

Town Meeting Warrant

Town of Lamoine State of Maine

Hancock, ss.

To: Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Lamoine, Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Lamoine, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lamoine Town Office in said town on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 9:55 AM then and there to act on articles 1 and 2, and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 2nd day of April, 2008 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 3 through 35, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:
 - A. Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (1 position, term to end town meeting 2011)
 - B. School Committee Member (1 position, term to end town meeting 2011)
 - C. School Committee Member to fill the unexpired term of Julie Tilden, (term to end town meeting 2009)
 - D. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2008 and end June 30, 2011)

Open Town Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2008 6:00 PM

3. To see if the Town will vote to set October 31, 2008 as the date when all personal property and real estate taxes for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 are due and payable, and to see if the town will vote to fix a rate of interest of 11.00% to be charged on taxes unpaid after November 1, 2008 and to see if the town will vote to fix the rate of interest for tax overpayment at 7.00% annually.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property or fixtures deemed to be surplus and unusable to the Town and worth less than \$1,000 fair market value, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open for the use of the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2008/2009 taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.
9. To see if the Town will vote to amend an ordinance entitled "Lamoine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance", to incorporate language mandated by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.
10. To see if the town will vote to loan the Veterans' Memorial Committee an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to complete the memorial project during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and to authorize repayment terms to be negotiated by the Board of Selectmen – said funds to be made available from, and paid back to, the Capital Improvements Fund.
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to reduce the real estate and personal property tax commitment by an amount not to exceed any additional amount the Town may receive from the foundation allocation or debt service allocation once the Maine Legislature has established those amounts. *(The Budget Committee recommends a vote in favor)*
12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and to set the salaries of the following elected officers whose salaries will be paid from the Administration Account of the General Fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the rate of compensation for appointed officials.

Position	Recommended Salary (Budget Committee & Selectmen)
Selectman (Chair)	\$1,600.00
Selectman (non-chair, 4 positions)	\$1,000.00
Assessor (Chair)	\$1,500.00
Assessor (non-chair, 2 positions)	\$1,250.00

(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$153,206.45 and the salaries as outlined above.)

13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects. *(The Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend \$23,292.00, including \$10,292 for construction of a new entrance road into Bloomfield Park, \$2,000.00 for upgrades to the town owned storage garage at 252 Lamoine Beach Road, \$10,000 to add to the Revaluation Reserve, and \$1,000.00 to add to the Land Conservation Fund.)*
14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major renovations at the Lamoine Town Hall. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$25,000.00)*
15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, and to authorize expenditure of the state share of local plumbing fees to the Maine Department of Human Services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,250.00.)*
16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning and Appeals Boards. *(The Planning Board, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200.00.)*

17. To see what sum the Town of Lamoine will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of social service organizations listed below, which made written requests for funding from the Selectmen, and met the criteria of the Town Meeting Donation Requests Ordinance adopted November 7, 2000.

Requesting Agency	Requested	Budget Cmte
American Red Cross – Pine Tree Chapter	\$240.00	\$240.00
Community Health & Counseling Service	\$600.00	\$0.00
Child & Family Opportunities	\$600.00	\$600.00
Northeast Contact	\$175.00	\$0.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$250.00	\$250.00
Emmaus Homeless Shelter	\$600.00	\$0.00
Faith In Action – Community Connection	\$600.00	\$600.00
Hancock County Home Care	\$579.00	\$579.00
Hospice of Hancock County	\$600.00	\$600.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$600.00	\$600.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$600.00	\$600.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	\$600.00	\$600.00
Open Door Recovery Center	\$600.00	\$0.00
Warren Center for Hearing	\$500.00	\$500.00
Washington/Hancock Community Agency	\$600.00	\$600.00
Women's Infants & Children (Downeast Health)	\$480.00	\$480.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00	\$0.00
Total	\$8,324.00	\$6,249.00

(The Budget Committee recommends \$6,249.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$11,870.00)

18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks & Recreation. *(The Parks Commission and Budget Committee recommend \$11,142.00).*
19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,180.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$6,180.00).*
20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$55,240.00)*
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay debt service (fire truck loan approved June 8, 2004). *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$26,624.44)*
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$121,675.00.)*
23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including re-pavement of Walker Road, Birchlawn Drive & South Birchlawn Drive. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$114,000.00).*
24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ditch construction and reconstruction. *(The Road Commissioner recommends \$60,000.00, the Budget Committee recommends \$0.00)*

25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to establish a new fund entitled "Road Improvement Fund". *(The Road Commissioner, Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$25,000.00.)*
26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the Local Government Cable TV Channel(s). *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000.00 – operational funds to come from the Cable TV Franchise Fee)*
27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for waste disposal including operation of the Lamoine Transfer Station, shipment to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, recycling contractor, monitoring of wells around the former landfill, and to authorize the Selectmen to continue the contract of disposal of septic sludge. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$98,260.00)*
28. To see which revenues the Town will vote to appropriate for inclusion in the non-education portion of the budget to offset local property taxes.

Revenue Fund	Amount	Fund Total
General Fund		
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$305,000.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,800.00	
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$6,700.00	
Interest on Investments	\$46,000.00	
Use of Surplus	\$100,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$4,300.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$2,350.00	
Administration Fees	\$1,200.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,250.00	
		\$472,600.00
Road Fund		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$27,428.00	
Use of Road Fund	\$1,500.00	\$28,928.00
Code Enforcement Fund		
Local Plumbing Fees	\$2,500.00	
Code Enforcement Fees	\$9,500.00	\$12,000.00
Animal Control Fund		
Local Animal Control Fees		\$1,000.00
Cable TV Revenues		
Cable TV Franchise Fees		\$5,000.00
Parks & Recreation Fund		\$1,000.00
Capital Projects Fund		\$36,000.00
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax		\$556,528.00

*Municipal Revenue Sharing will also reduce the tax commitment and is not included in the above figure. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend the revenue figures listed above.)*

29. To see if the Town will vote to establish and/or continue the following funds:

Fund Balance Account	Balance as of 6/30/07*
Code Enforcement Fund	\$12,517.39
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$11,001.78
Road Assistance Fund	\$15,699.38
Education Capital Fund	\$2,675.11
Animal Control Fund	\$365.46
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$29,086.31
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$4,254.59
Harbor Fund	\$6,363.19
Cable TV Channel Fund	\$11,596.54
Parks & Recreation Fund	\$3,886.41
Capital Improvements Fund	\$245,582.24

*Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/07 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year.
 (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing the above funds)

30. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and transfer certain designated fund balances as follow:

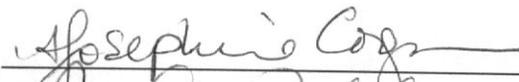
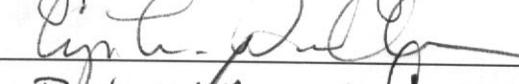
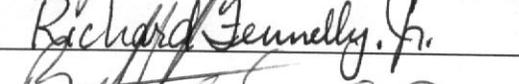
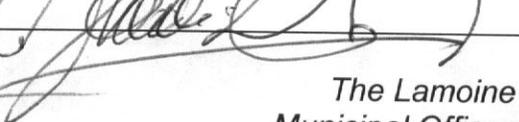
Fund Name	Move Balance To:	Balance 12/31/07
Salt/Sand Shed Reserve	Capital Improvements	\$485.85
Portable Classroom Maintenance	Education Construction Fund	\$6,887.40
Summer Recreation Fund	Parks & Recreation Fund	\$50.00

31. To see if the Town will authorize transfer of any unexpended funds from salt/sand shed construction project to the Capital Improvements Fund. *(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend approval of this article – expected amount is approximately \$15,000.00)*
32. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to delineate town owned property on Tax Map 15 Lots 24 and 27 in order to clarify the portions of those lots designated for school use, fire department use, and town recreational use. *(The Selectmen recommend passage in anticipation that the Lamoine Consolidated School land and buildings will eventually be owned by a Regional School Unit).*
33. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Harbor Fund for improvements at the Harbor area as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master to be paid from the Harbor Fund. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval as written).*
34. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate 50% of any revenues derived from the lease of town owned land to Verizon Wireless and / or successors during Fiscal Year 2009 to the Parks Fund to be used for capital improvement projects subject to town meeting approval and 50% of the revenues to be added to the town's capital improvement fund.

35. To see if the town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise allowable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed. (By state law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot). (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend approval.*)

Voting on articles 3 through 35 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open on April 1, 2008 to correct any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote in any election.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine February 21, 2008

	S. Josephine Cooper
	Cynthia Donaldson
	Richard Fennelly, Jr.
	Brett Jones
	Chris Tadema-Wielandt

*The Lamoine Board of Selectmen,
Municipal Officers of the Town of Lamoine*

Attest: A True Copy

 Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk