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LAMOINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS, POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

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FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Lamoine is a rural community whose character will not change significantly in the foreseeable future. Residents value the extensive undeveloped tracts of land that provide wildlife habitat and resource protection, as well as opportunities for outdoor recreation and resource-based economic activities such as farming and forestry. In order to preserve these blocks of open land, the Town will guide new residential development to occur along existing roads and adjacent to existing developed areas. While a small village center may evolve around the public and civic buildings in Lamoine Corner, Lamoine has no need to develop a commercial center because of the proximity and convenience of the retail and service opportunities in nearby Ellsworth. As a result, Lamoine has no need to designate a growth area, but instead will refine its land use policies to build on the Town's character and protect its cherished natural, historic and scenic resources.

STATE GOAL:

To encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the state's rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl.

TOWN GOAL:

To maintain the rural character of Lamoine by maintaining and building on existing community facilities, accommodating moderate residential growth in limited areas, and encouraging the preservation of open space and natural resources.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
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HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Historic sites and archaeological resources provide evidence of Lamoine’s past. They are essential links to the Town’s history and prehistory, and are important for understanding how Lamoine has developed over time.

STATE GOAL:

To preserve the State's historic and archaeological resources.

TOWN GOAL:

To preserve and enhance Lamoine’s historic and archaeological resources for enjoyment and education, including that of future generations.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Lamoine celebrates its history and supports preservation and educational efforts to increase understanding and appreciation of that history.	1.1 Incorporate presentation of Lamoine’s history into the upcoming Lamoine 150 th anniversary celebrations.	Lamoine Historical Society, Lamoine 150 Committee
	1.2 Ask the Lamoine Historical Society to direct a survey of historical and archaeological resources of local significance.	Select Board, Lamoine Historical Society
	1.3 Commission the writing and publication of a history of Lamoine.	Select Board, Lamoine Historical Society
	1.4 Support a program of historic markers on buildings and at significant points of historic interest around Lamoine.	Lamoine Historical Society, Select Board
2. Lamoine is and will continue to protect archaeologically significant sites in town.	2.1 Lamoine’s ordinances require evaluation of development on sites of potential archaeological significance prior to permitting.	Planning Board to propose improvements as experience dictates or as recommended by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.
	2.2 Conduct archaeological survey work guided by the recommendations of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.	Lamoine Historical Society, Select Board (to the extent town actors are consulted)

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FRESH WATER RESOURCES

Lamoine has several fresh water streams flowing to the sea, one Great Pond, and a few private ponds used for fire protection. There is no municipal water supply. Drinking water is provided primarily through individual wells and one small consumer-cooperative water company. All water is drawn either from fractured bedrock or a formally defined sand and gravel aquifer. Continued preservation and conservation of adequate and safe fresh water for the Town will require combined efforts and participation of citizens, town committees and officials, and those who mine the gravel pits.

STATE GOAL:

To protect the quality and manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, estuaries, rivers, and coastal areas.

TOWN GOAL:

To protect all of Lamoine's fresh water resources.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
<p>1. Protect Lamoine's groundwater in order to provide a safe, adequate household water supply free from contamination and capable of maintaining adequate recharge capacity.</p>	<p>1.1 Assure management of rainwater runoff in new development and redevelopment projects to assure protection of groundwater supply from contamination and to maintain sufficient groundwater recharge.</p> <p>1.1.1 Consider lot standard limits on impervious surfaces on town property and in new permitted developments.</p> <p>1.1.2 Require use of detention/retention ponds in new subdivisions and developments requiring site plan review.</p> <p>1.1.3 Encourage the use of permeable surfaces for roads and other paved areas.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>

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	<p>1.2 Encourage use of communal wells and septic systems in problem areas and subdivisions that propose cluster and/or open space development.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>
	<p>1.3 Protect freshwater resources around gravel pits, including former gravel pits that no longer have a gravel permit, and other activities determined to threaten contamination.</p> <p>1.3.1 Assure regular, frequent and objective oversight of gravel company water testing.</p> <p>1.3.2 Assure public access to results of required water quality testing (posted on the town website, etc.)</p> <p>1.3.3 Prevent contamination from dumping or depositing materials which pose a threat of contamination of groundwater.</p> <p>1.3.4 Inventory former gravel pits that have not been converted to any productive use, and encourage research into possible uses of such pits and sources of funds for their conversion into productive use.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>
	<p>1.4 Maintain and update the ordinance governing the extraction of ground water for commercial use.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>
	<p>1.5 Use best practices to keep winter roads safe in ways which avoid groundwater contamination.</p>	<p>Select Board</p>

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2. Continue and increase voluntary water monitoring and support for maintaining high water quality.	2.1 Continue support for the GET WET! Program, and encourage broader participation.	Conservation Commission, Lamoine Consolidated School
	2.2 Provide materials to the public on conservation practices that residents can employ to help assure adequate supplies of safe groundwater.	Conservation Commission, Lamoine Consolidated School
3. Assure that Blunts Pond is a safe place for public recreation.	3.1 Support a focused study of Blunts Pond that includes regular water testing and monitoring of plant growth, identifies the Pond's source of recharge, and recommends any necessary steps to preserve water quality and quantity.	Conservation Commission, Parks Commission, Planning Board

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NATURAL RESOURCES

The citizens of Lamoine have committed resources and much voluntary time addressing the preservation of their natural surroundings. They have designated the natural beauty of the Lamoine peninsula and its many natural resources as a high priority for future preservation. Continued conservation of critical natural resources needs to be supported through government and community actions which: (a) maintain a variety of habitats supporting plants and wildlife; (b) assure the diversity of natural communities; (c) preserve ample tracts of land (e.g., unbroken blocks) for healthy wildlife populations; and (d) link both land and sea habitats through designated land areas (e.g. travel corridors).

STATE GOAL:

To protect the State's other critical natural resources, including without limitation, wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, sand dunes, shorelands, scenic vistas, and unique natural areas.

TOWN GOAL:

To protect the Town's critical natural resources, including wildlife habitat, historic sites, geologic sites, habitat blocks, plants and wetlands.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Identify important natural resource areas as a basis for planning and protection efforts.	1.1 Conduct an up-to date inventory of critical natural resources and areas in Lamoine with the best possible information.	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Staff
	1.2 Develop an inventory of parcels of land that could be considered important undeveloped blocks in the Critical Resource Areas.	Conservation Commission
	1.3 Create a local, voluntary, natural resource areas registry.	Conservation Commission, Regional conservation organizations, Select Board

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<p>2. Support private conservation of identified critical natural resource areas.</p>	<p>2.1 Work with regional conservation partners to develop outreach plans and materials directed toward owners of undeveloped habitat blocks and important historic, geologic and natural sites.</p>	<p>Conservation Commission, Regional conservation organizations</p>
	<p>2.2 Raise funds for public acquisition of lands through public appeal, local land bonds, grants, appropriation of town funds, or applications to private foundations or public funds</p>	<p>Conservation Commission Select Board</p>
	<p>2.3 Explore opportunities to protect undeveloped habitat blocks, historic, geologic, and natural resource areas via conservation easement or fee ownership</p>	<p>Conservation Commission, Parks Commission</p>
<p>3. Provide strong regulatory protection for critical natural resources.</p>	<p>3.1 In the Building and Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, designate overlay zones for <i>Critical Natural Resource Areas</i> including wetlands, wildlife habitat areas, significant habitat types, large undeveloped habitat and natural resource blocks, and historic and geologic sites, etc.</p>	<p>Planning Board, Select Board, Conservation Commission</p>
	<p>3.2 Develop specific land use standards and necessary zoning revisions for protection and preservation of the unique natural, historic and geologic features in the <i>critical natural resource overlay zones</i>.</p>	<p>Planning Board, Conservation Commission</p>
	<p>3.3 Designate areas where residential and business development should be located along roadways or contiguous to existing development in order to limit development of wildlife habitats, wetlands and forests.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>

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	<p>3.4 Adopt open space zoning/conservation subdivision regulations to encourage preservation of significant open space tracts, wildlife habitats and other important natural resources, incorporating clearly defined standards for protected open spaces and connections to adjacent open spaces.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>
	<p>3.5 Require all applicants under the Lamoine Site Plan Review Ordinance and the Lamoine Subdivision Ordinance to work with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP), and the Beginning with Habitat (BwH) Program to identify environmentally sensitive areas to be preserved and enhanced.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>
<p>4. Require restoration of natural resources when sites are no longer being used for gravel extraction.</p>	<p>4.1 Review existing ordinances and practices for restoring natural resources and wildlife habitats in non-working areas of active gravel pits, and revise where appropriate.</p> <p>4.1.1 Ensure that restoration plans adequately address the restoration of natural resources.</p> <p>4.1.2 Provide appropriate timelines for pit restoration.</p> <p>4.1.3 Review penalties for noncompliance with the restoration plan and timelines, and adjust as appropriate.</p>	<p>Planning Board, Select Board</p>
	<p>4.2 Develop resources for and engage a professional land use consultant to provide interested property owners an analysis of how to restore empty pits for economic or natural usefulness.</p>	<p>Planning Board, Select Board</p>

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5. Collaborate with other towns and organizations to protect Lamoine's natural resources.	5.1 Meet with neighboring towns, land trusts, and other regional conservation organizations to plan for important conservation projects which cross municipal boundaries.	Parks Commission, Conservation Commission
	5.2 Consider joint agreements between towns to establish common standards and joint protection of important shared resources using the example of the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Consortium.	Conservation Commission, Select Board

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AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES

Agriculture and forest preservation has long been a high priority in Lamoine. Agriculture has transitioned from larger family farms to smaller scale food production, including specialized and “backyard” farming. Local food security will be an important part of Lamoine's focus, guided by sustainable food production and the development of community marketing options. The conscientious use, conservation and preservation of Lamoine's forest resources, are necessary to maintain the nature and beauty of Lamoine. Support of both agriculture and forest resources contributes to mitigating the potential effects of climate change on the entire Lamoine peninsula.

STATE GOAL:

To safeguard the State's agricultural and forest resources from development which threatens those resources.

TOWN GOAL:

To safeguard the Town's agricultural and forest resources and promote farming, forest preservation and responsible forest harvesting in the local economy.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Safeguard lands identified as prime farmland.	1.1 Require identification of prime farmland soils on any subdivision plans.	Planning Board
	1.2 Seek assistance from the Maine Farmland Trust, local Land Trusts and other organizations that work to preserve valuable farmland.	Conservation Commission Select Board
2. Support and promote small-scale agriculture.	2.1 Adopt agriculture-friendly ordinances, especially for small backyard livestock farming and roadside markets.	Planning Board Conservation Commission

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	2.2 Assist residents in getting technical and financial advice for agriculture and livestock development (e.g., soil analysis and improvement; finding part-time assistants and paid apprentice programs).	Select Board Development Committee
	2.3 Assess the feasibility of developing a community garden.	Conservation Commission
3. Support and promote local marketing of Lamoine agricultural products.	3.1 Assist in developing public space for a farmers' market and/or community sharing of garden products.	Conservation Commission Community non-government organizations
4. Encourage the preservation and conservation of forest land, with special attention to the natural forest and woodland environment, including along the shoreline.	4.1 Identify and develop means for protecting forest areas for deer wintering yards.	Conservation Commission Planning Board
	4.2 Identify possible sources and plan for preservation and development of a community forest and/or preserve.	Conservation Commission Parks Commission
	4.3 Educate residents in options for preserving forest property such as conservation easements, tree growth and other programs.	Conservation Commission, Regional Organizations
	4.4 Encourage residents to use sustainable wood lot practices such as those recommended by the Maine Woodland Owners.	Conservation Commission

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MARINE RESOURCES

Lamoine's jagged multi-faceted shoreline, jutting out into Frenchman Bay and skirted by two rivers, offers a wealth of diverse recreational, residential, and commercial uses, and presents constant challenges for planning, management and conservation. Lamoine will continue to protect and manage its marine fisheries and other resources, and to develop strategies for addressing unfolding challenges of climate change. In doing this, the Town will work with other communities, organizations in the Frenchman Bay region, and government agencies.

STATE GOAL:

To protect the State's marine resources industry, ports and harbors from incompatible development and to promote access to the shore for commercial fishermen and the public.

STATE COASTAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

- a. To promote the maintenance, development, and revitalization of the State's ports and harbors for fishing, transportation and recreation;
- b. To manage the marine environment and its related resources to preserve and improve the ecological integrity and diversity of marine communities and habitats, to expand our understanding of the productivity of the Gulf of Maine and coastal waters and to enhance the economic value of the State's renewable marine resources;
- c. To support shoreline management that gives preference to water-dependent uses over other uses, that promotes public access to the shoreline and that considers the cumulative effects of development on coastal resources;
- d. To discourage growth and new development in coastal areas where, because of coastal storms, flooding, landslides or sea-level rise, it is hazardous to human health and safety;
- e. To encourage and support cooperative state and municipal management of coastal resources;
- f. To protect and manage critical habitat and natural areas of state and national significance and maintain the scenic beauty and character of the coast even in areas where development occurs;
- g. To expand the opportunities for outdoor recreation and to encourage appropriate coastal tourist activities and development;
- h. To restore and maintain the quality of our fresh, marine and estuarine waters to allow for the broadest possible diversity of public and private uses; and,
- i. To restore and maintain coastal air quality to protect the health of citizens and visitors and to protect enjoyment of the natural beauty and maritime characteristics of the Maine coast.

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TOWN GOAL:

To protect Lamoine’s unique and diverse shoreland by supporting a balance between conservation and development, with management and preservation of the ecological integrity and diversity of marine habitats, and multiple human uses including fishing, recreation, and open scenic vistas.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Protect marine resources related to multiple commercial activities with collaborative management in all areas, including on the regional level.	1.1 Continue the Town’s involvement and investment in the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Committee.	Select Board, Budget Committee
	1.2 Support and participate in local, regional, and State activities to preserve and enhance a sustainable marine environment, such as water quality monitoring, eelgrass restoration, and other studies/activities related to sustaining renewable marine resources.	Conservation Commission
	1.3 Sponsor educational programs that emphasize the integral importance and needs of Lamoine’s marine environment.	Conservation Commission
2. Protect and expand public access to marine resources.	2.1 Continue to support management of Lamoine harbor in collaboration with Lamoine State Park.	Harbor Master, Select Board
	2.2 Promote and encourage the purchase or donation of land, and/or scenic easements or access easements for multiple-use access to the shore.	Select Board, Conservation Commission, Lamoine Shore-Access Subcommittee
	2.3 Promote and encourage the purchase or donation of shorefront property that links established wildlife habitats and corridors with the shore.	Select Board, Conservation Commission, Lamoine Shore-Access Committee

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	2.4 Seek out governmental, private, and nonprofit organizational partners for shore improvement and access projects.	Conservation Commission, Parks Commission
	2.5 Maintain and enhance current Town parks and other public access points.	Parks Commission
	2.6 Provide protection in Town ordinances for scenic views of Designated Sites as defined by the Downeast Scenic Inventory and other sites as designated by the Town.	Planning Board
3. Develop concrete responses for meeting the challenges of extreme storms and sea level rise.	3.1 Develop a shoreline management plan for the entire Town of Lamoine	Conservation Commission
	3.2 Identify sources and seek funding for management plan development and implementation.	Conservation Commission, Select Board
	3.3 Identify and engage in activities, including regional efforts, to support coastal conservation, management, and restoration.	Conservation Committee, Lamoine Shore-Access Committee
	3.4 Review and revise emergency response plans to assure they include Town preparation and rapid response before and after severe weather events (plans which anticipate compromised communications, blocked roads, inaccessible residential properties).	Select Board
	3.5 Designate floodplains, as identified by the latest Federal Emergency Management Agency information, as resource protection areas within the shoreland zoning ordinances.	Planning Board

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	3.6 In any updates of land use and shoreland zoning ordinances, incorporate restrictions and protections to mitigate the effects of extreme storms, floods, shoreline erosion, sea-level rise and storm surges.	Planning Board
	3.7 Develop and provide education on various responses to environmental, economic, and community changes which are anticipated with changing weather and climate conditions.	Conservation Commission

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POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Lamoine’s population is projected to remain stable for several years, though there are some indications it may grow in excess of projections. It is older than the population of Hancock County or the State of Maine generally and growing older each decade as the percentage of older people increases and the percentage of younger people decreases.

STATE GOAL:
[None required]

TOWN GOAL:
Lamoine will be a town which is attractive to and serve the needs of its residents of all ages.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Continue to provide an excellent education system which attracts families with school-age children.	[See Public Facilities and Services strategies 3.1 through 3.3]	
2. Ensure that older adults can age in place.	[See Housing strategies 2.1 and 2.2]	

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ECONOMY

Lamoine is primarily a residential community without large commercial or industrial employers. Although many Lamoine residents commute to employment in Ellsworth and elsewhere, much of the economic activity in town is in small businesses and home occupations. Lamoine’s natural beauty draws visitors and new residents to the town and is an economic asset.

STATE GOAL:

Promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being.

TOWN GOAL:

To encourage the development of occupations consistent with Lamoine’s small town atmosphere.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Continue to support small businesses and home occupations.	1.1 Make a current list of goods, services and vendors available on the town’s website.	Volunteers
	1.2 Lead the effort to secure quality internet services throughout the town to sustain web-based and internet-based businesses and occupations.	Select Board
	1.3 Consider creating a Development Committee to consider how best to promote Lamoine businesses.	Select Board
	1.4 Review town ordinances and building codes to assure that they do not restrict home occupations or small businesses more than is necessary for public safety, traffic control, protection of neighbors or other important concerns.	Planning Board

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2. Retain Lamoine's flexible Rural and Agricultural Zone.	2.1 Prepare a pamphlet describing the activities permitted in the Rural and Agricultural Zone so that people understand the full range of activities that may take place near their homes and businesses.	Planning Board, Town Office
	2.2 Encourage farm uses of Lamoine's traditional agricultural areas.	Conservation Commission
	2.3 Actively explore appropriate uses for gravel pits which can no longer be mined.	Select Board

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HOUSING

Lamoine’s housing stock consists primarily of single-family homes occupied by their owners. There are few apartments in town and rental housing is often seasonal, including weekly rentals. Homes for purchase are affordable by Hancock County standards, and there appear to be sufficient vacant buildable lots (within approved subdivisions or along existing public roads) to accommodate population growth considerably in excess of that projected by the State of Maine. Concerns have been expressed about the aging population and its special housing needs and the need to attract young families with children to the Town.

STATE GOAL:

To encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens.

TOWN GOAL:

To encourage and promote affordable, decent housing for a wide range of family types and ages.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Explore the need for more affordable housing in the town.	1.1 Review town ordinances and building codes to assure that they meet the needs of affordable housing development and require adequate provision be made for water supply and sewage disposal and for significant open space to be set aside for buffers and recreation.	Planning Board
2. Plan for shifting demographic demands for housing	2.1 Create a Town Committee on Older Adults to think through issues of an aging population and advocate for older adults aging at home.	

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	<p>2.2 Consider standards in the Building and Land Use Ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in all zones, unless prohibited by DEP Resource Protection Zoning, to allow such dwelling units which will enable older adults to remain in their homes.</p>	<p>Planning Board Town Committee on Older Adults</p>
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RECREATION

Lamoine provides access to a wide range of recreational activities, both in the town and regionally. There are three public access trails, an extensive snowmobile trail, and three Town Parks, with a fourth being planned, which provide access to the ocean, Blunt’s Pond and a tidal stream. There is a Town Parks Commission in charge of the parks, and a Town Recreation Committee which actively organizes recreational events.

STATE GOAL:

To promote and protect the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Maine citizens, including access to surface waters.

TOWN GOAL:

To promote, protect and enhance the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Lamoine citizens, across all age groups, including access to surface waters; and to promote opportunities for inter-generational family and group recreation.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Maintain and enhance the Town Parks.	1.1 Maintain the Blunt’s Pond swimming hole, and work to minimize vandalism and interference with nearby private property.	Parks Commission Select Board
	1.2 Oversee maintenance of Lamoine Beach Park, and work to minimize pollution from heavy public use.	Parks Commission Select Board
	1.3 Plan the expansion of the Marlboro Beach Park, and work to minimize encroachment on private property and pollution from public use.	Parks Commission Select Board

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	1.4 Complete the acquisition of a picnic area near the Mud Creek Bridge, and work to minimize pollution from public use.	Parks Commission Conservation Commission Select Board
	1.5 Work with landowners and regional groups to establish further public-access hiking trails in town.	Conservation Commission Select Board
	1.6 Coordinate trail development, including a shore-to-shore trail, through corridor easements linking wildlife habitat areas and other landowner agreements.	Conservation Commission Parks Commission
	1.7 Review any tax-acquired parcels for recreational potential.	Select Board
2. Increase the opportunity to bicycle and walk along the roads in Lamoine.	2.1 Continue sponsorship and promotion of “Slow-Ride Sunday” to increase traffic awareness of bicyclists.	Recreation Committee
	2.2 Consider whether designation of some roads as a Lamoine Bicycle Trail would improve the safety of bicyclists.	Recreation Committee Select Board
	2.3 Work with the Maine Department of Transportation to design ways to slow down through traffic for the safety of bikers and walkers.	Select Board Recreation Committee
3. Provide opportunities for family and multi-age recreation.	3.1 Continue to hold and promote special events offering recreational opportunities for families	Recreation Committee
	3.2 Work with a Town Committee on Older Adults to develop recreational and social opportunities specifically for older people	Recreation Committee Older Adults Committee (recommended)

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TRANSPORTATION

Lamoine’s existing road network is adequate for motor vehicles but should be improved over time to enhance safety at a few key locations and to better accommodate walking and bicycling.

STATE GOAL:

To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

TOWN GOAL:

To meet the diverse transportation needs of Lamoine residents (including children, older adults, and disabled persons) and visitors by providing a safe, efficient and adequate transportation network for all types of users (motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and other users).

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Ensure that Roads in Lamoine will be convenient, safe and accessible for all transportation users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicles and riders, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.	1.1 Work with the Maine Department of Transportation to reduce the speed of through traffic on Buttermilk Road and Routes 184 and 204, and particularly the intersection of those routes.	Select Board Road Commissioner
	1.2 Identify opportunities to create bicycle and pedestrian facilities along major roads to implement such facilities as part of ongoing maintenance and construction projects or as circumstances allow.	Select Board Road Commissioner
2. Provide parking at the Lamoine Town Hall, the Fire Department and the School that is safe and adequate to requirements.	2.1 Purchase additional land contiguous to these public buildings for additional parking or reconfiguration of functions.	Select Board School Board

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<p>3. Ensure that older adults are able to meet their transportation needs.</p>	<p>3.1 Work with local and regional non-profits to facilitate shopping trips, medical appointment travel and even social and cultural event travel for older adults.</p>	<p>Select Board Town Older Adults Committee (recommended)</p>
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PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Lamoine has a Town Meeting form of government. A five-person Select Board controls operations with an Administrative Assistant, several part-time employees and many volunteer members of a variety of Boards and Committees.

STATE GOAL:

To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

TOWN GOAL:

To meet the public service needs of Lamoine citizens in the most cost-effective manner.

Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Continue to run Lamoine’s Town government with a small-town feel, providing services efficiently with a minimum of bureaucracy.	1.1 Support the Volunteer Fire Department.	
	1.2 Renew the population of volunteers for town committees and other activities in every generation	
	1.3 Continue to explore cost-sharing and cost-savings opportunities with other towns.	
2. Develop a Community Center that provides a location for a wide variety of Town events for all ages.	2.1 Establish a Community Center Committee to determine the components, location, design and cost of a Community Center.	
	2.2 Determine the Town’s administrative needs going forward and incorporate those needs in any Community Center design.	

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<p>3. Ensure that the Lamoine Consolidated School continues to be a well-regarded school that draws young families to Lamoine.</p>	<p>3.1 Maintain the Lamoine Consolidated School under local control.</p>	
	<p>3.2 Ensure that the School strives for success, with every child supported and participating in the community.</p>	
	<p>3.3 Make the School a resource for all children and adults in Lamoine through learning, recreation and community events.</p>	
<p>4. Adapt to changing conditions, needs and technologies.</p>	<p>4.1 Follow up on the results of the current broadband survey to provide sufficient internet access throughout the town.</p>	
	<p>4.2 Consider changes in operations, including digitized tax maps, professional assessing services, and increased code enforcement.</p>	
	<p>4.3 Adequately prepare to replace key employees and volunteers to ensure continuity in administration.</p>	

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CLIMATE CHANGE		
Policies	Strategies	Implementation
1. Transportation	1.1 Plan and develop advanced investment in road improvements to minimize flooding (increase elevation of grade in flood-prone locations, larger culverts, etc.).	
	1.2 Road salts--research for alternatives and decrease use when possible to prevent minimal environmental impact (heavy rains and flooding carrying salts into land/waterways.)	
	1.3 Monitor stormwater management infrastructure for its ability to meet or exceed anticipated needs.	
2. Housing	2.1 Research ways to make energy audits more affordable to residents.	
3. Public Facilities and Services	3.1 Conduct an energy audit of Town Hall, School, Fire Department, with follow-up actions to reduce heat loss and energy use.	
	3.2 Explore a plan, and resources, for town investment in community solar energy.	
	3.3 Review regularly the emergency plan for severe weather events, with attention to the potential of compromised communication systems, blocked roads, and inaccessible residential properties.	

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	3.4 Identify opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community.	
	3.5 Continue active search for expansion of recyclables, and distribute, educational materials on need for recycling and specific recycling steps at transfer station.	
	3.6 Collaborate with surrounding municipalities to strengthen comprehensive climate change adaptation and mitigation planning.	
	3.7 Develop educational materials and programs to inform residents about ways to save money by reducing energy consumption.	
4. Building and Land Use Ordinance	4.1 Review building, development, and land use ordinances and standards with attention to mitigating predicted increases in severe weather events and coastal flooding associated with climate change impacts.	
	4.2 Maximize permeable surfaces in both greenscape and hardscape areas for retention and infiltration of stormwater.	
5. Marine Resources	5.1 Update and implement building codes, shoreland and floodplain zoning provisions to ensure that buildings are designed and sited to reduce the impacts of flooding and other impacts of extreme storms.	
	5.2 Develop plan to reduce future development and subsequent costs in damages in areas vulnerable to sea level rise or other coastal hazards.	

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6. Fresh Water Resources	6.1 Promote conservation of low-lying, undeveloped uplands where coastal marshes, beaches, and other intertidal natural communities can migrate inland with sea level rise.	
	6.2 Adopt procedures for regular review and revision of ordinances to respond to new information regarding changing environmental conditions affecting freshwater supplies, such as extreme storms and storm surges.” --	
	6.3 Assure that ordinances provide maximum protection of surface water resources, through designation of water sources and increased setbacks needed for flood and storm surge control.	