

Lamoine Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting, March 2016

Individual responses to: "List your 3 most heartfelt wishes for the Town of Lamoine"

Organized by Comprehensive Plan Committee Work Group Areas: Natural Resources, Governing, Quality of Life

NATURAL RESOURCES

Water

Wells – Testing
Attention to quality (2)

Regulations about mining water

Protect water (3)

Protect our aquifer for the future

Conservation

Conservation easements

Resurvey of conservation areas

Save open spaces – water, forest

Conservation of Resources, open spaces (2)

Improve/Maintain environment
Open spaces
Water quality
Recreation

Be a Conservation Leader by example

Protection of land and shore from Contamination – ecoli, lead, etc.

Wildlife corridors and recreation trails and habitats

Protection of shoreline as properties become available; woods – identify

Need for inventory deer yards as wildlife

Inventory wildlife protection areas

Conservation (con't)

Town land purchases for open spaces/conservation

Open space; undeveloped land (2)

Maintaining (tree growth)

Beauty (land) preservation

Preserve the environmental quality and natural beauty we all value

Keep as physically beautiful as it is now

Protected Views

Balance (3)
Natural beauty and economic activities

Environment and business (eco-tourists?)

Natural resources with houses, businesses, community places (3)

Become a local example for keeping balance

Natural Recreation Areas

Tennis

Development of Trails (2)

Bike

Ski

Listing of walking and biking trails

Access to trails/nature (2)

Swimming places

Ability to enjoy our beaches and State Park

Promote healthy lifestyles through trail development (walking/running/biking paths) and two local farms

Access to the shore for Recreation

Harvesting (2)

Lobsters

Clams

Natural Restoration

Restored spaces (needing restoration)

Reclaim land along Jordan River

Gravel pit resolution/reclamation

Marine Resources

Enhanced working waterfront

Ocean fishing (future – go forward)

GONE! **could not read writing/check post-it note
Herring, Cod, Pollock, Yona Crab,
Flounder, Clams, Mussels, Conger
Eel, Eels, Holdp Hoct

GOVERNING

Zoning

Planning for residential vs business vs protected areas etc.

Designate and Industrial area

A mix of residential and commercial compatibility

Sustainable and intelligent growth
Assigning certain activities to certain areas of town

Clarifying land use in town

Enforce the Zoning Law to regulate business and rural area

Zoning implications on water

Zoning to ensure protection of areas

Zone for
Farmers Market
Restaurants/eating places

Reclamation/Repurposing of Gravel Pits

Reclamation at least equal to expansion

Repurpose for
Housing
Wildlife refuge
Lakes/ponds
Trails

Balance:
pits/reclamation/community

Currently make useless 100 feet deep holes in the ground /give pits to town and make them ready

End of mining .. restore pits

Gravel reclamation & resolution (2)

Land purchase for reclamation of pits for town use and better tax revenue

Solar

Use unreclaimed gravel pits for solar panels

Lamoine has community solar (3)
Paid for by electric company/gravel owners/ rants from federal and state governments

Establish and support more solar energy use

Community solar paired with cluster housing

School

Involved with Community

Quality education (2)

As local as possible

School!!! Keep our school

Pre-school program

Vibrant school

Participation

Auxiliary groups created based on primary interests and willingness to contribute time and energy to explore possible solutions

Volunteer opportunities for older people to work (play) with small kids

That there is a place here for me (as a 60-90 year old) to still be involved and active and feel a part of the town

Active participation of residents in town governance

Communication phone/internet

Community Center Town Center/Community Hall

Establish a town center (2)

Location and site of Town Hall
Being able to expand

Lamoine needs a destination

Lamoine has a school that is a community center for all ages and is supported by the Town (4) Bring them together

Expanded space for
community center

Near School or Use the School for programs/recreation/social events

With a stage

Involves Community Groups (Historical Society, Lamoine Community Arts) social issues and work projects

Can be used by residents senior citizens and children (2)

Include a

Library

Day Care Center

Meeting space

Social space

Recreational opportunities/facility
Especially in winter

More town activities to include all age groups; finding common ground
Hay rides, ice skating, picnics, singing

Tight knit community

Fundraising, pot luck,
Organic friendly

Services for older citizens

Fund renovation of Grange

Classes

Exercise groups

Gatherings at Grange/school

Taxes

Tax stability: Not taxing out long term property owners (3) and those who improve value

Lack of commercial tax base

Balance of income generating environment with preservation

Fixed income residents with rising costs

Reasonable taxes (2)
Affordable taxes for young families

Young Families

A place where young families would be able to afford to have a home (92) and earn a living

Commitment to children and environment; make residents aware of the commitment

Establish a community garden

A place where children can play and learn; vital young community

Strong school

Small Business

Farmers' Market (3)

Hidden Businesses/In Home

Keeping option for small business in rural/agriculture zone

Commercial business center(s)

Become a tech center (low impact on land; bring your tech minds in with a small town feel)

Imagine! Lamoine has a great restaurant! with local food

An ice cream stand!

Town Management

A police force (a small one) (3)

Safety: brush and trees should be cleared back from roadsides more

More recycling at Town Dump (2)
1 through 7 containers (2)

Make sure Town of Lamoine MAP is **correct**/up to date

Branch of Ellsworth Public Library

Always have
"a Stu" and
good Town leadership

Improved roads

Improve internet access (2)

QUALITY OF LIFE

Transportation

Daily bus service to Ellsworth

Support for an Aging Population
Transportation (public) for people
who do not drive needs to be
improved (3)

Senior housing and services (like
Meadowview in Ellsworth)

Support for an Aging Population
Housing
Internet access/phone

Social Cohesion

More/scheduled community events
(2)

An array of activities bringing us **all**
together

A place where you know, help and
interact with neighbors

Develop ways/places to address
divisiveness

Eliminate divisiveness

A more friendly community * need
to move beyond issues

Respect for laws

Enforcement of ordinances

Democratic problem solving

I wish that Lamoine could go back to
being a community that worked
together

That residents with different
viewpoints find common ground on
contentious issues – like those
related to gravel – and recognize
our shared interest in keeping
Lamoine great

That we move forward together in
the knowledge that we all care
about Lamoine

Maintain/improve small community
feel

*community gatherings/
offerings

*bridging divisive issues

Improved “town spirit”

Fewer divisions

Less animosity

More willingness to
compromise

Fostering ways to mediate
controversial issues

**We all have our own
Opinions *and they are
respected**

“Issues” are resolved

People can accept other
people as they are and do
the best to each other for
the best.

More Community, less
Ideology

Social Cohesion (con't)

Retain a sense of Community

Help their neighbors and not make hardships for them

Small Town

Keep the quiet beauty (2)

Maintain rural environment (2)

Maintain character

a safe, beautiful place to live
a beautiful, quiet, happy,
serene, "good" place to live

Lamoine continues to be the place
people want to live

Keep small town values

Keep small town feel and interaction

Traffic Management

No industrial truck traffic
Less dump truck traffic

Road Safety

Improve and maintain roadways

More walkable, biking, etc. safe
roads for recreation

Gravel pit road: common road to
connect pits without pit traffic on
other roads (2) year round

Rebuilt State Highways to modern
standards

Age Diversity

Diversity in population

Maintain the natural beauty of
Lamoine yet allow sufficient/smart
development to attract people of all
ages and diversity

Intergenerational development

Have a community that supports
everyone – young and old

A balance between elderly, in
betweeners, and youth

Activities for all ages, more (2)

Housing

Incentives for "greener" residential

Cluster housing

Affordable housing

General

Figure out ways to solve the
problems we currently face:

Lack of broadband
More affordable housing
Ensuring water quality

Respect our History and educate
newcomers on our Past so as to
create a happier atmosphere

Lamoine has a strong sense of
place, identity, and history and is
safe and beautiful