

## Public facilities and services:

### Existing Sections from 1996 document.

#### A. Water Supply

No changes since 1996

Lamoine residents continues to draw water from springs and wells (mostly drill, some legacy dug wells). The majority of homes are serviced from wells drilled/dug for that home. A small section of Town is serviced by the Cold Spring Water Company. (research what, if any updates and service area extensions have been made since 1996 )

#### B. Energy Facilities

No changes since 1996

Bangor hydro, is now Emera.

#### C. Sewage Facilities

No changes since 1996

#### D. Solid Waste

The Town dump has been closed and capped. As a legacy note; the Anderson property was purchased by the Town due to pollutants from the capped dump in the drilled well water. The transfer station has been constructed, with solid waste going to PERC. A multifaceted recycling program is in place at the transfer station. The contract with PERC is up for renewal soon.

#### E. Public Safety

Law enforcement services remain the same as described in the 1996 document.

LVFD remains an effective organization. The equipment has been improved/updated since 1996, and additions have been made since 1996 that allow LVFD to provide expanded services (rescue boat, greater fire fighting capacity). Worth noting would be the aging demographic of the department and recommendations of a concerted effort by LFVD and the Town to recruit younger members.

The County Ambulance annual fee is now substantially higher than the \$953 listed in the 1996 document. *currently 7.75/capita*

#### F. Communications

The 1996 document predates the explosion of the internet and makes no mention of it

FairPoint is the current telephone provider. Terrestrial radio is still served locally by a number of stations. Print media is the same. Cable tv is currently provided by Time Warner.

The big change is of course the internet and the various means to access it in Lamoine. At this point, internet access in Lamoine is obtained in mostly these ways: dial up (the oldest and slowest method), cable (A high speed service done as part of a cable tv package. The most common high speed access in town), DSL (A high speed service provided by FairPoint over phone lines. A relatively new service in town), terrestrial wireless/wifi (High speed. Functions like the common wifi found in offices and homes, but using a different frequency (900mHz vs 2.4GHz) and covering larger distances), satellite based wireless (high speed, comparatively expensive, lots of limitations and restrictions).

In the last 10-15 years many residents have prompted the town to address the limited availability of cable in some parts of town. During most of those years cable was the best/only option for high speed internet. In recent years (3-4) terrestrial wifi and DSL have become available in Lamoine. Lamoine will soon have the opportunity renegotiate the service agreement with Time Warner for cable service in Lamoine. Efforts to expand the areas serviced by cable should be made in those negotiations.

*Library + Hot Spots*  
G. Health Care

We continue to rely on Ellsworth as our service center for Medical/Dental needs.

The hospital has expanded and improved since 1996. Med Now has closed down.

In the immediate future, the issues with the merging of MCMH and EMMC may effect people in Lamoine, however we have little to no influence in the merger and it is outside the scope of this document.

#### H. Culture

This section is not a requirement for the next Comp Plan.

#### I. Recreation

Substantial improvements to the town parks have been made in the last decade.

The boat launch at Lamoine Beach is no longer usable for trailered boats due to decay of the ramp. The park is still a perfect place to launch small craft however.

I have never known of a SCUBA club in Lamoine (I'd love it if there was one).

The disposition of the larger area of Marlboro beach is one we should give consideration to. The town owned area is very small and residents (and non residents) have been allowed to enjoy the use of the larger area because of the largess of the Norris family. Sadly some members of the Norris family have passed away in recent years, and some of the land owned within the family has been sold. It would be a good thing for the town to explore the possibility of acquiring the area we have all come to know as Marlboro Beach and if possible officially add it to Lamoine's public spaces.

In recent months Lamoine has seated a Recreation Committee.

Since the publication of the 1996 plan, the recreation facilities at the school have greatly been added to and improved (the ball fields, new playground equipment).

## J. Cemeteries

No changes, except for a possible mention of the expansion of the cemetery next to the church.

## Current Format.

### Goal:

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

### Analysis:

Existing municipal services provided by the Town currently meet needs. The services offered by Lamoine are well run and perform at a high level.

The growth trends in Lamoine show an aging population. We see the aging from three factors. First from the existing population simply getting older. Secondly from retirement age people, retiring to Lamoine from other areas. The third is the diminishing number of young people and families settling in Lamoine. Consideration of how the evolving demographic in Lamoine will best be served is a complex question. Those older people moving to Lamoine to enjoy retirement on the coast of Maine often have a greater financial capacity than those who have spent their lives in Lamoine (explore available data to project demo trends 10-20-30 years out, compare to data from mid 90's and extrapolate(guess) how Lamoine will actually change).

Non governmental service providers for the elderly hold a large role in the Lamoine (expand on services available) and will likely continue to fill these needs.

Shared services locally and county wide: mutual aid for fire protection, county ambulance, shared administrative services for school, PERC, shell fish (fully flesh out the list and elaborate on each area).

School thoughts. In a ten to twenty year period I would assume there would be a proposal to improve/modify the school. The gym size has long been an issue and the possibility of building a free standing gym of some sort may be a project the Town would support. Aside from regular/annual maintenance, the basic building is in good repair. Recent work (6-7 years ago) upgraded electrical, heating and insulation. With the school district back in local control, other meaningful (but small) upgrades are planned for the next few years (replace some doors, new windows in one area, etc).

There has been some talk about moving one of the portables to make room for an underground water tank to be used by the fire house. It's not a trivial thing, but likely not fodder for this document.

