

May 31, 2017- Town Meeting Minutes

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon opened the town meeting at 6:05 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. **It was moved and 2nd to select Stuart Marckoon as moderator. One ballot was cast and the vote for Mr. Marckoon was unanimous. Town Clerk Kovacs administered the oath of office to Mr. Marckoon. Marion McDevitt was appointed as ballot clerk by Town Clerk Kovacs and Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs administered her oath. Mr. Marckoon established that he would operate according to the Maine Moderator's Manual. It was moved and 2nd to allow non-voters/non-residents to speak at the moderator's discretion. The motion passed by a greater than 2/3rds majority on a hand vote.**

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2. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,313,366.67 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$1,313,366.67. Superintendent Katrina Kane briefly discussed the budget increases and deductions to the budget. She said that there are 30 new students. She explained the increase in tuition and special education. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
3. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$554,882.21 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$554,882.21. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
4. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$21,285.52 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$21,285.52. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
5. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$109,862.96 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$109,862.96. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
6. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$133,577.68 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$133,577.68. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
7. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$146,395.04 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$146,395.04. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
8. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$138,727.00 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$138,727.00. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
9. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$166,432.90 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$166,432.90. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
10. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$54,804.16 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$54,804.16. The motion passed by a hand vote.**

11. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$45,841.79 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$45,841.79. The motion passed by a hand vote.**
12. To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,534,897.97**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$1,534,897.97**

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$1,534,897.97. The motion passed by a written ballot 30 yes 1 no.

13. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate **\$816,322.98** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$779,747.75** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee and budget committee recommend **\$816,322.98** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$779,747.75**

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$816,322.98. The motion passed by a written ballot 31 yes 0 no.

14. Shall the Town of Lamoine raise and appropriate **\$45,841.79** for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program)? **The School Committee & Budget Committee recommend \$45,841.79 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$45,841.79. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

15. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. The School Committee and Budget Committee **Recommend: \$2,685,175.93 It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$2,685,175.93. The motion passed on a written ballot 31 yes 0 no.**

16. To see what sum the municipality will appropriate from the ending balance of the school general operating funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to establish a reserve for Special Education. **Recommend: \$150,000.00 It was moved and 2nd to approve with the recommended amounts. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

17. To see what sum the municipality will appropriate from the ending balance of the school general operating funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to establish a reserve for Secondary Tuition.
Recommend: \$35,000.00
It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$35,000.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.
18. To see what sum the municipality will appropriate from the ending balance of the school general operating funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to establish a reserve for Facilities Maintenance/Capital Improvement. **Recommend: \$127,884.00** **It was moved and 2nd to approve as recommended.**
The motion passed on a hand vote.
19. To see if the Town of Lamoine will vote authorize the sale by quitclaim deed of Tax Map 13 Lot 5-4 acquired through the tax lien foreclosure process to Deborah A. Kane for \$2,475.00 which represents the amount of all back taxes, fees, interest and the estimated 2017/18 property tax. **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
20. To see what sum the town will appropriate to add to the 2017/18 road paving budget. **The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$84,250, including \$72,000 from the road fund and \$12,250 from undesignated fund balance. It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$84,250.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
21. To see if the Town of Lamoine will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen or its duly authorized designee or designees as a representative of the Town to:
 - a. Exercise the "Put Option" described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership; and
 - b. Execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents, and to take such further actions, as the Board of Selectmen or said designee(s) may deem necessary or appropriate in order to exercise the above-described Put Option and to assign the Town's limited partnership interests to Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership as contemplated thereby.**It was moved and 2nd to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

There being no further business to transact, Moderator Marckoon declared the town meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Kovacs, Town Clerk