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Voters to Decide School Renovations, Addition, January 23rd

(Lamoine) - For over 5-years the school committee's building sub-committee has been looking at the needs of the Lamoine Consolidated School. On Tuesday, January 23, 2007 the culmination of that effort goes to voters who will decide a pair of questions. Should both questions be approved, the town will borrow \$3,396,610 to renovate the existing school health and safety systems, and build a classroom/gymnasium addition onto the school.

The vote comes nearly 10-years to the date of the last time a school renovation project was voted upon. In March of 1996 voters rejected a \$1.5 million renovation project at the school by a 3:2 ratio, despite the promise of state funding when Lamoine came to the top of the school construction funding list.

This time, the state is helping with the renovation part only—in the form of a no interest loan, with 30% of it

forgiven, leaving \$456,610 to repay over 10-years. The remainder of the loan, \$2.94 million, would be financed with a 20-year bond.

The School Committee requested to know what the impact on property taxes would be should the questions pass. Making some broad assumptions that a typical residential property is valued at \$225,000 and that the municipal valuation remains steady at last year's \$233 million dollar level, the average year would see a 1.004 mill increase in taxes should both questions pass. The 2006/07 mill rate is 7.0, so this would be roughly a 14% increase on average if the rest of the municipal budget and the valuation were to stay the same. A more thorough analysis of the impact is posted on the town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov).

The Planning Process

After the rejection of a bond in 1996, the school committee took a few years to regroup. It conducted a building needs

study in the 1990's which showed numerous deficiencies at the present school. The state's revolving loan program prioritizes the most serious problems, and that portion of the bond package will fix the heating, electrical, septic, water, lighting, and other basic safety matters. The building committee then conducted a prioritization survey of town officials, staff, and other groups to come up with the community's needs. Tops on the list—a usable gymnasium, getting rid of portable classrooms, adequate parking space, and security for the school campus.

A public forum was held last October, and input, both positive and negative was gathered from those who attended. At the forum, safety was identified as the number one priority—a new gym was a bit further down the list for several of those attending. Campus security and getting rid of portable classrooms drew a lot of interest.

With both parts of information in hand, the building committee hired Oak Point Associates to put together the plans to submit to the state and ultimately the voters of Lamoine. Large scale copies of the plan are on display at the school—smaller versions posted on line.

What Do We Get for the Money?

The plans presented by the architects call for three new classrooms and sale of the portable classrooms. A new, steel building gymnasium with a stage is included in the addition project. The entire parking and entrance scheme for the school is reconfigured to accommodate far more vehicles in areas that are now being used as student playground areas. This portion would be paid for with the \$2.94 million dollar bond.

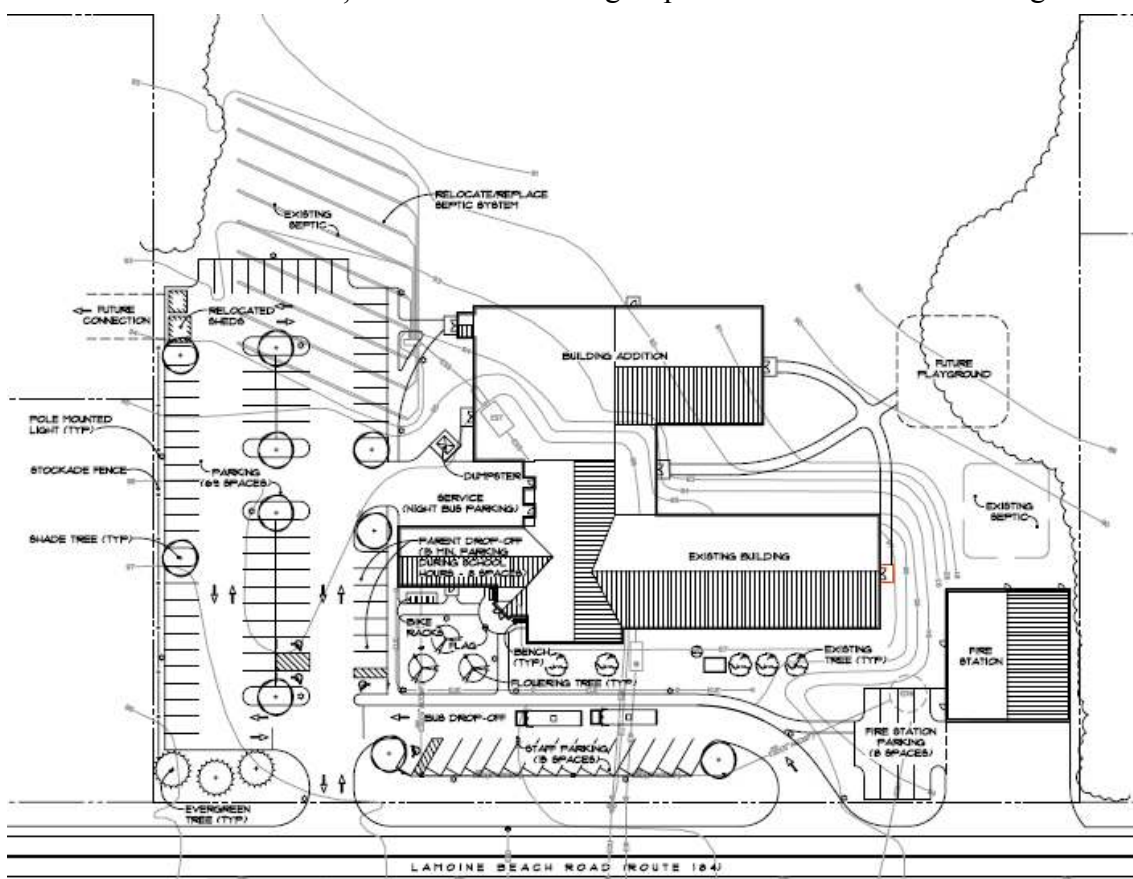
The state's renovation loan part will fix the water and sewer systems, building wiring, lights, and the heating system. Some of the construction items are contained in both projects, and economies of scale from doing both projects at the same time come into play in arriving at a final budget figure.

The Election Process

The Selectmen signed a special town meeting warrant prepared by the School's Bond Counsel on December 7th.

Before the referendum vote, there will be a public hearing on January 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the school. This, while required by law, is also the opportunity for citizens to ask questions about the plans, the cost, and make comments favorable or not about the process in general. No changes can be made to the town meeting question at this point because absentee ballots have already been made available and cast.

The voting day is Tuesday, January 23rd at the town office from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The two loan questions are the only questions on the ballot. Yes votes were recommended by the Selectmen and School Committee.



The Proposed Layout

Shown is the architect rendering of the proposed Lamoine Consolidated School Campus should the renovation and building addition bonds pass in January.

Building Addition True Community Center

(Lamoine) - The proposed building plan at the Lamoine School goes beyond the educational needs of the town. It addresses some serious community needs as well.

The proposed gym has locker room and shower facilities. Besides the obvious hygiene for students and athletes, this could come in handy for emergency situations such as widespread power outages. The gym is also much larger than the current facility, which could accommodate more people at town meetings. Space is limited now, it's difficult to hear at any meetings in the

gym, and parking is a dangerous matter. The parking lot configuration under the proposal will accommodate many more vehicles, eliminating the need to park on Route 184 in the way of traffic and in the dark.

The library would move to the east wing of the school, allowing for a possible community library in the future. The Historical Society plans to store many archival materials in the library space. The building will have just a single main entrance to better monitor those coming and going, but the gym will have its own entrance for after hours activities.

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Draft Ready For Public Review

(Lamoine) - A revamped, easier to use Shoreland Zoning Ordinance goes before voters in the spring of 2007. The Planning Board has put together the final revisions to the ordinance and is in the spelling and grammar checking process.

Lamoine's ordinance has remained unchanged since 1993. The State Planning Office has required communities to update their ordinances in the next year to make sure they meet new state guidelines. To that end the Planning Board has been working for more than a year to update the current ordinance. The latest draft version, released on December 18th is the eleventh draft from the board which is attempting to put together an ordinance that is acceptable to the state and to local shore property owners.

The proposed changes will be presented to a public meeting on

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 7PM at the Town Hall. The ordinance will be voted on by secret ballot referendum on Tuesday, March 6th during the annual town meeting voting.

Among the highlights of the new ordinance are clarification of the non-conforming structure section, addition of a pathways definition, addition of a private drive definition, clarification that bunkhouses will not be allowed in the Shoreland Zone, clarification of Coastal Bluff measurements as defined by the state, prohibition of mining in the Shoreland Zone, shifting timber harvesting to state regulation, a complete rewrite of the tree clearing section, and new permit fee section, which may raise the price for some projects, but significantly lower the cost for small structures within the Shoreland Zone.

Shoreland Case Settled, Building Moved

(Lamoine) - A Meadow Point Road property owner has paid a \$2,500 fine, the town's legal fees and moved a cabin that was replaced in violation of the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford cited the owners of the James Tweedie Trust property last March for replacement of the cabin without a Shoreland and building permit, ordering work to halt while a permit was sought.

The Planning Board turned down the permit, saying the size increase exceeded ordinance limits. The Appeals Board upheld that finding.

Selectmen pressed ahead with the case, and entered a consent agreement with the owners to pay the fines and fees and resolve the case. The owners submitted a new application, moving the cabin to the proper setback from the shore to conform with the ordinance.

Jordan Appointed Deputy Code Officer

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have opted to hire Shore Road resident Michael Jordan as the town's deputy code enforcement officer after a discussion of several months. The focus of the discussion was whether a Planning Board member could also serve as a Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. A careful review of the various ordinances in Lamoine found no instances where the Planning

Board supervised or could override a CEO decision. Jordan serves as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

There were two applicants for the job—the other did not show up for the final interview with Selectmen. Jordan is a self employed contractor and a member of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department and has been a life-long resident of Lamoine.

Eight Lot Subdivision Planned

(Lamoine) - An 8-lot subdivision proposed by modular home dealer Wayne Wright goes to public hearing on January 2nd before Lamoine's Planning Board. The development is located on Route 204 (Partridge Cove Road), and is part of a lot Wright purchased several months ago.

The Planning Board found the application complete in December and notices have been sent by certified mail to abutting property owners. The hearing starts at 6:45 PM at the town hall. The subdivision will be the first with an underground water storage tank and fire hydrant as required by recent changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance. Wright has built several homes in Lamoine, especially on Walker Road.

Shore Road Subdivision On Hold

(Lamoine) - A Massachusetts developer is exploring several options in regard to a subdivision proposed off the head of Shore Road. Sno-Drum LLC is working through CES of Brewer, and submitted plans on several occasions last summer and fall to the Planning Board. The Board has yet to find any of the applications complete, and no new plans have been submitted to the Planning Board in recent months.

At issue seems to be the entrance onto Shore Road which is very close proximity to the intersection with Douglas Hwy/Lamoine Beach Road (Route 184). A revised subdivision plan may be submitted during the winter and spring months. The Planning Board has not taken any action on the proposal recently.

Town Goof Creates Improper Lots

(Lamoine) - Selectmen will ask the town's attorney to draw up a consent agreement with Anthony & Elizabeth Belch to allow building within the Shoreland Zone at the Boulder Cove Subdivision. Four shorefront lots approved by the Planning Board several years ago do not have the proper shore frontage to meet the Lamoine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

When the Planning Board got the design for the subdivision, the shore frontage for the four lots was shown as well over 200-foot minimum while walking the meandering shoreline. However, the ordinance requires a straight "pin to pin" measurement, both at the shorefront and 100-feet back, and that measurement is less than the 200-foot minimum. The subdivision was approved in November, 2004. The Belches have used the shorefront lots as collateral, while building some homes in the subdivision.

The Selectmen sought advice from Maine Municipal Association (MMA) and the Planning Board in how to correctly handle the matter. The Planning Board was unanimous in its recommendation that a consent agreement to allow the lots to be built on despite the lack of adequate frontage. The State Department of Environmental Protection will be consulted before any agreement is finalized.

Gott Pit Renewals Expected

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board is expected to approve renewal of several gravel pits owned or operated by Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. of Southwest Harbor. The Board conducted a site visit in December in anticipation of the vote to renew on January 2nd. No objections to renewal have come from the public in the presentations to the board. Board members asked about groundwater level measurements at the December meeting.

Home Occupation Permits Granted

(Lamoine) - Small business is booming in Lamoine. The Planning Board has issued a total of six home occupation permits this past year. Home occupations are businesses normally conducted in a residential setting that employ no more than two people other than immediate family members.

Permits granted last quarter include Charles Weber for a farming operation on Douglas Highway, David Worcester for a glass service storage area on Walker Road, and Arthur Ashmore for an electrician's business on Buttermilk Road. The Planning Board has posted a relatively new application for home occupations. Permits are issued at no cost.

Town Meeting Set for March 6th & 7th

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s Annual Town Meeting will take place the first Tuesday and Wednesday in March as usual. Selectmen set March 6th as the annual municipal officers’ election and Wednesday the 7th as the open town meeting. Voting will take place from 10AM until 8PM at the Town Office on the 6th. The open town meeting will begin at 6:00 PM at the Lamoine School Gym. Absentee ballots for the municipal election will be available on February 2, 2007.

This year will see a majority of the Lamoine School Committee elected again. The terms of Tammy Dickey and

Faith Perkins expire, and the resignation of Nancy Sargent last fall created a vacancy temporarily filled by Cathleen Goebel. That will be filled for a two year term at the March 6th election. Mrs. Sargent, who stepped down because she took a job with another school in Union 92, has left that position and taken out papers to run.

Two Selectmen will also be elected in March. The terms of Richard Fennelly Jr. and Perry Fowler expire at this town meeting. Mr. Fowler has indicated that he does not intend to run for re-election. One Assessors position is also up for election—the incumbent, Jane Fowler has indicated she intends to run for re-election.

Nomination Papers Available

(Lamoine) - For a person’s name to appear on the annual town meeting ballot, a nominating petition must be submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office. Papers are currently available, and must be turned in no later than January 19, 2007.

Petitions must contain the signatures of at least 25 registered voters in the Town of Lamoine. There is no longer a limit on how many petitions a voter may sign. Candidates who turn in the required papers will be listed alphabetically on the ballot.

Overdraft Questions Likely

(Lamoine) - At least one and possibly three questions to approve overdrafts of the current fiscal year budgets will be presented to town meeting voters in March. The confirmed overdraft will be in the code enforcement budget to cover a larger than budgeted salary line. Selectmen and CEO Dennis Ford negotiated a new contract last June that reflects compensation at the prevailing rate in other communities for the hours being worked in Lamoine. That salary exceeded the budget by about \$4,000.

The other two budgets that will possibly be exceeded are the administration budget (for a railing to be installed on the ramp), and the roads budget for work on Seal Point Road. Final cost figures will be needed for both projects to appropriately word the questions.

Permits Issued

(Lamoine) - The following building permits have been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Board:

Nbr.	Name	Type
60	Robert Tilden	Garage
61	Laurence Lovett	Addition
62	Gary Young	Garage
63	Thomas O’Neill	Residence
64	Brent Hutchins	Residence
65	Paul Frederick	Garage
66	Ronald Simons	Residence
67	Richard Fisher	Deck
68	Gordon Williams	Cabin
69	Reginald McDevitt	Shed
70	Frank Zito	Garage
71	Terry Towne	Deck
72	Charles Weber	Farm Building
73	Arthur Ashmore	Sign
74	David Worcester	Home Occupation
75	Nat Fenton	Drive in SZ

Annual Audit Delivered

(Lamoine) - The folks who audit the town’s finances have released the audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006. No problems were found in the audit according to the management letter sent to the Selectmen who received copies of the audit in December.

The audit showed the town ended the year with an undesignated fund balance (surplus) of \$440,000 in the general fund. That was higher than expected and will help to keep any tax commitment for the municipal side of the budget below state limitations.

An electronic copy of the audit is posted on the town’s website.

Assessors to Attempt 1/4 Review

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s elected Board of Assessors will attempt to review a quarter of the roughly 1,300 property cards in town this spring to make sure the data is accurate. This process was previously performed by RJD Appraisal in preparation for the factored revaluation that took place effective April 1, 2005.

In a presentation to the town’s budget committee, the Assessors (Jane Fowler, Terry Towne, Colene Sharkey) said the quarter review work often duplicates the annual appraisal list compiled by RJD. They said costs from the outside appraisal agency are increasing and proposed a budget that reflects a salary increase for the elected board, and eliminates the quarter review line for FY 2007/08.

Assessors said any large projects picked up in the review area would be referred to the appraisers as part of the spring valuation work.

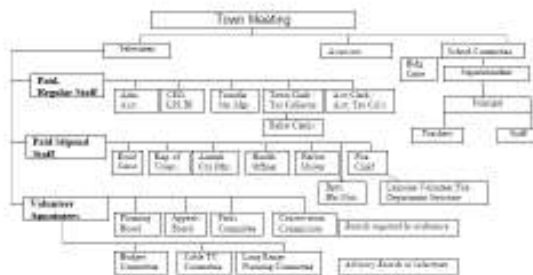
Harbor Ordinance Vote Likely in March

(Lamoine) - An update to the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance will likely come up for a vote at the annual town meeting in March. A series of proposed changes from Harbor Master Gerald Ford was presented to the Selectmen last July. Among the proposed changes are an increase in the fee from \$15/year/mooring to \$50/year/mooring. Language would be added to the ordinance to clarify that mooring permits are not transferable. Tender craft left on the beach would be required to display the mooring number.

One provision requiring permit holders to be 18-years old may be revised. A public hearing that will coincide with any other referenda public hearings will be scheduled by the Selectmen, and copies of the proposed ordinance changes will soon be available.

Policy Manual Updated, On Line

1. Organizational Chart – Town of Lamoine, Maine



The town’s organizational chart is at the front of the policy manual and shows how town government is set up.

(Lamoine) - Ever wonder if the Town of Lamoine has a policy on a particular matter? You can find out on the town’s website now. All of the various town policies (and there are a lot of them that have passed over the years) have been compiled into one document. They’re also posted under the town hall heading at the website (www.lamoine-me.gov).

Written copies are available for inspection as well at the Town Hall, the fire station, and the school. The document is 193 pages in total and will be updated each time a policy changes.

Resident Requests Payment Inspection

(Lamoine) - Seal Point Road resident Robert Sharkey requested a listing of all payments made to the town’s administrative assistant for a one year period. A print-out was provided to Mr. Sharkey, but apparently was not the information he sought. The file of all the bills paid by the town in the time period he requested was made available and inspected by Mr. Sharkey, ironically on the same day the town auditors were in house to perform field work inspections. A website maintained by Mr. Sharkey indicated that he would hire an independent auditor to inspect the records.

Cable TV Coming to Meadow Point Area

(Lamoine) - Conservation Commission member and Cove Road resident Donna Theall is persistent to say the least. After years of trying to convince Adelphia that enough people live in her neighborhood to qualify for Cable TV wiring, she met with the company's new owners, Time Warner, and presented letters from neighbors pleading for service. Her wish has been granted. An e-mail from Shelley Winchenbach of Time Warner indicated the process of getting that neighborhood wired will start soon. The

three roads that qualify for cable service are South Road, Cove Road and Meadow Point Road.

The town also requested that Walker Road be surveyed, and that was done. It was found most of the road has cable service already, with the exception of two homes.

Most of the interest in cable service is for the high speed Internet connection it offers. Time Warner also plans to offer telephone service over the cable in 2007.

Bangor Hydro Files Line Application

(Lamoine) - Bangor Hydro Electric Company has unveiled its formal plans for an \$18-million dollar transmission line that will run through Hancock, Lamoine, Ellsworth and Trenton to provide more electricity for Mt. Desert Island. The route will carry the line through the northern tip of Lamoine, across Douglas Hwy (Route 184), through land purchased by Bangor Hydro to Buttermilk Road, and then through owned land and easements from the utility to Route 3 in Trenton. Company officials say they will not have to demolish any buildings along the proposed route to make room for the tall towers and path that will carry the high voltage lines.

Bangor Hydro officials have filed for a permit with the Maine Public Utilities Commission. Project managers said the environmental and local permitting process is expected to take about a year, and construction should



Lamoine Selectman Cynthia Donaldson and Rich Malaby of Hancock review the route for the proposed transmission line from Hancock to Bar Harbor.

begin in 2008. Several land and easement transactions in Lamoine have taken place in the past year.

Once installed the project should provide more reliable power for Hancock County and eliminate the need for diesel generators in Bar Harbor.

Firearms Discharge Ordinance Sought, Rejected

(Lamoine) - A slug, probably a ricochet from target practice at a nearby gravel pit, landed in the parking lot at the Lamoine General Store late last summer. A nearby resident reported hearing another slug whiz by him at another time. That prompted a request for the Selectmen that the town explore a firearms discharge ordinance.

A study of the legality and practicality of such ordinances found that while they are possible, there are many problems. Maine Municipal Association advises that hunting regulation is not allowed on a local basis. Discharge ordinances are, though, provided the town consults with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The prohibited area must be clearly defined within the ordinance, thus precluding a town-wide discharge ban.

State law already provides for the distance restrictions for firing guns and game wardens enforce that rule. In opting to not proceed, Selectmen concluded enforcement was problematic.

Lamoine Still Well Lit for Christmas

(Lamoine) - The lack of wintry weather and snow hasn't dimmed the holiday season all that much in Lamoine for 2006. Residences galore gleamed late into the night for much of December as the town continues a tradition of sorts of



being one of the most festive at Christmas. The largest display at Richard J. King, Inc. was scaled back a bit this year—with the blow up lawn displays among the missing. Mr. King's house, pictured above, still attracted a large number of visitors to town.

Another large light display was up at Mima Grindle's home on Asa's lane, despite the death of her partner Cal Smith in October who spent days putting up the lights. North Lamoine was very well lit

Cell Phone Tower Quiet For Now

(Lamoine) - After a brief flurry of activity in the summer, the company that builds towers for cellular telephone provider Cingular has been quiet about putting up such a tower in Lamoine. An engineer from the company visited the former landfill site in August to determine whether it might be an appropriate location for a tower. An attorney for the company showed up at the town office shortly thereafter and several e-mail exchanges in relation to the town's Site Plan Review ordinance followed.

The prospect of a tower also touched off local concern about the health effects of radiated frequency (RF) from such towers. No evidence has been presented that such RF is harmful to humans. Code Enforcement Office Dennis Ford has obtained a template for a tower ordinance utilized in other communities regulating how such facilities would be permitted. Town meeting approval would be needed both for an ordinance and for any land lease to locate such a tower.

Foreclosed Trailer Transferred

(Lamoine) - The town has transferred ownership of a mobile home to a Francis Drive landowner who owns the land the trailer sits on. The trailer belonged to a Sullivan resident who decided to stop paying the property taxes and did not wish to retain the structure which was not habitable at last look. Wesley Bentivoglio completed an installment sale for back taxes, fees and interest on the mobile home and complete the payments in October, whereupon Selectmen signed the deed over to him.



up, as was Walker Road and parts of Mill Road, and Lamoine Beach Road (the picture above is from a display at the Tom and Rose McIntire residence on Lamoine Beach Road).

The local government cable TV channel featured a slide show of many of the homes with light displays in 2006 during the Christmas weekend.

The winter has started out as one of the mildest on record. The snow plowing contractor has only had to treat the roads once in the time period that spanned October 15 to December 29. Virtually all of the snow from that storm melted away the next weekend, and several residents reported they were on the golf course on December 16th! The warm weather had a very positive impact on heating bills for town facilities.

Lamoine Shakes In Quake

(Lamoine) - An earthquake measuring 4-point-2 on the Richter scale and centered near Bar Harbor gave residents quite a jolt on Monday, October 2nd. The most common description was that folks heard it first—sounding kind of like a jet or a large truck, and following it up the road, and then feeling the ground or building they were in shake quickly. No major damage was reported in town, though some did report objects rattling and falling. The tremor was the strongest of a series of earthquakes that have shaken Mt. Desert Island and surrounding areas beginning in September. The latest tremor was reported December 29th.

About the biggest problem caused by the quake in Lamoine was that telephone service was interrupted for a while. Officials believe the reason the phone lines went down was not from a break but because nearly everyone tried to call someone at the same time, overloading the circuits. Following the big quake, a portable seismographic station was deployed at Lamoine State Park (among other locations). A press release from Columbia University indicated the seismographs were designed to identify where exactly the fault is located that is causing the earth shifts resulting in the quakes.

Windstorm Cuts Power, Creates Mess

(Lamoine) - For those around for the ice storm of January 1998, a severe wind storm that struck Downeast Maine the weekend of October 28, 2006 was eerily reminiscent. Homes went without power for several days, trees came crashing down into the road, on houses and parked vehicles in numerous locations, and life was miserable to a few days.

The first calls to the Lamoine Fire

making it impossible to close the driver's side door. The truck limped home with the driver holding the door shut by hand and the window down. It was repaired two days later. The storm turned out to be a good test of the emergency generator system that was installed at the firehouse just days before the windstorm hit. The entire town



The Aftermath

One large hackmatack tree is supported by telephone wires across Marlboro Beach Road. The remnants of another tree litter the road.

Department started coming in late Saturday afternoon the 28th—a tree across Mill Road. Then multiple calls—including the one pictured above on Marlboro Beach Road. The fire department activated an emergency operations center of sorts for most of Saturday evening. Firefighters responded to at least five 9-1-1 calls for trees down and blocking roads that night, and another one a day later. The Marlboro Beach Road call was the most dangerous, as winds gusted to hurricane force at times. Four firefighters standing with the apparatus near one tree ran for cover when another fell in the spot where they stood. After moving the apparatus to keep the road closed and direct approaching traffic away from the downed trees and power lines, a wind gust caught the door of rescue pumper 403 and bent the hinges,

was without power for most of Saturday night, but the generator was able to power the station, allowing firefighters to see what they were doing, open and close the apparatus bay doors, and run much of the related equipment, including telephones and 2-way radios. The next day brought another call of a tree down when the wind changed direction—however that call came directly to an Assistant Chief's home by telephone. It turned out the power was out on Cadillac Mountain, and the backup generator used to power the Hancock County fire radio had malfunctioned. Bangor Hydro Electric called in extra help from Canada to help restore the downed lines. One of the hardest hit areas was on the Trenton Bridge where the wind broke the utility poles, closing the bridge for several hours while crews replaced them.

Roadsides Graded To Help with Runoff

(Lamoine) - Seal Point Road is done. The repaving job last summer was complemented with addition of gravel along the shoulders in some spots and scraping away of high shoulders in other parts so that water can smoothly run out of the road and into the existing ditches. Jay Fowler & Son was the low bidder on that job and similar grading efforts on Needles Eye Road, Asa's Lane and Marlboro Beach Road, Maxwell Avenue and Lorimer Road.

Sand from many years of winter road maintenance has caused a berm to build up along the road shoulders and keep the water from properly running into ditches. That causes washouts in places, making for unsafe walking and driving.

Access to Bloomfield Park Discussed

(Lamoine) - The road leading into the town park at Blunt's Pond is in tough shape. The Town of Lamoine doesn't own the road, though it does have a right-of-way over it. The road owners, Stuart and Lisa Branch have offered to let the town shift and improve the road toward the pond on shorefront land they own. Just how much work that would encompass remains under study. The Branches say they've had problems with vehicles using the narrow dirt road late at night and at unsafe speeds. The area has been the scene of improper gatherings, unpermitted fires, and vandalism, especially to the snowmobile club. The Branch family say they'd like to configure the road so the drive leading to their house is no longer part of the road to the park. A proposal to do that may go to Town meeting in March.

Coyote Trapping Approved

(Lamoine) - After seeing how a coyote leg trap works, Selectmen approved of giving permission for a Marine Patrol Officer from Trenton to use the town land around the old landfill for trapping activity. Troy Dow had asked for permission to trap in the wooded area near the gravel pits owned by the Town and Doug Gott & Sons. Selectmen contacted Maine Municipal Association for guidance and to see if any restrictions could be placed on trapping. A lawyer advised that since because town meeting has not taken any position on such requests in the past, it would be up to the Selectmen to decide whether they have jurisdiction in the matter. Mr. Dow promised to keep the small snare type traps out of the area where people might walk. Selectmen granted him written permission. Dow said coyotes become a problem at times.

Lamoine, State Reject TABOR

(Lamoine) - The general election results in Lamoine pretty much mirrored those of the state, which handily rejected the so-called Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) question, re-elected top of the ticket candidates, and selected Democrats to run the state Legislature. With 876 ballots cast, 501 voters rejected the TABOR question that would have imposed restrictions on the amount of property tax that could be raised each year. There were 330 votes in favor. Incumbent governor John Baldacci was the top vote getter in Lamoine (315

votes). Incumbent US Senator Olympia Snowe won in Lamoine with 617 votes, incumbent US Representative Michael Michaud carried Lamoine with 568 votes, and incumbent State Senator Dennis Damon barely squeaked by Lamoine resident Kenneth Fredette 435-422.

A change in the Legislature for Lamoine as Rob Eaton upset incumbent Republican Earl Bierman district wide and in Lamoine (478-362).

Turnout was quite high for a non-presidential election. Absentee balloting was especially heavy before Election Day.

Flu Shots Attract Dozens



Selectman Shot
Nurse Carol Smith of Health Link administers a flu shot to Selectman Chair Jo Cooper

(Lamoine) - After a false start in November when the annual flu shot clinic had to be canceled due to a lack of vaccine, more than 75-people flocked into the town office on December 6th to get the shots. Maine Coast Memorial Hospital's Health Link program provided the shots in an effort to keep the flu from spreading. The clinic has become one of the most popular public health programs in town—folks called the town office daily to find out when the shots would be re-scheduled after the first date was canceled.



Mock Election
Students in grades 5-8 at the Lamoine Consolidated School held a mock election to learn about the balloting process. The results did not differ sharply from their parents.

CVR, AVS Make Election Debut

(Lamoine) - The Maine Secretary of State's Office has gone high tech for elections, and now the town office has more gear to store between elections to show for it. The AVS system is designed to accommodate disabled voters by allowing folks to use a telephone system to fill out ballots instead of a pencil and paper. The state supplied each town with a telephone, fax machine, headphones, a voting booth and related gear to help. Trouble is, the system takes so long to use,

that nobody did. Testing by election officials prior to election day was successful. The system could be utilized for town meeting voting as well, however each election will require a \$100 set up fee.

The other new system was utilized by Lamoine's Registrar of Voters (Jennifer Kovacs). The CVR (Centralized Voter Registration) computer system utilizes an on-line database of all voters, and works well, but slowly at times. Lamoine was one the very few towns to have all its voter registration information entered into the system in time for the election. However, locally generated voter lists were used for Election Day, as they were easier to generate, easier to use, and took less paper than the state voter list.

Land Conservation May Go Private

(Lamoine) - A subcommittee of the Lamoine Conservation Commission that is looking at ways to conserve land for the public may evolve into a private organization. The Land Conservation Initiative has met a few times. The group led by Lynda Tadema-Wielandt, has submitted a request for a \$1,000 budget article for the spring town meeting. The committee explained the money is seen as seed money to spur cash contributions with the eventual goal of buying land and protecting it for public purposes. The group followed up several meetings by exploring the feasibility of becoming a private organization instead.

New Recycling Brochure Out

(Lamoine) - When you get your car registered at the town hall, you will probably receive a new recycling brochure along with your license plate stickers. Developed by Donna Thorburn, Lucia Michielli and Anne Stocking, the brochure is designed to easily explain what materials can be recycled and how. Utilizing a character called "Willie Wastenot" designed by Mrs. Thorburn's brother, the flyers are a fun publication that should communicate how easy it is to recycle and properly dispose a items in the trash stream.



Willie Wastenot
A new character logo has been designed to encourage recycling.

solid waste stream, taxpayers save about \$65. Composting can help accomplish this, and they're a payback. When the process is done, composting crease wonderfully rich soil for gardening. To help in the effort the

Compost Bins Order Planned

By Nancy Pochan

(Lamoine) - The average household creates about 500-pounds of food scraps and yard trimming each year. For each ton kept out of the

Lamoine Conservation Commission and Maine Resource Recovery Association will make available for purchase backyard compost bins called The Earth Machine™ (shown below). Each bin is \$39.50, small kitchen sized compost buckets are \$10.50. A minimum of 20 of either type are needed to place an order. Checks should be made out to the Town of Lamoine and dropped off to the Town Office no later than March 1, 2007. Delivery will be in late April or early May and those who ordered them can

pick up their composters at the Lamoine Transfer Station. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy Pochan at 664-0444. Order forms will be available at the town hall and on-line.



The Earth Machine™

New School Super Starts in January

(Ellsworth) - School Union 92 has hired James Boothby of Lincoln as its new Superintendent of Schools. Boothby is currently the principal at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, and this will be his first full superintendency, though he served as an interim in SAD 67. He



Union 92 Superintendent Jim Boothby

comes highly recommended by interim superintendent Omar Norton and will replace Bill Fowler who retired last year. Boothby grew up in Brewer and as a teen-ager in the 1980's worked part time at WVII-TV in Bangor with Lamoine's Administrative Assistant, Stu Marckoon.

Historic Calendars Still Available

By Doug Stewart

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Historical Society is commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Old Meeting House, built in 1832, by publishing a calendar containing pictures families and buildings from the Historical Society archives and some Lamoine resident's family albums.

In addition to recognizing the anniversary, the Historical Society is hoping to increase current town residents awareness of Lamoine's colorful history and raise money for the ongoing maintenance of the Old Meeting House.

The calendars will make great Christmas stocking stuffers or gifts to friends or relatives who no longer live in Lamoine.

The calendars will sell for \$7.00 (tax free) and will be available at the Town Hall or by calling Anne Stocking @ 667-6564, Edna Coyne @ 667-667-9276 or Doug Stewart @ 667-5607. Also, there was a special table at the Town Hall on Election Day, November 7 during regular voting hours, where several were purchased.

It is hoped the calendar will become an annual event. The Historical Society would welcome family pictures for inclusion in future calendars or to be added to it's archives.

The Historical Society Calendar has been a hot seller as a Christmas gift for out of town relatives.

Plays At Lamoine Grange A Hit

(Lamoine) - It's a long way from Broadway, but a full house each night at the Lamoine Grange welcomed theater back to Lamoine. Two one-act plays put on by local actors met with favorable reviews from attendees. More importantly, the event raised a lot of money for the Lamoine Baptist Church Steeple Fund and the Jina's Gym Fund.

Resident Carol Korty, who has decades of acting and directing experience ably directed the casts of "Curse You, Jack Dalton" and "Spreading the News" into presenting a pair of hilarious performances for each of three evenings. Mary Henry ably produced both shows, arranging for everything from desserts for the audience, tables and chairs for the grange, to a porta-potty. All agreed it was a magical evening.

When the funds were tallied, the play had netted about \$3,000 to be split between the two funds. The event created a fun camaraderie among the cast members,



The Cast of "Curse You, Jack Dalton"

most of whom didn't know one-another before the productions. Calls for more may produce another round of plays next year.

Engstroms Honored

(Lamoine) - Congratulations to sisters Miranda and Casandra Engstrom. The Buttermilk Road residents were both honored in separate forums this fall. Miranda, a junior at U-Maine Farmington, was named an outstanding student leader by the National Association for Campus Activities.

Casandra, a senior at Ellsworth High School, was selected to perform at the All Eastern Honors Concert Band in Hartford Connecticut. She studies with teacher Bill Whitener of Buttermilk Road.

They are the daughters of Terry and Barbara Engstrom. Barbie is a ed tech at the Lamoine Consolidated School

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - Welcome to **Kelsie Lee Lambert** born September 26th, **James Michael Messer** born on October 23rd, **Brennan Scott Young**, born November 4th and **Gregory John Gleason** who arrived December 2nd.

Marriages in the last quarter of 2006 include **Russell Pinkham and Jennifer Shacklett** of Bob-o-link Lane who were married September 30th. **Christopher Webber and Farrah Tozier** exchanged their vows on December 9th. **Joseph Bradley and Karina Williams** were married on December 16th.

Lamoine lost three longtime residents in the quarter. **Persis Budwine** died on October 9th. She lived on Partridge Cove Road.

Former fire chief and road commissioner **Calvin Smith** passed away at his home on Asa's Lane on October 18th. His sons include fire chief Skip Smith and firefighter John Smith.

David Farrell died suddenly on November 27th. He was the husband of former Selectman and Tax Collector Evelyn Farrell.



American Legion Aids Families



(Lamoine) - The American Legion Post in Trenton has come to the aid of ten Lamoine families at Christmas time. Working with the town office and the Trenton Marketplace/Lamoine General Store, the Legion put together food baskets and purchased gifts for children in the families selected. The town office provided anonymous data for the Legion shoppers and delivered the baskets on December 19th.

Soccer Team Wins Championship

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Consolidated School Soccer team finished their 2nd straight undefeated season with a 5-0 win over Surry in the championship game at Ellsworth High School. The team allowed just 7-goals over the entire 12-game season, while scoring nearly 60 goals against their opponents in the Union 92 league play.

Congrats also to the Cross Country Team which placed well all season. Hayley White and Ben Haslam finished in first place in most of their races during the Union 92 season.



The Long & Short of It
Sixth grader Ben Morren stands beside a Harlem Rockets basketball player at the Lamoine School Gym.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Town Office Closed- New Year's Day	2-6:45 PM Planning Board	3-7PM Assessors	4-7PM Fire Dept	5	6
7	8-5:30 PM School Committee 7PM Budget Committee @ School	9	10-7pm Conservation Commission 7PM School Referendum Public Hrg.	11-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	12	13
14	15	16	17	18-7PM Fire Dept.	19-Nomination Papers Due (4PM)	20
21	22-7PM Budget Cmte	23-10AM-8PM Special Town Meeting Vote	24-Public Hearing— Shoreland Zoning Ordinance	25-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	26	27
28	29	30	31	Meeting Schedule subject to change –consult town		

February 2007-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-7PM Fire Dept	2-Absentee Ballots Available – Town Meeting	3
4	5-5:30 PM School Committee	6-7PM Planning Board	7-7PM Assessors	8-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	9	10
11	12	13	14-7PM Conservation Commission	15-7PM Fire Dept	16	17
18	19	20	21	22-Town Meeting Public Hearings 7PM 7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	23	24
25	26	27-7PM Long Range Planning	28			

March 2007-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-7PM Fire Dept	2	3
4	5-5:30 PM School Committee (tentative)	6-10 AM to 8PM Town Meeting Voting	7-6PM Annual Town Meeting	8-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	9	10
11	12	13-7PM Planning Board	14-7PM Conservation Commission	15-7PM Fire Dept	16	17
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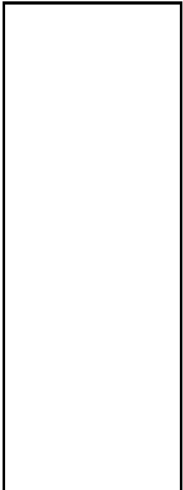
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