemption in the Labels for Education program. Here are the guidelines for what portion of the package to save:

Save the front label panel - All Campbell's canned products - soups, juices, beans, broths and gravies

Save the front label panel - All Campbell's glass and plastic packages **except**

Campbell's Ready to Serve soups in plastic, Pace products and Prego pasta sauces (46 oz. and larger)

Save the lid - Campbell's Ready-To-Serve Soups (plastic), Pace products and Prego pasta sauces (46 oz. and larger)

Save the UPC code - Paper packaging like Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, Cookies, Breads, Swanson Broth (carton) and V8 Splash (boxes) and Franco American Products.

Labels may be dropped off at the school office.

Even More School Help Given

By Lisa Branch, Lamoine Patrons

(Lamoine) We cannot thank Schoolpop.com, Shaw's and Lamoine residents enough for the difference it has made to the Lamoine School. Many people who attended the fire department supper, voted at the last election or shopped at Shaw's may remember being approached by the Lamoine Patrons to sign up their Shaw's Award card. Because you took the time to sign up, you made a major difference in our fundraising efforts. Schoolpop.com and Shaw's Award card members who register for Lamoine School spend over \$164,668.95 and have earned over \$5800.00 for the Lamoine School since

our enrollment last April. The Shaw's award program alone has generated \$5,482.87.

The Patron's have put the money to good use. We have fixed several donated computers and purchased four new mice for the apple computers. We have contributed towards the cost of Musicians from the University of Maryland Band that

played for our school. We helped send the 6th, 7th and 8th grade class to the YMCA in Bar Harbor for a day of fun, swimming and eating pizza for their Christmas party. We were able to help the 8th grade class raise money for their class trip. We also contributed \$200 towards an after school theater program. The cheerleaders earned money for new uniforms. We are in the process of purchasing 2 CD/cassette recorders to make books on tape. Our school nurse didn't have a bathroom scale, so we bought her one. We bought new books for our library, and many small items needed for teaching such as

blackboard markers, pencils and composition notebooks. We are currently looking to upgrade our playground equipment, and the list goes on.

To sign up for schoolpop.com, or the Shaw's card, contact the school at 667-8578. To join the patron's group, call Lisa Branch at 667-7434.

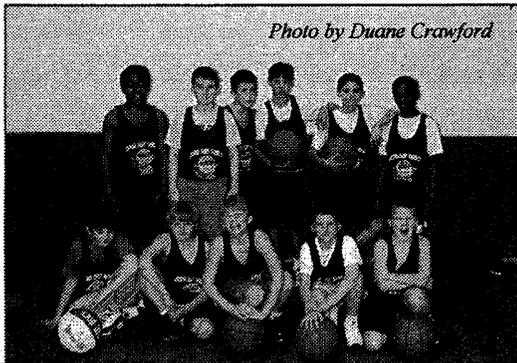


Photo by Duane Crawford
Front Row l-r D. Beauvais, T. Callahan, Z. Emeigh, W. Damon, W. Dickey. Back Row l-r O. Gaynor, T. Crawford, J. Harding, J. Higgins, N. Pappas, J. Cooper. Not pictured J. Patten, B. Tilden, A. Emeigh.

Team Finishes Strong

(Lamoine) The Lamoine Boys Basketball Team (YMCA/Kiwanis league) made it to the finals of the tournament. The team did a great job all year long and improved dramatically towards the end of the season. The kids had a lot of fun and were excited to make it to the finals and have a chance to win the championship game.

Lamoine lead for much of the game but ended up losing to the YMCA Bulls by three points. The Coach for the Lamoine team was Duane Crawford.

Committee Named

(Lamoine) - The School Board has appointed the following to the building committee: David Sanderson, Stacey Curtis, James Willis, Tom Spruce, Doug Jones, Robin Veysey, Amy Duym and Bonnie Marckoon. The committee will look

at ways to meet the building needs for the school. Town meeting allocated \$20,000 to come up with plans in the coming year.

Asst. Clerk Wanted

The Town of Lamoine is accepting applications for an Assistant Tax Collector & Town Clerk. This is a part time position with flexible hours two days per week.

The successful candidate must possess general office skill, perform computer entry, interact positively with the public, become an agent for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and attend Maine Municipal Association training. A complete job description is available at the town office. Letters of application, a resume and references are due by April 25, 2002 to the Lamoine Town Office

Thank You

By Hubene Brodie, Town Clerk

I would like to thank the voters of Lamoine for having enough faith in me to reelect me to the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. I have enjoyed working for the people of Lamoine for the past four years and look forward to another year.

This position continues to be a challenge and a great learning experience.

Over the past four years I have met many wonderful people. If it had not been for this position I may never have had the opportunity to get to know them.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Lamoine.

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - The stork has pretty much bypassed Lamoine in the last quarter. Just one baby to report. **Ella Catherine Wallace** was born on February 18, 2002. Mom & Dad are Connie & Richard Wallace of Buttermilk Road, and Ella joins brother and sister Isaac and Ivy. Grampa is State Legislator & Harbor Master Bill Pinkham.

A couple of marriages to report. **Richard Fisher and Lilia Testova** were married in Ellsworth on Christmas Day by former Ellsworth City Councilor Maralyn Turnbull. The couple resides on Lamoine Beach Road.

Another Lamoine Beach Road couple was also married. **Joshua Norwood and Jennifer Overlock** were married in Tremont on January 26th by Beth Lawson.

We note with sadness the passing of former Selectman **Ashley Stratton**. He suffered a massive heart attack on February 12th. Firefighters and EMTs were unable to revive him. Mr. Stratton served as Selectmen from 1969 to 1979.

Harrison Bragdon of Marlboro Beach Road died January 10th. Mr. Bragdon was a professional engineer and his wife Joan serves on the Planning Board. **Agnes Brenton** of Mud Creek Road passed away on February 13th.

April 2002-Town of Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-6:30 Public Works 7PM School Board	2-7PM Planning Board	3-6:30 PM Building Committee (School)	4-7PM Fire Dept	5	6
7	8	9-Tax Collector's Office closed AM	10	11-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	12	13
14	15-Office Closed, Patriot's Day	16	17	18-7PM Fire Dept	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	26	27
28	29	30	The town office will close at 3PM on April 17th and 24th.			

May 2002 Town of Lamoine Schedule

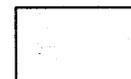
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The town office will close at 3PM on most Wednesdays in May. Check the answering machine for exact open hours.			1	2-7PM Fire Dept .	3	4
5	6-7PM School Board	7-7PM Planning Board	8	9-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	10	11
12	13	14	15	16-7PM Fire Dept.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	24	25
26	27-Office Closed, Memorial Day	28	29	30-7PM Fire Dept.	31	

June 2002 Town of Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3-7PM School Board	4-7PM Planning Board	5	6-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	7	8
9	10	11	12	13-7PM Fire Dept.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27-7PM Fire Dept.	28	29
30-Fiscal Year Ends						

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