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Town To Vote On Land Purchase, Selectman Terms

(Lamoine) — Do voters want to borrow up to \$350,000 to purchase about 25.2 acres of land for future town needs? That question will be answered in Lamoine's voting booths on November 2nd.

The proposal for a land purchase comes from nearly two years of work by the Public Works Study Committee. The town meeting in March 2003 instructed the committee to look for a suitable piece of land for any of a variety of municipal uses. Chairman Ken Smith and several committee members spent long hours sending out questionnaires to large tract owners, compiling the results, walking potentially suitable pieces and talking with landowners. The best proposal is for a 20-acre parcel behind Lamoine Consolidated School, along with two smaller pieces to access the larger parcel.

The largest piece of land belongs to Duane Crawford and Julie Tilden of Shore Road, and it comes with a price tag of \$250,000. The major component of the cost is that the owners are presently in the process of developing a subdivision on this parcel, and estimate that lots could sell for as much as \$45,000 each. With 10-lots, the revenue could

approval at the November 8th Planning Board meeting. The Public Works Study Committee believes if the town does not approve the purchase and the subdivision is approved, the chance to purchase the parcel might vanish.

The other two pieces of land belong to the Swanberg and Miller families. Each have agreed to sell parcels to access the Crawford/Tilden land provided voter approval is given, and they would have access to their land from any future town road.

The Selectmen faced a tough decision on whether to put the proposal before the voters. The Public Works Study Committee recommended the matter be put to a town wide vote soon, given the pending subdivision approval. The Budget Committee, meeting jointly, recommended against the purchase because of the amount of money and the fact that there are no concrete proposals for what to do with the land at this point. The School Building Committee took no position on the matter, as that committee's work is still in its infancy, and the school does not know if it will need a piece of land yet.

The Board of Selectmen voted 2-0 in favor of putting the matter to a referendum

Lobster Pound Appeal Continues In October

(Lamoine) — Four members of Lamoine's Board of Appeals gave up six hours of a pleasant Sunday afternoon in August to listen to testimony regarding an expanded parking area at the Seal Point Lobster Pound. The Board, apparently, has only just begun to listen, as it has yet to complete the testimony gathering process and issue rulings.

At issue are Shoreland and Site Plan Review permits issued by the Planning Board allowing the expanded parking lot area. Abutters of the project filed separate appeals on both matters, triggering the Board's action.

The evidence gathering is much like a courtroom in a civil trial, and is quite tedious. First, the Board must find whether each application is complete. It determined that the Site Plan Review Application was complete, and the board is proceeding to find out whether the information submitted in the application meets the standards for the ordinance. So far, only positive findings have resulted, and the attorneys for both the lobster pound owners (Anthony and Josette Pettegrow) and the appellants have agreed that several parts of the ordinance are undisputed.

The dispute is about the amount of

potentially be \$450,000. Even at \$35,000 per lot, the \$250,000 selling price represents a discounted revenue to the owners. The subdivision proposal is before the Planning Board which could review the application for completeness at its October meeting. Should the application be found complete, the subdivision conceivably could receive

vote in November. Selectman Glenn Crawford abstained from voting, as his brother owns the largest lot under consideration. Chairman Jo Cooper expressed concern over the timing of the vote, worrying the town might be rushed into a decision because of the pending subdivision application. The vote also coincides with a statewide property tax cap

referendum and presidential election, and while the purchase would be explained at a public hearing in October, those generally are not well attended. Selectman Perry Fowler expressed the same reservations, but both voting Selectmen felt the matter should go to the voters to have the final say. Had the Selectmen voted not to send this to town meeting, the issue would not be considered.

The question on the local ballot will ask to borrow the entire \$350,000. Town bond attorney Mike Trainor advised that any loan could have an early pay-off provision should voters wish to dedicate surplus or other fund balance monies in the future to paying down that loan.

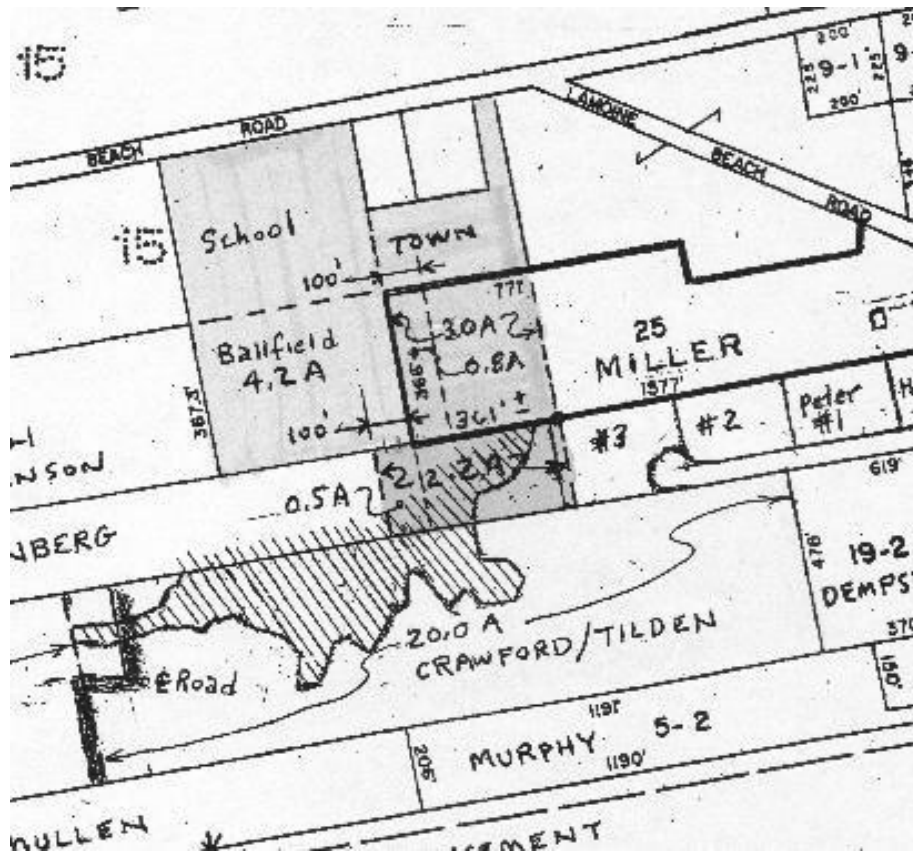
traffic generated by the lobster pound operation on Seal Point Road. The appellants argue that the pound has become a year-round industrial operation. The Pettegrows say the property continues to operate as it was permitted as a lobster pound, only the volume of business is greater.

A 2nd hearing date in September was adjourned when one Appeals Board member failed to show. The Board will reconvene on Thursday, October 21st to continue hearing the appeal from the point they left off in August.

Selectmen Terms Question

Following the vote in June to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen to five, the other question on the November ballot will ask to change an ordinance to clarify how the Selectmen will be elected. The current order regarding municipal elections provides for only three, staggered positions on the Board of Selectmen. The question in June, generated by a citizen petition, did not propose to change that ordinance, so based on legal advice, the Selectmen have proposed to put that ordinance change to voters.

The change is relatively simple, and will be listed in its entirety on the November ballot. It will clarify that there will now be five Selectmen elected, and the election in March 2005 will elect one position to a 1-year term, one position to a 2-year term, and one position to a 3-year term. Starting with the election in March 2006, there will be two Selectmen elected to three year terms, the same in 2007, and one Selectman elected in 2008 and so on. A public hearing on both questions will be held on October 21st.



The Proposed Purchase Area

This map shows the proposed pieces of land to purchase on the November 2nd ballot. The largest piece is the 20 acres marked Crawford/Tilden. Two smaller pieces are to the right and behind the area marked "ballfield". The estimated purchase price for land and related costs is \$350,000

Proposed Tax Cap Could Impact Budget

Lamoine) — The so called “Palesky Tax Cap” that would limit property taxes to 1-percent of a property’s 1996 valuation could affect Lamoine’s budget negatively, but the exact amount depends on how the Maine Supreme Court interprets the question, should it pass.

The measure, which appears as question 1 on the state referendum ballot, would limit the amount of property tax raised in all Maine communities to 1-percent of the assessed value. It also rolls back the valuation to 1996 levels, but the Supreme Court gave an advisory opinion that would be unconstitutional. Even the measure’s supporters admit that portion of the question is unconstitutional and would have to be fixed.

Based on the rollback provision being taken out of the mix, Treasurer Stu Marckoon prepared an analysis of what the question would mean based on the current year’s valuation and budget. Assuming flat funding for next year, and based on a 100-percent valuation as set by the state, the town would have to trim spending or find other revenue sources to make up for \$131,731.07 in lost property tax revenue. The local mill rate for Lamoine is 13.8, but the town is assessing property at approximately 79.2% of what the state says are full values for properties.

The Board of Selectmen did not wish to release any speculation on what service cuts might come with the loss of revenue.

Planning Board Poised to Act on Subdivisions

(Lamoine) — The town’s Planning Board should decide whether a pair of subdivision proposals will receive final approval at the October 12th meeting. One subdivision dubbed “Boulder Cove” is proposed on Shore Road. It would contain 11-lots of residential homes. Tony and Elizabeth Belch who’ve successfully developed “Applewood Shores” on Douglas Highway submitted the proposal which the Planning Board found complete. Prior to action, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing.

Following the same procedure is another 11-lot subdivision called “Marlboro Mist II” proposed by developer Steve Joy. This subdivision, if approved, would be located behind the many lots approved along Partridge Cove Road (Route 204) called “Marlboro Mist I”.

In addition to the planned final action, the board also has three other subdivisions in various stages of the approval process. Duane Crawford & Julie Tilden have proposed an 11-lot subdivision off Shore Road (see land purchase article on page 1). The Planning Board has yet to find that application complete.

Keven Ireland of Bangor has submitted an 11-lot subdivision proposal for land he owns bordering the Ellsworth/Lamoine town line on Douglas Highway.

Gary Murphy and John Goodwin have proposed a 2-lot subdivision on land Mr. Murphy owns on Partridge Cove Road.

All three proposals await additional information requested by the Planning Board.

Moratorium on Subdivisions Discussed

(Lamoine) — Several committees are discussing the need for a possible moratorium on subdivisions. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford broached the idea with the Board of Selectmen in July, suggesting a moratorium on subdivisions of greater than three lots be placed on the next ballot. While the board seemed to agree that serious development pressures face the town, they indicated the town needs to proceed cautiously.

Moratoriums would not pull anything out of the pipeline that has already been proposed, so the five subdivisions under consideration by the Planning Board would not be affected. A moratorium, by state law, would only last for 180-days while the town worked on improving its ordinances dealing with such development. The Selectmen would have the option, if progress was made, of extending the moratorium by another 180-days.

A subdivision moratorium is nothing new in Lamoine. During the late 1980’s the town imposed a moratorium and took that period to develop the present subdivision regulations which were merged into the Building and Land Use Ordinance. During the past two years several changes proposed to that ordinance were designed to clarify some of the language in the subdivision section, but all those efforts failed at the town meeting level. The long-range planning committee might also recommend a moratorium.

The Budget Committee will start meeting in early October, and one of the first agenda items will be on how to start formulating the 2005/2006 budget given the tax cap question. The analysis of the tax cap impact is posted on the town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov). Debate in the final month before the election is likely to get heated and complicated. Voters are urged to get as much information as possible before voting.

Town Takes Back Garage

(Lamoine) — The town once again owns the former Nate & Marti Anderson garage. Selectmen voted to retain possession of the



576 square foot garage after the folks who purchased the house decided they wished to give back the garage to the community. Neil, Katheryn, Patty and Ralph Murphy moved the former home to Buttermilk Road.

Fire Chief Skip Smith approached the Murphys about possibly letting the fire department use the building for storage. The fire department holds an annual auction, and the chief felt the goods would be better suited for storage off-site instead of among the fire apparatus.

The Selectmen were to decide the final fate of the building in late September. There is presently no electricity to the building.

Gravel Pit Expansion Nears Decision

(Lamoine) — Harold MacQuinn, Inc. should find out in October whether they can proceed with expansion of a gravel extraction operation. The proposal would extend the excavation of a gravel pit near Lamoine Corner on Douglas Highway onto adjacent land owned by Ralph and Mary Miro. The Miros have entered an agreement with the company to excavate gravel.

MacQuinn submitted the proposal to expand the pit in May. The Planning Board informed the company it also needed a Site Plan Review

permit, and the two sides agreed that the fee for that permit would be based only on the additional acreage.

The Planning Board found in August that the Site Plan Review application was complete and set the public hearing for October 12th. Pending a successful completion of the Site Plan Review hearing and positive findings from the Planning Board, the project could receive both the Gravel Extraction and Site Plan Review permits either after the hearing or within 30-days. If approved, the permit would allow extraction on land the Miros had begun to excavate, but were fined heavily for failing to obtain an extraction permit.

Gravel Pit Renewals Sought

(Lamoine) — The Planning Board will deal with several gravel pit renewal applications. RF Jordan has asked that the excavation permit for the pit they purchased on Lamoine Beach Road be renewed, and the Board is expected to act on that request in October.

John W. Goodwin Jr. has also submitted an application to the Board for its October meeting. Renewal of the pit on Lamoine Beach Road could be complete by November. Goodwin also has a pit off Partridge Cove Road.

Several pits owned by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. also expire this fall.

Subdivision Application Designed

(Lamoine) — For many years now developers have had to submit their own application for a subdivision. Faced with increasingly confusing applications, the Planning Board felt it would be a good idea to devise a standard form for subdivision applications.

The initial draft was reviewed at a workshop in September, and a few changes suggested to that draft will be placed before the Board in October. If approved, the new application could begin use immediately.

A copy of the new application, if approved, will be posted on-line at www.lamoine-me.gov.

Selectmen Beef Up Traffic/Parking Ordinance

(Lamoine) — The town won't get into the parking ticket business anytime soon, but the teeth to do so should be on the books. After a number of complaints about worm harvesters parking in front of the fire hydrant on Douglas Highway, the Selectmen asked Hancock County's Chief Deputy to review the town's traffic control ordinance.

Chief Deputy Richard Bishop found a number of areas to improve the ordinance and responded back to the Selectmen. Among the major area missing in the ordinance was a ban on parking in front of the dry hydrants scattered around town. Bishop said if the fire trucks needed the hydrants in an emergency,

they could forcibly move the vehicles, but an ordinance would be better.

The changes proposed to the ordinance include establishing a 15-foot radius around the fire hydrants which cannot be occupied by a parked vehicle. It also better defines the present no-parking areas to coincide with the official road names and numbering system. Finally, it allows the Sheriff's department to train local parking enforcement officers should the town desire.

The Traffic Control Ordinance is one of the few that the Selectmen can enact and amend without having to go to town meeting. The final amendments were set for Sept. 30th.



A Little Close

The new traffic ordinance would prohibit parking within 15-feet of marked fire hydrants. The worm harvester's vehicle above would technically be in violation.

Selectmen Purchase Insurance For Volunteers

(Lamoine) — Volunteers acting on behalf of the town now have some coverage if they are injured or (gulp!) killed doing work for the town. A new policy option from Maine Municipal Association will help cover gaps in case of injury. The total cost to the town was just under \$200 for the dozens of volunteers who serve on boards and committees, but are not compensated, and therefore not covered by Workers Comp Insurance.

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Permit Issuance On Par With Last Year

(Lamoine) — As the end of September approaches, Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford reports he has issued a total of 60-construction permits for 2004. In 2003, the CEO had issued 64 permits by the end of September. Permits issued since the last edition of the Lamoine Quarterly are as follows:

#	Name	Project
31	Wayne Lawrence	Steps to Shore
34	R. Fennelly Sr.	Slab
35	B & L Eaton	Addition
36	A. Stapleton	Manufactured Home
37	S. Workman	Garage Addition
38	Anne Smith	Deck
39	R & O Mikes	Lean-To Addition
40	Randall Simons	Residence, Garage
41	D & L Goodrich	Steps to Shore
42	Jessie Butler	Addition to Garage
43	D & K Overlock	Residence, Garage
44	Peter Farrell	Playhouse
45	Brian McDonald	Breezeway
46	Wayne Wright	Residence
47	Lance Landon	Convert to residence
48	Barbara Davis	Residence
49	Lynn Tscheiller	Hoop House
50	Hamm/Kimball	RV on n/c lot
51	Herb Watson	Barn
52	K & D Theall	Residence
53	Kim Murphy	Addition to Store
54	Peter Mayo	Car Port
55	J & K Olsen	Residence
56	Frank Foisy	Shed

Long Range Planning Committee Seated

(Lamoine) - The call went out for volunteers during the summer, and Lamoiniacs came through. Instead of whittling down willing volunteers for Lamoine's new Long Range Planning Committee, the Board of Selectmen appointed all who said they'd like to help out. That means a committee of over 20-people and a lot of interesting discussion.

Selectmen appointed government insiders and outsiders alike to the committee, but with no stated goal other than to come up with a scope of work by the end of October. Serving will be George Crawford (Public Works Study Committee), Tammy Dickey (School Committee), Dennis Ford (Code Enforcement Officer), Jane Fowler (Assessor), Jay Fowler (Board of Appeals, Public Works Study Committee), Perry Fowler (Selectman), Michael Garrett (Planning Board, committee secretary), Ray Graham (citizen), Bethany Hanson (citizen), Brett Jones (Planning Board and committee chair), Michael Jordan (Fire Department), Lance Landon (citizen), Dale Macurdy (citizen), Bonnie Marckoon (School Building Committee), Reginald McDevitt (Public Works Study Committee, Board of Appeals, Budget Committee), Kathleen Rybarz (citizen), George Smith (Fire Chief), Fred Stocking (Conservation Commission, committee vice chair), Chris Tadema-Wielandt (Appeals Board, Public Works Study Committee), Lynda Tadema-Wielandt (Conservation Commission), Jack Thibeault (citizen), John Wuorinen (Appeals Board, Public Works Study Committee, Cable TV Committee), and Joe Young (Budget

Committee & Fire Department). The initial meeting with the Selectmen in September saw committee members express where they felt the town should explore.

The committee will attempt to set its goals for October, and perhaps break out into subcommittees to gather information and ideas on the many subject areas.

57 Leon Sargent	Workshop
58 K & C Fredette	Residence, Deck
59 Joanne Parkinson	Residence
60 P & L Trepanier	Shed

A complete, running list of all the permits issued is maintained on the town's website (<http://www.lamoine-me.gov/Town%20Hall/Permit%20Index.htm>). Several applicants have taken advantage of the construction permit application which is also posted on the website.

Lamoine Gets Grant to Study Water

By Fred Stocking & Carol Korty, Conservation Commission

Maine is a state rich in natural materials that provides the support for a diverse economy. These resources are subject to multiple uses. The Freshwater Initiative proposes to look at one specific area of shared use: sand and gravel deposits. These deposits are a legacy of the glaciers that melted away 10,000 years ago. Contained within this geological material are large quantities of high quality groundwater. Since sand and gravel resources cover less than 5% of the state, an important concern is how to balance resource consumption and drinking water conservation.

There are over 3,000 public water supply wells in Maine and many thousands of private wells. Many of the highest-yielding wells are constructed in sand and gravel. According to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, there are currently 160 active sand and gravel pits in the state. The pits are distributed unevenly and some towns may have up to 14 active pits within their borders. Although sand and gravel pit

operations have been compliant with state environmental regulations, the long-term effects of mining on groundwater is unknown.

Groundwater is an important resource for drinking water in rural areas. Researchers from the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research at the University of Maine are studying these relationships in the towns of Lamoine, Hancock, and Ellsworth to evaluate how well the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's rules work. This effort is part of a state-wide program to understand how human activities affect water resources. We are beginning our project in Lamoine, Hancock and Ellsworth because of the existence of a comprehensive groundwater study completed in 1983 for the Lamoine area. The baseline study will give us a useful reference to understand how groundwater conditions have changed over 20 years.

The study received \$5,000 in funding from two environmental foundations to help match the work from the Mitchell Center.

College Project Yields High Quality Maps

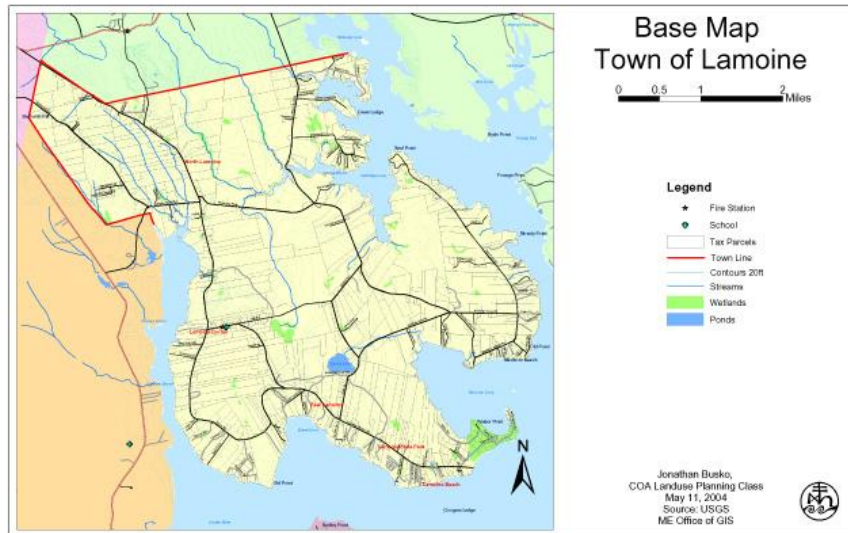
(Bar Harbor) - A college course at Bar Harbor's College of the Atlantic has paid nice dividends to the Town of Lamoine. The Land Use Planning class at COA used mapping information from the town and prepared a vast array of maps for the town to use.

Several years ago the College took the town's tax maps and converted them to digital

information. From that base, the students were then able to overlay various studies and show things such as exactly where the aquifer lies, where the mapped gravel pits are located, what types of soils are located in a particular area, and even where the wildlife lives.

The maps are being put into a display case at the Town Hall for review by any member of the public who wishes to view them. The Conservation Commission which cooperated closely with the students feels the maps will be particularly helpful in the Long Range Planning process.

The maps were also preserved in computer format and can be viewed easily on a computer. Long Range Planning Chair Brett Jones has copied the files from the CD ROM provided by COA for distribution to committee members and the Planning Board.



The Base Map

One of the many maps from College of the Atlantic Students which help show what Lamoine Land Uses are in place

County Secession Debated Among MDI Communities

State Valuation Increases Sharply— New Values Coming

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Tax Rate Falls For 04/05

(Lamoine) — New building projects approved in the last two years are credited with lowering the property tax rate in Lamoine by 2/10 of a mil. The Board of Assessors set the tax rate at 13.8 mills, compared to 14.0 mills last year. That's a 1.4% decrease, or a \$20 savings on a property valued at \$100,000.

The town increased its local valuation by 4.3 million dollars thanks to new construction projects. The total tax commitment, the amount of property taxes needed to run the town, rose about \$38,000 this year. Taxes are due October 31st.

Parks Ordinance Developed

(Lamoine) — Selectmen are accepting comment on a proposed Parks Ordinance currently under development. The basic draft came from the Conservation Commission and passed through the Planning Board unchanged. The Selectmen planned a public hearing on the ordinance development on September 30th, with an eye toward putting the measure to town meeting in March 2005. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the town's website: www.lamoine-me.gov.

The ordinance, among other things, would establish a Parks Commission to carry out the various aspects of the rules.

(Lamoine) — Municipalities on Mount Desert Island may explore secession from Hancock County following a League of Towns meeting held in Lamoine in September. Led by Mt. Desert Selectman Patrick Smallidge, community leaders say they're not getting services in return for the tax money contributed to the county coffers. Three of the four towns on MDI run their own police department and rarely use the services of the Sheriff's Department. All the communities have their own emergency dispatchers, separate from the county's Regional Communications Center.

Because of high property values, the MDI Communities pay a significant share of the county tax. Lamoine will pay \$93,276.09 for the county tax this year. The town does not have a police department or dispatching operation and relies on the county for such services.

Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon told the meeting he did not intend to place secession on a Selectmen's agenda unless requested to do so by the Selectmen. He asked Mr. Smallidge where services such as the jail and registry of deeds would come from. Mr. Smallidge said they would put the service out to bid.

Storage Area Cleaned

(Lamoine) — If you ventured into the Town Hall late one week in July, you would have seen a disaster area. The back storage area is no longer in disarray thanks to purchase of new storage shelving and some reorganizing by town staff. Four sets of shelves now hold office supplies, tools and road gear.

(Lamoine) — The State Property Tax Division says Lamoine should be worth \$159,800,000 in aggregate taxable property for 2005. That's up \$15,350,000 from the 2004 valuation, or a 9.2% increase in land values.

In the same report, the state figures that the assessment ratio (the local value vs. the state valuation) has fallen to approximately 67%. Unofficial tracking of sales since April 1, 2004 show that on average, the assessed value is running about 42% of the sale price!

When the assessment ratio falls below 70%, towns are supposed to go through the revaluation process, and that is planned for this winter. The town will perform what's called a factored revaluation. RJD Appraisal, the company that does much of the valuation work, will compare actual sale prices to the current valuation and figure out factors to increase the parcel values to better reflect current market prices. The process will cost the town \$18,000.00.

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More than Water for Conservation Cmsn

The Conservation Commission is currently hard at work on a number of water related projects. (see the article on page 3 for more details)

Currently this work involves coordinating volunteers to do some of the legwork to gather the current data on wells over Lamoine's sand and gravel aquifer and working with Teresa Thornton of the Mitchell Center. If you have some time to volunteer, contact Carol Korty (667-4441)

To put some of this work in perspective, Andrew Tolman, the head of the drinking water section of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, will come to the Lamoine School on Wednesday, October 20th at 7 pm. to talk about "Maine's Drinking Water— the next 25 years." After his talk, Ms. Thornton will speak briefly about the Freshwater Initiative.

The Commission has formed a Recycling Subcommittee, which will look into how to increase both recycling rates in Town and markets for recycled portions of Lamoine's waste stream. Anyone interested in helping should contact Tom Spruce (667-7213). The Commission sold several Earth Machine composters and the project may be repeated next year.

The Conservation Commission meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the second Wednesday of every month. The Commission always sets aside a period of time to listen to the concerns of those attending.

School Building On State Study List

(Lamoine) — State officials will visit the Lamoine School sometime before January to see how the town fares in comparison, and whether the state will pay for school renovations. In a letter received September 3rd, Scott Brown of the Department of Education said 63 other applications came in for the 2003/04 rating cycle. It's expected that only a handful of schools will qualify for the limited amount of school construction/renovation money available.

During the mid 1990's, Lamoine was ranked at the top of the priority list. Voters, though, rejected a renovation project that included sizable state funding.

Computers Upgraded

(Lamoine) — A computer hard drive started to disintegrate in the Town Clerk's office in August, destroying about 30-days of data, and causing some heartburn. Thankfully, the files with the past 4-years of work on the same hard drive were backed up and quickly recovered.

Computer guru Brett Jones who likes to rebuild old, discarded computers from time to time, had a couple he donated to the town hall. The new computer in the clerk's office works much faster than the old one, and a new public computer was installed, offering boards and the general public high speed Internet access.

Transfer Station Passes State Inspection

(Lamoine) — No news is good news when it comes to the annual transfer station inspection from the Department of Environmental Protection. Inspector Karen Knuuti reports there are no deficiencies of note at the recycling center. Last year the town had to pay for cleanup of contaminated soils around the former metals pile, putting the transfer station operation over budget for the year.



A Smoother Ride In

The ride into the Lamoine Transfer Station/Recycling Center took a turn for the better this summer after a paving job by Doug Gott & Sons. The town shares the road entrance with the Gotts who agreed to pave it at no charge.

Hazardous Waste Collection Popular

(Somesville) — The eight permits allocated to Lamoine went quickly as residents looking for ways to get rid of hazardous waste had a relatively easy solution. The MDI League of Towns and the Hancock County Planning Commission co-sponsored a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection scheduled for October 2nd in Somesville. Lamoine had 8-permits allocated on a first come/first served basis. The Selectmen voted to offer the permits for free, with the town paying up to \$50/each for disposal costs.

Those seeking permits after the supply was exhausted were referred to permit holders and encouraged to pool the HHW for the collection. The waste included oil paint, motor oil, gasoline, pesticides, herbicides, and other fluids and solids. It does not include old TV's and computer monitors. Those can be disposed of at Environ the 1st Saturday of each month in Hancock. A new flyer explains that.

Historical Society News *By Susan Wuorinen*

(Lamoine) — Lamoine Historical Society had a busy summer. Members have worked many Saturday mornings doing an inventory as the first phase of cataloging the entire collection. Because there is no heat in our building, we will retreat to Anne Stocking's house for the winter months and continue working on the paper archives. The Society received a \$1300 grant from the Maine State Archives for archival storage materials, such as acid-free folders and boxes. Our thanks to Anne Stocking for her professional work on the grant application. The Society will need to match the grant with in-kind volunteer time and with matching funds.

The Society held a number of special programs and events. At the July "World War II Memory Fest" many long-time residents came with their own memories of this era. Stories of few houses in town with indoor plumbing, home vegetable gardens, the exodus of most of the male population to factories or war, air raid wardens patrolling the roads and military war exercises at Lamoine Beach told of a very different Lamoine in the early 1940's. Veterans Jim Tweedie and Maurice

Googins shared their stories, as well. In August, Bob Havey and Jim Torrey from Old Creamery Antiques in Ellsworth presented a program on appraising antiques and did free appraisals for those attending. Also in August, Carol Ackerman organized the annual "Potluck Concert" at the Meeting House to benefit the Building Fund, and the Lamoine Baptist Church held its annual service there the next day. In September Rebecca Cole-Will, Abbe Museum Curator spoke at the Annual Meeting about early Native American archaeological sites along the coast, followed by a pie and ice cream social.

Officers for the upcoming year will be: President Jo Cooper, Vice-President Anne Stocking, Treasurer Walt McFarland, Recording Secretary Marion McFarland, and Corresponding Secretary Susan Wuorinen.

The Historical Society plans to meet throughout the winter on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Dues are \$10 a year. The next scheduled meeting is October 27. Contact Marion McFarland (667-8893), Anne Stocking (667-6564) or Jo Cooper (667-7062) for more information on the Historical Society.

Road Mowing Contract Bid Awarded

(Lamoine) — Some years its like pulling teeth to try to find someone to mow the roadsides. This summer, though, three parties submitted bid prices for the job. The contract initially went to George Smith of Milford, but he had to decline after finding out liability insurance would be too costly to make it worth his while.

The bid was then awarded to E. Skip Grindle of Ellsworth, who was the next low bidder. Lamoine resident George Crawford also bid on the project and had a slightly higher estimate than Mr. Grindle. The wet weather for most of the summer meant higher grass than usual to mow this year.

Road Projects Planned for October

(Lamoine) — Two roads will see the bulk of the repair work performed in Lamoine this fall. Shore Road will have several culverts replaced and shoulders shaped up. The biggest project will be replacement of a 3-foot diameter cross culvert that has started to wash out. Guardrails will also be installed after the new culvert goes in.

On Seal Point Road, a couple of cross culverts will be replaced, improving drainage, especially near the Sugarbush drive area. Water backed up last winter and froze, causing quite a bit of erosion to that part of the road. Several potholes along the road will be patched as well.

Trash Disposal Increases

(Lamoine) — A harsh reality in municipal government is that more residents equals more trash. As the town's state valuation rose about 9-percent, so did the trash disposal. Through September of 2004, residents had thrown out 582 tons of solid waste which was transported to the PERC trash to energy plant in Orrington. That's an increase of 50-tons, or 9.11% from 2003.

The amount of trash thrown out for the entire 2003 calendar year was 732 tons, which represented an increase of 13-percent from the previous year!

Residents are encouraged to recycle more. An extra dumpster for recycled cardboard was added to the transfer station in the past year. A flyer is posted on-line with recycling info.

New Fire & Rescue Truck Under Construction

(Lamoine) — The chassis has arrived in Island Falls, Maine and construction starts soon on the rest of Lamoine's newest addition to the fire fleet. The new rescue/pumper truck, approved twice by voters, should be delivered sometime in February 2005.

Colwell Diesel of Ellsworth won the bid for the chassis for \$65,756.50, and K & T Fire Equipment of Island Falls was the lone bidder for the body at \$134,244.00. The two bids combined are 50-cents over the amount raised at the town meeting for the new rig.

The new truck will feature storage space for the various pieces of rescue equipment the fire department hauls to the scenes of fires and car accidents. That equipment has been spread among several trucks and consolidation will greatly ease accident response. That equipment includes the cutting jaws, thermal imaging camera, defibrillator, gas detector, chainsaws, brooms, oil spill kit, lighting and several airpacks.

In addition to housing the rescue equipment the truck can also serve as a front line pumper truck at a fire call. It will greatly increase the department's flexibility.

The new truck will replace a 1975 American LaFrance pumper which will go up for sale when the 2005 pumper is delivered. Tom York of K & T Fire Equipment was optimistic the truck would sell easily, as it's still in good functioning condition. Proceeds from the sale of the truck will be plowed back into the town's fire truck reserve account which contributed \$25,000 to the new truck.



Contract Signing

Selectmen (front row l-r) Perry Fowler, Jo Cooper & Glenn Crawford join (back row, l-r) Tom York (K & T Fire Equipment), Fire Chief Skip Smith and Chief Engineer Mo Oliver at the fire station to sign the contract to complete building the new rescue pumper truck. Delivery is expected in February, 2005

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Heating Oil Spill Leads To Costly Cleanup

(Lamoine) — A Buttermilk Road home became the site of an expensive cleanup after a woodpile in the cellar fell, and knocked off the outlet from the heating fuel tank. The Lamoine Fire Department responded to the call and found about 100-gallons of fuel on the cellar floor. Firefighters helped scoop up what they could and put it into trash cans. A plumber had repaired the broken valve prior to arrival. The Department of Environmental Protection took over from there, hiring Clean Harbors to clean up the basement. Because of cracks in the floor, the fuel seeped into the dirt under the house and toward the sump pump. Tom Varney of the DEP said the cellar had to be dug up, the house aired out, and the cost was in the tens of



Mopping Up

Firefighters Kermit Theall, Mike Maxwell and Joe Young help clean up fuel oil spilled in a Buttermilk Road basement

Fire Department Gets Grant to Upgrade Boat

(Lamoine) — The Maine Emergency Management Agency approved over \$6,000 to upgrade Lamoine's rescue boat. Captain Carlton Johnson and Lt. Brett Jones will outfit the boat with a new radio & GPS unit as well as a steering console. The grant will also secure new rescue suits, lights and other gear. Lamoine has one of the only such equipped boats in the area with a trained rescue crew.

Auction Nets \$6,000

(Lamoine) — The fire department's annual auction in August was another winner, bringing in approximately \$6,000 to the department. The money raised this year will help replenish funds used to help purchase the new fire truck. The department pledged \$50,000 toward that purchase.

Volunteer Auctioneer Chas Hare of Stockton Springs once again led the bidding while firefighters gathered the goods sold.



Bidders & Firefighters Look Over Auction Goods

Illegal Dump Cleaned

(Lamoine) - Furniture, clothing and other trash started to appear on the vacant lot adjacent to the Lamoine Transfer Station during the summer. Resident trash hauler Rusty Boynton was hired to clean up the mess and haul it off to the Ellsworth Transfer Station. Illegal dumping has become more common as communities charge to throw away certain trash items. Anyone seeing such disposal taking place is urged to call the town office or the police.

Chowder Dinner October 16th

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department's annual clam chowder dinner will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2004 at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Chefs Albert and David Herrick will once again cook up their most excellent clam chowder. Tickets for the event are still \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Firefighters will sell tickets door to door on Sunday October 10th. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the dinner or in advance from the Town Office.

The dinner is one of the highlights of autumn in Lamoine and generally serves about 300 to 400 people.

thousands of dollars. The DEP maintains an insurance fund for such accidents, and the homeowners were able to use that fund for the cleanup.

Summer Quiet for Fire Calls

(Lamoine) — It was a relatively quiet summer in Lamoine for the Volunteer Fire Department. Only five calls, and 40-percent of those were for mutual aid.

County Ambulance called during the late hours of a Friday night for fire personnel to guide them to the right lot at Lamoine State Park for a female with a medical problem. In August, Lamoine personnel manned the Ellsworth station as that department responded to a serious automobile accident. The oil spill call (see article above) came in on August 28th.

September brought a mutual aid call to Trenton for a structure fire at a home under construction in that community. Lamoine sent the pumper and tanker and a half dozen personnel, and very little damage was done to the home thanks to a quick fire report by the carpenters on scene. A week later, fire personnel responded to a roll-over accident on Mud Creek Road. The remnants of a hurricane were coming through at the time with a pouring rain. Two people were injured in the mishap.

Just a reminder that all emergency calls, fire, police and ambulance, should now dial 9-1-1. The non-emergency number at the fire station is not manned.

Cable TV Channel Nearly Ready for Air

(Lamoine) - The equipment is ordered to start airing meetings from the Lamoine Town Hall on Adelphia Cable TV Channel 7. The town will purchase two cameras, controller and a switcher from JMAC in Bangor, which will also install the gear. They expect to have the installation done sometime in October. The town is currently running a bulletin board service on Channel 7, announcing meetings and upcoming events

Good Neighbor Helps Registrar

(Lamoine) — Registrar of Voters Shirley Love fell and injured a knee the first day of school and has been out of commission for a while. Shirley writes that her next door neighbor, 10-year old Cameron Crawford, has been a tremendous help. She said Cam has played cards, helped do dishes, taken out the trash, mowed the lawn and gets her mail and newspaper each day. Shirley's on the mend and should be at her post on Election Day, and says he's most thankful to Cameron who's the epitome of a good neighbor.

Town Office to Get Air Conditioning

Lamoine Dog Takes Top Honors

(Lamoine) — One of our favorite visitors at the town hall is Boris. He never complains about taxes, and he's always friendly. He usually drags his human, Carlton Johnson with him. Boris is now the World Champion Boatyard dog. At the annual trials in August,



Boris & Carlton
*Carlton Johnson ties a knot with
his boatyard champ Newfie Boris*
Photo from villagesoup.com

Boris faces surgery, though for a hip condition. His human says Boris should recover after three weeks and come back to defend the title. So far no lucrative endorsement deals have come their way. Johnson and Boris live on Shore Road where they operate Redfern Boat.

MOSES Arrives

Lots of Lamoiners Tie The Knot

(Lamoine) — Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs has issued a lot of marriage licenses this summer. Congratulations to the following couples:

Joseph Moretto and Shannon Mayhew were married on August 4th in Bar Harbor. They live on Douglas Highway.

Holly Fowler and Patrick Richardson were married on August 7th in Lamoine. They live in Massachusetts, but Holly grew up in town, and her family is well involved in town government.

Raymond Luce and Karen Lear were married in Trenton on August 21st. Karen lived in Lamoine for many years, but has relocated to Norridgewock following her marriage.

Frederick Cahn and Aija Kante were married on August 19th in Ellsworth. Aija grew up in Latvia and is an accomplished cellist. Fredi is a musician and airline pilot who's lived for most of his life in Lamoine

John Burnett and Margaret Boshko were married in Hancock on August 20th. Mrs. Burnett is a teacher at the Lamoine School, and Mr. Burnett runs an auto repair facility at their home on Lamoine Beach Road.

Patrick Richard and Sara Patten were married in Lamoine on August 29th. They make their home on Shore Road where Sara grew up.

Andrew Jensen and Janna-Margaret Duym were married at her parent's home in Marlboro on July 10th. Janna also grew up in Lamoine, her husband is from Orrington.

(Lamoine) — The installation of the new cable TV transmission equipment in the front office at the Town Hall has made that room very hot. Selectmen sought estimates from cooling companies for air conditioning, but the two contacted do not perform the carpentry or electrical work to install them

The Selectmen have opted instead to purchase an air conditioner for that office and use a donated one for the town clerk's office (it gets quite warm in there on summer afternoons). Richard Tupper of Douglas Highway planned to cut the holes in the walls to install both units the first weekend in October.

The town may have to look at the electrical system if the new air conditioners start to use a lot of power. The town has a 100 -amp entrance, and a lot more electrical gear since the building was first renovated in the early 1990's.

(Lamoine) - Just in time for hunting season, the Lamoine Town Office has converted to an on-line license sales operation called MOSES. Standing for Maine Online Sportsmen's Electronic System, the computer program allows the town office staff to immediately enter licenses into the state system and generate computer printed licenses. It should speed up the licensing process a bit, and ensure accurate information is sent to the state. Anyone who's purchased a license in the last 10-years is already entered in the system, and it's just a matter of finding the person in the state system, and determining what they would like to purchase for a license.

Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs, Assistant Clerk Kathy DeFusco and Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon all took a day to train on the system in Bangor in September. Several license sales on line succeeded. The system has been in development by the state since about 1995 and many communities and sporting goods stores have started to sell licenses this way.

Richard Brey and Christa Lyle were married on September 9th in Rockport. They reside on Douglas Highway

Davin O'Connell and Sara Hurd were married in Northeast Harbor on September 25th. The high-school sweethearts live at their newly constructed home on Old Schoolhouse Lane.

A few babies arrived during the quarter.

Laura Catherine Jude was born on July 7th at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. Mom and Dad (Pat & Marcia) live on Shore Road next to Grammie and Grampy (Dick & Mary Jude).

Olivia Rose Fowler was born in Ellsworth on September 2nd, necessitating Dad's absence at that evening's Selectmen's meeting. Olivia is the 2nd child for Selectman Perry Fowler and his wife Heather. Grandparents Jay and Jane Fowler have had a busy summer (see daughter Holly's marriage above!). Big brother Ross Fowler is quite fond of his new sister.

Matthew Harrison Jones is the newest arrival on September 19th. He's the son of Brett Jones and Dr. Patricia Wyshack (Jones). Dad kids us about how many times his name appears in the *Lamoine Quarterly*, but that's what happens when you do good work for the town and serve on lots of committees. Matthew joins his big sister Madison at their Seal Point Road home.

One passing to report during the past quarter. **Kevin Whitaker** died at his Shore Road home on September 1st. He leaves behind his mother Katherine and sister Wendi Meyer in Lamoine. Kevin's father, Warren, moderated Lamoine's Town Meetings for many years.



Where's the Queen?

Clarissa Allen (left) peers through binoculars toward Bar Harbor on September 27th to see the Queen Mary II. It was hard to see, but Lamoine Students (right) took a bus to Bar Harbor for a close up.

October 2004 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4-7PM Budget Cmte 7PM School Board	5-7PM Long Range Planning @ School	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Fire Dept.	8	9
10	11-Office Closed (Columbus Day)	12-6:30 PM Planning Board	13-7PM Conservation Commission	14-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	15	16-5PM Fire Dept Chowder Dinner
17	18	19	20	21-6:30 PM Board of Appeals 7PM Fire Dept	22	23
24	25	26-7PM Long Range Planning @ School	27	28-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	29	30-Taxes Due
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-7PM School Board	2-10am-8pm Election Day	3-7PM Board of Assessors	4-7PM Fire Dept	5	6
7	8-7PM Planning Board	9	10-7PM Conservation Commission	11-Office Closed 7PM Fire Dept	12	13
14	15-10AM Postal Workers	16	17	18-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	19	20
21	22	23	24-7PM Fire Dept.	25-Office Closed— Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30				

December 2004-Lamoine Schedule

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Meeting Dates are subject to change. Check the calendar at www.lamoine-me.gov for the latest schedule.			1-7PM Assessors	2-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	3	4
5	6-7PM School Committee	7-7PM Planning Board	8-7PM Conservation Commission	9-7PM Fire Dept	10	11
12	13	14	15	16-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	17	18
19	20	21	22	23-PM Fire Dept	24-Town Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)	25
26	27	28	29	30-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	31-Town Office Closed (New Year Holiday)	

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