

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, March 7, 2017 at 7:55 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on articles 1 through 3, polls closing on article 2 and 3 at 8:00 PM on March 7, 2017; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 2017 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 4 through 30, 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 positions, term to end town meeting 2020)
 - b. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2020)
 - c. School Committee Member (2 positions term to end at town meeting 2020)
3. To vote on the following question by secret ballot referendum: Shall the Town of Lamoine enact an ordinance entitled "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Lamoine." A copy of this ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Open Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 6:00 PM

Prior to the start of business (5:45 PM):

- Conservation Commission announces logo contest winner(s)
 - Recognize "Citizen of the Year" (Board of Selectmen to present)
4. To see if the town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due in two equal payments on August 31, 2017 and February 28, 2018, and to fix the rate of interest at 7.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning September 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 3.00% per annum.
 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner declines to redeem the property after 30-days' notice, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to execute, upon specific town meeting approval, a quit claim deed to the highest responsible bidder; and further to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
 6. 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 after advertising such items publicly.

7. 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 snowmobile trails.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2017/2018 and 2018/19 taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted by the Board of Assessors or the Board of Selectmen during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 in an aggregate amount not to exceed the property tax commitment overlay.
10. To see if the Town will vote to enact an Ordinance entitled "March 2017 Proposed amendments to An Ordinance to Establish the Lamoine Conservation Commission." A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the town to acquire a parcel of land from the Heirs of Eleanor Norris, approximately 2.75 acres of land identified on Lamoine Assessors Tax Map 5 Lot 1 known as Marlboro Beach and to utilize the services of the Frenchman Bay Conservancy to raise funds and facilitate said acquisition subject to a condition that the property shall be kept open and available to the general public for access to the water for recreation, marine fisheries and other uses.
12. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of up to \$10,000, from the Land Conservation Fund to the Frenchman Bay Conservancy for the purposes of acquiring Assessors Tax Map 5 Lot 1, known as Marlboro Beach pursuant to Article 11 above.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of approximately 0.8 acres of land from Sally J. Smith and Kenneth A. Smith, Trustees of the Sally J. Smith Living Trust u/t/d May 27, 2005, amended July 8, 2005 and September 10, 2014 identified as a portion of Assessors Tax Map 2 Lot 3, having been identified as the portion of land conveyed to the Smith's in a deed filed in Book 1428 Page 82 located north and west of the centerline of said Asa's Lane, and subject to covenants that the Selectmen and the Smiths find to be in the best interests of the Town.
14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000.00*)
15. 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)	\$1,600.00
Assessor (non-chair, 2 positions)	\$1,500.00

(*The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$222,740.01 and the salaries as outlined above.*)

16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects and debt service payments. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend a total of \$101,756.16 including \$39,952.64 for debt service payment on the 2013 fire-tanker/pumper truck, \$15,803.52 for debt service payment on the 2015 rescue boat, \$20,000 to add to the Town Hall Foundation/Lot fund, \$5,000.00 to add to the Lamoine Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund, \$20,000 to purchase and install an electronic sign at the Town Hall and \$1,000 to add to the Land Conservation Fund)*
17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, including operations of the Planning and Appeals Boards, 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 \$19,200.00.)*
18. 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	Recommended
Community Health & Counseling Services	\$619.00	\$619.00
Child & Family Opportunities	\$700.00	\$700.00
Health Equity Alliance (DE AIDS Network)	\$700.00	\$700.00
Downeast Horizons	\$700.00	\$700.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$500.00	\$500.00
Friends In Action – Community Connection	\$700.00	\$700.00
VNA – Hancock County Home Health & Hospice	\$579.00	\$579.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lifelight Foundation	\$600.00	\$600.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	\$700.00	\$700.00
Open Door Recovery Center	\$700.00	\$700.00
Washington/Hancock Community Agency	\$700.00	\$700.00
Women's Infants & Children	\$880.00	\$700.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total	\$10,778.00	\$10,298.00

(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$10,298.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$12,953.96)

19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Maintenance. *(The Parks Commission, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,270.00).*
20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,397.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$8,397.00).*
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$88,018.00)*
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$181,650.00.)*
23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including re-pavement of portions of Shore Road and Mill Rod. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$118,000.00).*

24. 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 \$118,150.00)*
25. 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		
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$10,000.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$305,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,500.00	
Administration Fees	\$250.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$4,000.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,200.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,750.00	
Interest on Investments	\$10,000.00	
Rental Income – Cell Phone Tower	\$13,800.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$85,000.00	
		\$438,500.00
Road Fund		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$20,000.00	
Use of Road Fund	\$45,000.00	\$65,000.00
Code Enforcement Fund		
Local Plumbing Fees	\$3,000.00	
Code Enforcement Fees	\$7,000.00	
Code Enforcement Fund Transfer	\$2,500.00	\$12,500.00
Other Funds		
Local Animal Control Fees		\$1,500.00
Hodgkins Trust Fund		\$5,000.00
Capital Projects Fund		\$10,000.00
Recreation Fees		\$3,500.00
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax		\$536,000.00

*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.)*

26. To see if the Town will vote to continue the following funds:

Fund Balance Account	Balance as of 6/30/16*
Code Enforcement Fund	\$42,711.01
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$1,481.97
Road Assistance Fund	\$140,945.73
Education Capital Fund	\$9,727.90
Animal Control Fund	\$1,099.65
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$107,871.95
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$7,141.88
Harbor Fund	\$22,024.55
Cable TV Channel Fund	\$55,588.39
Parks Fund	\$13,047.81
Capital Improvements Fund	\$55,275.91
Land Conservation Fund	\$9,452.97
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$5,206.88
Conservation Commission Fund	\$848.41
Flag Display Maintenance Fund	\$724.97
Allen & Leurene Hodgkins Fund	\$33,928.10
Recreation Fund	\$7,913.64
Town Hall Foundation Fund	\$0.00
Heating Assistance Fund	\$8,650.71
Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund	\$6,672.67

*Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/16 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year. Audited figures not available at the time of signature
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing the above funds)

27. 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. Expenditures are not to exceed available amounts in said fund.
28. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Cable TV Fund for operation of Lamoine's Cable TV channel as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Cable TV Operations Manager. Expenditures are to be deducted from and Revenues are to be added to the Cable TV fund. Expenditure amounts are not to exceed available amounts in said fund.
29. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Veterans' Memorial Fund as recommended to and approved by the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of maintaining the memorial, not to exceed the available amount of the fund.
30. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds in the Conservation Commission Fund as recommended to and approved by the Chair of the Conservation Commission for commission projects, said funds not to exceed the available amount of the fund.

Voting on articles 4 through 30 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open on March 7, 2017 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

/s/	S. Josephine Cooper	Date Signed: January 26, 2017
/s/	Gary McFarland	Date Signed: January 26, 2017
/s/	Robert Christie	Date Signed: January 26, 2017
/s/	Kathleen Rybarz	Date Signed: January 26, 2017
/s/	Nathan Mason	Date Signed: January 26, 2017

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