

# The Lamoine Quarterly

Volume 13 Issue 1

Published Quarterly by the Lamoine Town Office

July 2007

## Town Moves Ahead On Salt/Sand Shed

(Lamoine) - On paper, the work is fast and furious as Lamoine prepares to construct a salt/sand storage shed on the vacant lot by the Lamoine Transfer Station. The move was necessitated by the expiration of the snow removal contract after the winter of 2007 and the bid on the next 3-year contract. The only bidder was the same company the town contracted with for the previous two contracts—Nankervis Trucking. The Selectmen offered four options—with town provided storage and without, and including and excluding a performance bond. Nankervis bid on only one option—town provided storage and no performance bond. The good news is the bids came in lower for the next three years than the current snow removal budget (\$83,000 for 07/08 vs. \$90,000 for 06/07).

Selectmen put out a request for proposals for an engineer to design a shed and received 7-bids, choosing Jim Kiser of Hampden who was highly recommended and one of the lower bids received. Mr.

Kiser is working with the Lamoine Planning Board to obtain the site plan review and public building permit. At the same time a variance is being sought from the Department of Environmental Protection to locate the shed on a sand and gravel aquifer. The area in question is at the tip of the aquifer and relatively near the closed and capped landfill.

The shed's preliminary design will look like a very big barn with cement walls and a paved floor. It should hold approximately 2,000 yards of material which should get the snowplows through the winter, though a restocking may be needed at some point, depending on the severity of the weather.

The building should mean a big improvement on road treatment as the salt and sand will be dry when put on the trucks, increasing the effectiveness. It'll also eliminate the pollution problems that have plagued the various storage sites over the years.



### The Preliminary Plans

Engineer Jim Kiser produced the above drawings for the proposed shed, featuring green vinyl siding to match the transfer station, a powered overhead garage door and a louvered ventilation system. The estimated cost is \$210,000, and was approved at a special town meeting in June. No property tax money was needed.

## Lots of Litter—Lots of Help!

(Lamoine) - The annual litter cleanup in Lamoine is a pretty good weather predictor. No matter what day is picked months in advance, you can pretty much expect rain! It poured the night before, but slowed to a drizzle on May 19th and 41-people turned out to grab a pair of gloves, some bags, and set about picking up the roadsides. Organizer Georgia Munsell reports that lots of empty soda and beer cans, cigarette butts, losing lottery tickets, and food wrappers were cleaned up. One of the volunteer actually found a \$5-bill amongst the Styrofoam cups and empty chip bags. He lamented that it worked out to about \$1.50/hour for his efforts.

Of particular note was Girl Scout Troop # 584 who tackled the transfer station. They cleaned up a couple years worth of litter that had blown around the yard and peppered the hillside. Transfer Station Manager Allen Sternfield was tickled pink by the cleanup.

Thanks too to Fred Stocking for supplying water, the Lamoine General Store which provided granola bars, the Maine DOT which picked up trash bags. This was the 4th year of the roadside cleanup, and the results were very evident.



### What a Crew!

At top, the gloves are a little big, but so was the task for the girl scouts (left) at the transfer station. Ken Ward (right) was one of the many road warriors, picking up trash on Douglas Highway

## Legislature Consolidates Schools

### Next Steps Taking Shape

(Lamoine) - What does the future hold for school students from Lamoine? Will our school remain open? With whom will we align? Will it actually save any money? Lots of questions—no concrete answers, yet.

The Maine Legislature's 2007-09 budget passed in June, bringing with it mandated school consolidation. Led by the Governor's contention that too much administration exists in the school systems of Maine, lawmakers have ordered towns to work together and reduce the numbers of superintendents' offices. The goal was to have 80-school systems, each serving at least 2,500 students or so.

Under a map released by the Department of Education, Lamoine would ideally become part of a district that includes the Ellsworth School system, most of the Union 92 towns except Trenton & Surry, and the Union 96 towns in the Sullivan/Gouldsboro area. If approved, that would provide two high schools in the district (Sumner & Ellsworth), one pure middle school (Ellsworth), and K-8 schools in Gouldsboro, Steuben, Sullivan, Hancock, Lamoine, Ellsworth, Otis, and Eastbrook, along with the soon to be constructed K-5 school in Ellsworth.

Depending on how things shake out, Lamoine could also opt to join the MDI District with Trenton, Bar Harbor, Mt. Desert, Tremont and Southwest Harbor. That district would have the one high school (MDI), and K-8 schools in each MDI town, Trenton and Lamoine.

As explained by Superintendent of Schools Jim Boothby, the next step for the town and school board is to file a notice of intent to consolidate by August 31st. That will mean lots of analysis on which system it makes more sense to join. Boothby assured town officials in late June that high school choice will remain for Lamoine students under the new law. If, for instance, the town chose to stay with the Ellsworth District, students could opt to attend another high school. The Ellsworth District would pay the cost for educating that student up to the amount it would cost in Ellsworth. The town would pick up any extra cost for education at the other school.

After the notice of intent to consolidate is filed, the Selectmen and School Board will pick three people to sit on the regional school unit (RSU) planning board. One of those members must be from the community at large. Anyone interested in serving is asked to contact the town office by July 12th.

## Veterans' Memorial Fund Established

(Lamoine) - Voters gave enthusiastic approval to establishment of a fund to construct a Veterans Memorial at the special town meeting on June 19th. A committee has been working steadily to come up with a design (see right) and location. Jay Fowler is donating the site work on the north side of the Lamoine Town Hall for the granite monument which will feature medallions from each service branch and the Merchant Marines. Committee Chair Jo Cooper estimates the project will cost about \$25,000. Voters approved using \$5,000 from the capital projects fund, with the rest to come from donations.



**Proposed Monument**  
The drawing by Weiniger Monuments of Milbridge shows what the proposed monument at the town hall would look like

## Shoreland Ordinance Approved with Conditions

(Lamoine) - Maine's Department of Environmental Protection has signed approval of the new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance with some conditions. The DEP noted several areas that the version passed by voters without debate in March 2007 conflicted with the state minimum requirements. Those have been added to the ordinance document and will become

part of the ordinance.

Selectmen will seek a town meeting vote to incorporate that conditional approve language into the town's ordinance at a future date. Requirements of notification and hearing prevented that from happening at the special town meeting in June.

## Transmission Line Approved



(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Planning Board approved the Site Plan Review and Commercial Building Permits that will allow Bangor Hydro Electric to proceed with a major transmission line that will run from Ellsworth to Trenton. The line crosses from the Hancock Substation to Route 3 over a portion of North Lamoine between Route 184 (Douglas Highway) and Buttermilk Road.

The Hancock County Reliability Project is designed to provide additional power to Mt. Desert Island and eliminate most of the need for diesel powered generators in Bar Harbor. Several other permits from the State, Federal and other municipalities. Bangor Hydro Officials say they hope to start construction this winter.

## Cell Tower Update

(Lamoine) - Verizon has been in contact with the town office in late June about possibly locating a cell phone tower near the former town landfill. Town meeting approval and Planning Board approval will be needed prior to finalizing such a project. Stay Tuned!

## Right of Way Swap Approved

(Lamoine) - Specific details on a right-of-way swap suggested by the Selectmen help secure passage at the special town meeting in June. The swap involved granting a right-of-way to Doug Got & Sons, Inc. over a strip of town owned land between gravel pit areas owned and/or operated by Gott. In return, Gott will surrender its right-of-way that wraps around the former landfill and hasn't been used for many years.

The agreement will also include a right-of-way that utilizes the entrance to the transfer station and soon to be built salt/sand shed. That short route has been used by Gott for many years to access their gravel pit behind the transfer station.

Selectman Chris Tadema-Wielandt will formalize the agreement surveyed out by Stephen Salisbury.

## Planning Board Tackles Subdivisions

(Lamoine) - Three more residential subdivisions are in the pipeline for Planning Board consideration this summer. Final application completeness is scheduled for the July 3rd meeting for subdivisions being proposed by K&T Rentals off Seal Point Road and by JWJ LLC off the Walker Road. Both subdivisions also include service roads that require Site Plan Review Permits, and the two applications will be dealt with simultaneously. Assuming the Planning Board finds both applications complete, it's anticipated that a public hearing will be scheduled for the August 7th meeting followed by final action.

The third subdivision has been in the works for more than a year and is located at the corner of Shore Road, Lamoine Beach Road and Douglas Highway. The developer, Sno-Drum LLC indicated it would wait for a site visit scheduled for June 27th before submitting its final application. That's expected in August, and if found complete, the public hearing and final action could come in September.

## School Budget, Bond Finalized

(Lamoine) - Voters at the special town meeting in June finalized the 2007/08 school budget, adjusting the total package approved in March down by a little more than \$9,000. In approving the package, voters opted for raising \$39,000 more from property taxes to fund the school budget than was approved in March. That helps offset a \$70,000 reduction in state aid to education. Increased tuition revenue and use of the anticipated balance forward will make up the rest.

The bond approved for major school renovations in January has also been finalized, but work has yet to be bid.

## Permits Issued

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued the following permits since the last issue of *The Lamoine Quarterly*:

No.	Name	Project
11	Wendy Baker	Greenhouse
12	Robert Tilden	Shed
13	James McMillen	Residence
14	Bangor Hydro	Xmsn Line*
15	Shaun Donovan	Sign
16	Steve Callahan	Residence
17	Denis Bouffard	Residence
18	Joan Strout	Deck Expansion
19	Peter Swanberg	Deck
20	Stewart Workman	Deck
21	Gaylord Sundt	Addition
22	Travis Jones	Deck
23	Nat Fenton	Residence, Garage
24	L. Burnham	Addition
25	M. Arsenault	Addition
26	Audrey Garrett	Garage Addition
27	J. McAndrew	Addition
28	Anne LaBossiere	Steps to Shore
29	Bernard Johnson	Residence

\*issued by Planning Board

## Rehab House Proposed

(Lamoine) - Mary and David Henry met with townspeople in May to talk about their idea for a home for women who are recovering from substance abuse problems. The initial plan was to build a 12-unit home on property the Henry's own off Douglas Highway. The residents would be somewhat isolated from the community with the goal being to live substance free for two to four years. Both the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board have been notified of the idea which is still taking shape.

# Lamoine's Conservation Commission

*Five Years Later* by Fred Stocking, Chair

## Ordinances drafted by Conservation Commission

- Gravel Pit Reclamation Amendment (2003 – Not adopted)
- Parks Commission Ordinance (Adopted by Town Meeting – 2006)
- Aquifer Protection Ordinance (Pending)

## Projects of the Conservation Commission

- Town Litter Clean-Up (2004-present)
- Freshwater Initiative – Groundwater Research (2003 to present)
- Freshwater Initiative – GET WET School Program (2005/06 – present)
- (being used by other Maine schools and nationally)
- Recycling Subcommittee (2004 to present) – Earth Machine sales
- College of the Atlantic GIS Development Project (2004)
- Land Conservation Initiative – now Friends of Lamoine Conservation (FOLC), an independent group
- Lamoine Conservation Award (2006 – )
- Land Conservation Reserve Fund (established by Town Meeting, 2007)

## Reports

Trash & Recycling Issues (Jan. 2006)  
Gravel Mining & Water Supply (Mitchell Center, May, 2006)

## Grants received by Town or UMaine's Mitchell Center through Conservation Commission for science in Lamoine

### 2004

- Cold Spring Water Company, Wellhead Protection Study by UMaine's Mitchell Center (\$1,000)
- State of Maine (through Cold Spring Water Company), Wellhead Protection Study by UMaine's Mitchell Center (\$5,000)
- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund, aquifer survey by Mitchell Center (\$2,500)
- Lamoine Alliance for Water, aquifer survey by Mitchell Center (\$100)
- The Island Foundation (to Mitchell Center), Aquifer survey by Mitchell Center (\$15,000)
- Maine Community Foundation, aquifer survey by Mitchell Center, volunteer support (\$2,500)

### 2006

- Healthy Acadia, GET WET school water testing program equipment (\$950)
- The Island Foundation (to Mitchell Center), to design GET WET curriculum (\$25,000)
- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund, water level testing in gravel pits and community awareness of aquifer resource (\$1,500)

## Presentations

### 2002

- Doug Jones, Cold Spring Water Co.
- Jim Ecker, District Forester, Hancock

## County

### 2003

- Barbara Charry, Maine Audubon, Beginning With Habitat
- Barb Welch, Frenchman Bay Conservancy
- Gary Friedmann, Chair, Bar Harbor Conservation Commission
- Development Panel – Isabel Mancinelli, COA; Ted Koffman, State Senator, Hancock County, Ann Krieg, Town Planner, Bar Harbor

### 2004

- Panel on the Comprehensive Planning Process – Charlie Major, Don Cooper, Fred Stocking
- COA student presentation to the Town on GIS/Development project
- Trash Talk I – Ken Smith, Allan Sternfield
- Freshwater Initiative kick-off – John Peckenham & Theresa Thornton
- Andrews Tolman – "Maine Drinking Water, the Next 25 Years"
- Michael Good – Bird migration (1<sup>st</sup> televised educational program on Lamoine cable)

### 2005

- Trash Talk II – Robert Kates, Acadia Disposal District & beyond
- John Peckenham, Theresa Thurston & Lamoine School & Ellsworth High School students – Presentation of groundwater research to the community
- Trash Talk III – Victor Horton, Maine Resource and Recovery Association

### 2006

- Rob Goodwin, Maine Department of Marine Resources Lab, Lamoine – Shellfish regulation & monitoring
- Bangor Hydro-Electric – New transmission line
- Susan Hand Shetterly & Norman Mrozicki -- Friends of Morgan Bay
- Fred Stocking – Introduction to Conservation Easements

### 2007

- Jim Wilfong – Whose Water Is It?
- Rob Eaton, State Representative – Balancing Interests in the Intertidal Zone

## Membership

- Fred Stocking, Chair
- Lynda Tadema-Wielandt
- Carol Korty
- Donna Theall
- Tom Spruce
- Bob Pulver, Alternate
- Donna Thorburn, Alternate
- Joan Strout, Associate
- Nancy Pochan, Associate

## Past Members

- Pat Wallace
- William Dickey
- Philip Richter
- Raymonde Dumont
- Susan Wuorinen

# Park Signs Painted

(Lamoine) - Like the famous fence whitewashing in *Tom Sawyer* the project to paint the signs at Lamoine Beach gathered steam as people watched the work starting. Parks Commission Chair Kerry Galeaz and Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon put up the ladders, Kermit Theall and Rusty Boynton saw the fire truck go by and followed it to lend a hand.

Pretty soon the signs were down, headed to the State Park Crew for a new paint job. When it was time to re-hang, Chris Weaver was visiting the park with his son, and he and Mr. Theall helped with

re-installation. The new signs look very sharp. Thanks to all who helped out!



Lamoine Resident Chris Weaver helps the Parks Commission hang the newly painted signs at Lamoine Beach.

# Park Entrance To Improve



Parks Commission Chair Kerry Galeaz points to where the entrance road is proposed to swing into Bloomfield Park while Selectmen Jo Cooper and Cynthia Donaldson look on

(Lamoine) - Town meeting gave its blessing to having the town enter a new agreement to change the way the access road to Bloomfield Park is laid out. Stuart and Lisa Branch who own the property across which the road goes asked that it be moved because traffic speeds right by their house. The new proposed route would have the park entrance swing in well before the Branch property as the main route, and establish the branch driveway as just a driveway with no through passage.

Vehicles accessing the snowmobile club beyond the park would drive through the park area to pick up that route to the Snowmobile Club.

# Ordinance Change Frees Harbor Spaces

(Lamoine) - The changes to the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance in March accomplished one goal—freeing up unused space in Lamoine's Harbor. The increase in fees and a requirement that a mooring have a registered boat assigned prompted several people to give up their mooring permits. The entire residential waiting list has now been offered mooring, though the non-residents on the list are still waiting for a permit.



## A Bumper Spring Crop

If the apple blossoms are any indication, it should be quite an apple crop this year. Both the regular apple trees (the one above was across from the town hall) and the flowering crabs were spectacular in May. The blueberry plants also looked pretty healthy this spring, and on Mud Creek Road the buttercups in June made the big fields look like a big yellow carpet.

## Town Hall Entrance Now Accessible *Office Reconfiguration Being Explored*

(Lamoine) - A newly painted parking stall for folks with disabilities and a new hand rail along the ramp leading into the town hall put the finishing touches on the effort to improve accessibility to the town hall. The Secretary of State's office studied the entrance in 2006 and made a list of suggested improvements, and paid the town \$2,642.00 for the work that was done. The improvements were in place for the June 12, 2007 election.



*Workers from ADA Fence Company install a railing along the access ramp to the town hall.*

Meanwhile, town staff, responding to some security issues, submitted a rough sketch of a possible reconfiguration of the town office. The plan shows the tax collector/clerks office with a service window counter where the code enforcement officer's office now sits. The copier which would go into a closet between the meeting room and the clerk's office. The current copier room would house all the technology (TV, alarms, phone, power) required for the town office. Two work stations would be established in

the tax collector's office. The Code Enforcement Officer and Assessors would potentially share the back room where office and other supplies are now stored. Selectmen plan to contact an engineer/designer to see how much a reconfiguration would cost, and to come up with potential ideas. A project might be forthcoming in 2008.

## Revenues Pick Up

(Lamoine) - Total revenues collected for the fiscal year that ended June 30th are expected to exceed \$100,000 greater than budgeted. After a slow winter for excise tax collections, new car registrations picked up in the final quarter of the year, putting that revenue line ahead of projections by about \$10,000. Interest income was also expected to exceed budget by about \$30,000. State education funds, while cut by \$40,000 from what the school department had projected, are actually about \$40,000 ahead of what was budgeted.

The revenues will mean several appropriations from undesignated fund balance (surplus) approved at the special town meeting in June will not pull the surplus account lower than the Budget Committee goal of \$300,000.

## Town Qualifies for Disaster Aid

(Lamoine) - If it was a quasi-holiday, it must be a storm. After a quiet December and January, winter hit hard on Valentine's Day, dropping snow, then rain, and then it froze solid quickly. That clogged up culverts, waiting for the next holiday, St.

Patrick's Day which brought a torrent of rain with no place to go. That caused numerous road washouts and floods. Then came the Easter 'nor'easter (which was actually the day after Easter). That dropped a foot of snow, closed school for a couple of days, and sent kids to classes for extra time in June. Finally, St. Patrick's Day brought near hurricane force winds and torrential rain to Maine, and more flooding and washouts were reported.

The town submitted claim forms to the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency which in turn won a state disaster declaration. Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency have visited town on two occasions to look over the damage. The town should get some reimbursement for the emergency repairs performed by local contractors to try to get the roads passable.



*April Showers Bring..... Snow Shovels! Maine got it's biggest snowfall of the winter in the Spring on April 7th. A foot of snow coated the ground.*

## High Tech Voting in Place

(Lamoine) - The Secretary of State's office has become big on acronyms (HAVA = Help America Vote Act, CVR = Centralized Voter Registration, AVS is an automated voting system). The June 12th referendum election was the first in which the town used a state generated voter list, and things appeared to run smoothly. No one used the AVS machines (phone, fax machine) to cast a ballot.

The new CVR system required all towns to enter voter registration information into a state run database. Lamoine completed the process late last summer, one of the first in Maine to do so. Voter history will be entered for the just completed election by mid-July.

## Deputy Animal Officer Named

(Lamoine) - Michael Arsenault of the Buttermilk Road was named as the Deputy Animal Control Officer this spring, replacing John Karst who resigned due to time considerations. Mr. Arsenault has been very busy since accepting the job. Beside the usual loose dog complaints, he's dealt with a reported rabid fox complaint in the Shore Road area, and has served the unlicensed dog warrant.

Arsenault, a licensed Maine trapper, attended an advanced ACO (animal control officer) school. He has stepped in for ACO Harry Lounder who was laid up for a while. Selectmen plan to meet with both in July to discuss the jobs and if any resources are needed.

## Town To Stay With Bank

(Lamoine) - Banking services to the town office will remain with The First (formerly The First National Bank of Bar Harbor). Selectmen opted not to put banking services out to bid and instead ask the current bankers to extend the agreements for another three years. Chair Jo Cooper noted that banking bids are difficult to compare and the last time it was bid was just 3-years ago. Treasurer Stu Marckoon refrained from the discussion, noting that his wife is employed by the bank.

## Tax Rate - No Major Change Expected

(Lamoine) - Depending on the new valuation found by the assessors this spring, the tax rate in Lamoine should remain at 7-mills for the 2007/08 fiscal year. That means that if you've made no change to your property since April 1, 2006, your tax bill should be nearly the same as it was in 2006. Assessors are still adding up the new construction.

## Firefighters Rescue Three from Water, Save Garage during busy quarter

(Lamoine) - Add three more lives saved for the Lamoine Fire Department rescue boat and personnel. A gust of wind caught the sail on Doug and Angie Wallmer's boat and caused it to capsize in cold waters between Lamoine State Park and Bar Harbor. All three wore life jackets which kept them afloat until the rescue boat reached them approximately 25-minutes later. They were transported to Harbor Master David Herrick's lobster boat from the rescue boat and brought back to shore. The couple and their child suffered from mild hypothermia and Mrs. Wallmer had a small cut in the incident, but they were otherwise OK.

Lamoine and Hancock firefighters quickly controlled the first structure fire in several years in town—saving a burning garage on Mud Creek Road. When the call came in, Lamoine's lead pumper was stationed for training at the Franklin Fire Department, while Hancock had a crew right around the corner from Mud Creek Road preparing for a controlled burn. Both departments were on scene in less than 10-minutes and quickly extinguished the flames. Combustibles too close to a wood stove caused the fire.



*The aftermath of a garage fire on Mud Creek Road. The homeowner has since had the damage repaired.*

## Employee/FF Policy Approved

(Lamoine) - Volunteer fire departments rely on the generosity of employers to allow volunteers to leave work at a moment's notice to respond to emergencies. The Board of Selectmen have put into writing the protocols under which employees who are volunteer firefighters may leave work to respond to calls.

The policy was adopted in April, and at present affects only Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon at the town office who is also an assistant fire chief. The Selectmen agreed that Mr. Marckoon can leave and lock the town office during those times he might be on duty alone to respond to emergency fire department pages. Any other volunteer who might become employed by the town may volunteer in a similar manner. During emergency calls, a sign explaining why the office is closed will hang in the door.



*Lt. Brett Jones and FF Matthew Jordan guide the Lamoine VFD boat to shore after rescuing three people June 24th.*

The homeowner, Karri Bailey, was insured.

It was a very busy quarter for the fire department, many of the calls coming during the Patriot's Day storm. Fire Department personnel assisted at the scenes of two fatalities, one at a wood cutting operation off Seal Point Road, the other at the Bar Harbor Golf Course in Trenton on Memorial Day.

A report of a compressor fire at the Lamoine General Store brought a fast response, but store personnel had cut power to the compressor and the fire was out on arrival. Lamoine VFD personnel also assisted at the scene of a bad traffic accident in Trenton in late June, helping remove one victim trapped in a vehicle.

Firefighters stood by the scene of a burning utility pole on Buttermilk Road for an hour on Memorial Day waiting for Bangor Hydro (located around the corner) to arrive and fix a broken insulator.



*The Patriot's Day storm brought down numerous trees in roads. Surf at Lamoine Beach (in background) was spectacular.*

## Three Become FFII's Department Assists MMA

(Lamoine) - Congratulations to firefighters Jennifer Reynolds, Angie Butler and Jon Harris who have graduated from the Hancock County Firefighters Academy. The three were honored at graduation ceremonies held in Lamoine in May.

The Lamoine VFD supplied manpower and a truck for three weekends to help Maine Maritime Academy students prepare for their annual cruise. MMA paid the fire department \$2,400 for the service.

## Auction, Steel Drum Band Concert Set

(Lamoine) - The annual Lamoine Fire Department Auction will be held on Friday, August 10, 2007. Preview starts at 5PM at the Lamoine School and bidding gets under way at 6PM. Firefighters will be soliciting for auction items in the coming weeks, and if past years are any indication a lot of good items will be up for bid. Auctioneer Chas Hare of Stockton Springs has again agreed to serve as the bidding leader.

The *Flash in the Pans Steel Drum Band* will play at Lamoine State Park on Monday, August 27th in an event that will benefit the fire department. The band has played each of the past two years, drawing hundreds to the event. Fire department volunteers will serve food, including lobster stew. Admission is free, the proceeds from food sales will go to the fire department which is raising money to help match an federal grant request for new airpaks.



## Cole Foundation Doubles Flag Display

(Lamoine) - A generous matching gift by the Cole Family Foundation in Bangor has greatly supplemented the flag display in Lamoine during the summer months. Selectman Dick Fennelly hung out 48-flags this year—thanks in part to the Cole Donation and in part to 10-people who sponsored flags in memory of loved ones. The flags will hang until Labor Day.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of three of the flags in mid-June, along with the disappearance of street signs marking Lobster Lane and Dick's Rock Road.

## Ambulance Contract Extended

(Lamoine) - Selectmen signed a two year extension of the ambulance contract with County Ambulance of Ellsworth, guaranteeing the same price as the next fiscal year. A major change to the contract came when Selectmen asked for stronger language to guarantee that an ambulance would respond to town when requested. County officials agreed with the change which obligates them to call for mutual aid should all their ambulances be tied up.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal Date Set

*August 18th @ MDI High School*

(Bar Harbor) - Lamoine will once again participate in the Household Hazardous Waste pickup program sponsored by the Acadia Disposal District and the MDI League of Towns. The date for the pickup has been set for August 18th at MDI High School from 9AM to 1PM at the rear parking lot of the High School.

Old paint, pesticides, solvents, and other materials that cannot go in the regular waste stream will be collected by qualified personnel. Additionally universal waste such as fluorescent light bulbs, computer monitors and other mercury containing products will be accepted for a disposal price.

Lamoine residents must obtain a permit at the town office to take advantage of the program. We expect the permits will be ready by mid-July and they will be issued on a first-come/first-served basis. Residents will be encouraged to pool their hazardous waste with neighbors to make just one trip to the collection site.

The town will cover the cost of normal disposal through its solid waste budget. The membership in the League of Towns has helped to pay for the program setup.

This will be the 4th straight year the program has collected hazardous waste with good success.

## Grange Looks for Help with Roof

*By Carol Korty*

(Lamoine) - In the last Lamoine Quarterly, we reported on the Grange's wish to become more active as a community center for the town. In order to do this, a lot of repairs need to be made so that the building is brought up to code and insulated against the winter cold. At this time it can be open only during the warm months -- and some of those are too hot, due to lack of attic insulation!

There's no point in insulating the attic before the electric system is upgraded from its early 1970 version. And there's no point in doing either of these jobs until the roofing has been replaced. Wet wires and insulation are bad news.

We've gotten estimates from able Lamoine workmen for all aspects of repair to the building. Some have offered to donate their service; others have offered lower than then regular prices. They are all ready to go.

Replacing the roof is the most expensive task, and unfortunately it is the one that should be done first. We have no money in hand -- yet -- although we are writing grants to help finance the effort. If Lamoiners could also help with donations to the cause, we might be able to get the job done before winter. That would move things along splendidly and help attract grant monies because foundations always look for evidence of community support.

If you think you can contribute, please contact Yvonne Brann, treasurer, (667-7559) or Carol Korty (667-4441). Donations can be tax deductible, if made through the Maine State Grange Foundation, a 501 c3 organization.

## FEMA Approves Road Damage Funds

(Lamoine) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has outlined just over \$33,000 in emergency road repairs needed due to the various winter and spring storms in 2007. The town will receive 75% of the funding for the outlined repairs once they are done.



*Cos Cob Avenue was rendered impassible after the Patriots' Day Storm*

As noted on page 4, several roads received substantial washout damage during the storms, none worse than Cos Cob Avenue which became impassible following the Patriots' Day Storm due to washed out gravel and pavement.

FEMA inspector Robert Davis, whose home is in Tennessee, inspected the damage along with Road Commissioner Dennis Ford. Some of the shoulder washouts were fixed immediately following the storms, but a lot of the work awaits the contractor, Jay Fowler & Son. It's hoped the work will be done by early July, though a lot of culvert replacements are outlined by the FEMA work sheets.

The projects have held up street sweeping in an effort to coordinate the work and the sweeper so that it only needs to be done once. Some roads have been swept by the end of June, others will wait until the shoulders are repaired, and the dirt can be taken out of the road at one pass.

The special town meeting in June appropriated \$36,000 to cover the repairs.

## Petroleum Drives Up Paving Costs

(Lamoine) - The price of gas is about \$3/ gallon at the end of June, and the high cost of oil is leading to an increased cost for paving roads. Asphalt, the material that holds together the rocks and sand that make up pavement, is an oil based product, and the cost is directly proportional to the price of oil.

The price to pave Marlboro Beach Road, Maxwell Avenue and Lorimer Road came in about \$7,125 higher than was budgeted. The special town meeting in June approved the additional appropriate to cover the cost for paving.

Paving consultant Roger Picard expects to pave the three roads on the east end of Lamoine in July, though the schedule is somewhat flexible. Lane Construction won the paving bid.

## Classroom Lease Ends

(Lamoine) - Sometime over the summer Selectmen are expected to terminate the lease of the town owned portable classrooms to the Lamoine School Department a year early. The state reimbursement for the classrooms has pretty much come to a standstill, and while the town budget received over \$28,000 per year for rental, that increased the education budget needlessly.

The lease included an option to purchase the classrooms for \$1 each. Under the school consolidation mandate from the state, the classrooms will become the property of whichever Regional School Unit Lamoine chooses to join, and that school unit will become responsible for maintenance. Unclear is what will happen to the maintenance fund kept by the town.

## Transfer Station Fix Under Way

(Lamoine) - Whoever backed into one of the posts holding the building over the dumpsters up at the Transfer Station caused an expensive repair. It's not even clear when it happened, but the post is broken.

Contractor Richard King, who built the facility back in 1993, will replace the broken post and brace it with another one to give it more protection against vehicles backing into it. The estimated repair cost is about \$1,100. It's expected the repair will be carried out in late June or early July—the large posts had to be special ordered and were delivered on June 23rd.

Meanwhile, the recycling roll-off containers are sporting new magnetic signs showing what materials should go where. Recycling sub-committee member Donna Thorburn had the signs made up by the same company in Gouldsboro that did the previous signs.

Transfer Station Manager Allen Sternfield and local trash hauler Rusty Boynton cleaned out the swap shop this spring, tossing out items that had been there for a long time.

## Selectman Fixes East Lamoine Monument



The top of this monument, shown laying horizontal behind the base, is once again upright.

(Lamoine) - The East Lamoine Cemetery Association folks were impressed. Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. repaired a monument which had its top tumble to the ground pretty much single handedly. The granite top was successfully reattached—you'll have to ask Dick how he did it!

## Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - A quiet quarter in the town clerk's office. Just one birth to report, **Alexander Ezra Yeadon** was born April 24th in Bar Harbor.

We lost two residents this quarter. **Jennetta Kosydar** passed away at the age of 93 on April 26th. **Florence Peeters** was 91-years old when she died on April 11th.

Three marriages to report. **Joshua Wibberly & Sarah Cousins** were married in Trenton April 6th. **John Karst** (one of our firefighters) & **Lynne Fitch** were married in Lamoine April 23rd. **Scott Butters and Melissa Fontaine** were married in Ellsworth on May 19th.

Several couples have applied for marriage licenses, planning to get hitched on July 7th (7/7/07).

## School Board Explores Fund Options

(Lamoine) - With about \$185,000 in the bank, the Jina's Gym Fund currently held by the Lamoine School Department may be turned over to a private fund to make sure the money is used as was intended. Voters in January rejected a school addition project which included a new gym. That, combined with school consolidation and a state freeze on school construction projects for the time being, has put a new gym in limbo.

When the town consolidates, school funds would come under control of the Regional School Unit, and there would be no guarantee that these privately raised funds would be protected for a gym project. The committee will discuss options over the summer.

## Kids To Perform At Grange

(Lamoine)—For the third summer the Lamoine Grange is sponsoring Drama for Kids. The play is The Adventures of Nate the Great, a dramatization by Pam Sterling of Marjorie Sharmat's popular children's books. Carol Korty will again direct, assisted by Tina McGowan, from Sullivan's Mountain View School. Afternoon rehearsals started June 19th. Lamoiner Susan Wuorinen is working with the children to make the play's puppet characters and interesting props.

Interested adults are invited to help us with sets, costumes, and/or props -- especially on Tech Saturdays, June 23, 30, July 7. Call Carol (667-4441) with questions.

**Performances: Saturday, July 14th, at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** Don't miss the show! You'll be tickled by the lively cast's work, and they'll be buoyed by your support. FREE admission. Voluntary donations accepted for Lamoine Patrons of the Arts.

## Dessert Theater Rides Again

(Lamoine) — Last year Pastor Henry held a gun on our town administrative assistant, Stu Marckoon, Kathy Stanley's husband was accused of murder, and Fred Stocking was a self-pitying, bumbling malcontent!

Didn't know this about your neighbors? Well then, you must have missed the Lamoine Baptist Church's Dessert Theater held at the Lamoine Grange last November. All three performances were sold out, and the town of Lamoine hasn't been the same since.

The 2nd Annual Dessert Theater, a community theater project of the Lamoine Baptist Church, is scheduled for November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th -- once again at the lovely Lamoine Grange Hall.

Carol Korty, our local theater expert and director of last year's plays, has agreed to direct two very funny plays from the early 1900's; *Hyacinth Halvey* by Lady Augusta Gregory and *The Red Lamp* by Hilliard Booth. Both plays promise to provide another evening of laughter and great theater fun.

Auditions will be held at the Lamoine Grange, Saturday, September 8th from 9-11 a.m., Sunday, September 9th from 2-4 p.m., and Monday, September 10th from 6-8 p.m. There are parts for adult men and women.

You will not want to miss what your neighbors are doing, so mark your calendars now and keep your eyes and ears open for when tickets go on sale. This year's proceeds will benefit LifeFlight of Maine and future theater productions. LifeFlight of Maine provides a statewide medical helicopter service that transports critically ill and injured patients. If you can volunteer your time to help with any of the many behind-the-scene-tasks, such as lighting, sets and costumes, coat checking, etc., etc., please call Mary Henry at 667-6108 or Carol Korty 667-4441.

## State Rep To Speak At Town Hall

On Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Rob Eaton, who represents Lamoine in the Maine House of Representatives, will speak to the Lamoine Conservation Commission on issues related to regulation of the intertidal zone. Rep. Eaton will speak at the Town Hall at 7 p.m., and his talk will go out over the Town's closed circuit television system. There will be time for questions and informal conversation over light refreshments after the talk.

## Lamoine Lions Win Baseball Crown

(Hancock) - The Lamoine Consolidated School baseball team won the Union 92 Championship, beating Surry 11-to-1 in the championship game. The Lions, coached by former Selectman Glenn Crawford and Mike Gray, finished the season with only one loss, that being to Surry late in the regular season. It's the first baseball title for Lamoine in several years.

## Honor Grads Honored

(Lamoine) - The class of 2007 was a big one from Lamoine (25 students), and more than half graduated from high school with honors. Selectmen sent certificates of commendation to the following:

### Ellsworth High School

Casandra Engstrom  
Jessie Lofton  
Emily Miller  
Tacy Mullins  
Steven Nickerson  
Amanda Overlock  
Kimberly Tupper

### MDI High School

Caitlin Christie  
Anna Clewley  
Valerie Leighton  
Alexandra Raynor  
Kelsey Schur  
Cody Spruce  
Elan Ward

### The Lamoine Quarterly

#### Publisher

*The Lamoine Board of Selectmen*

#### Editor/Writer

*Stuart Marckoon, Adm. Asst.*

Published four times a year by the Town of Lamoine, 606 Douglas Highway, Lamoine, Maine 04605. Subscriptions are available for \$4.00 per year to have a copy mailed. Copies are available at the Lamoine Town Hall for free, and articles are reproduced on the Internet at [www.lamoine-me.gov](http://www.lamoine-me.gov). The *Lamoine Quarterly* does not accept paid advertising.

# July 2007

Lamoine Quarterly - July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-5:30 PM School Committee	3-7PM Planning Board	4-Town Office Closed— Independence Day	5-7PM Board of Assessors 7PM Fire Dept	6	7
8	9	10	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM Selectmen	13	14
15	16	17	18-7PM Veterans Memorial Committee	19-7PM Fire Dept.	20	21
22	23-10 AM Postal Workers	24-7PM Parks Commission (tentative)	25	26-7PM Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30	31	Administrative Assistant will be on vacation this week.			

# August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1-7PM Assessors	2-7PM Fire Dept	3	4
5	6-5:30 PM School Committee (tentative)	7-6:30 PM Planning Board	8-7PM Conservation Commission	9-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	10-5PM Fire Dept Auction @ School	11
12	13	14	15-7PM Veterans Memorial Cmte.	16-7PM Fire Dept	17	18
19	20	21-7PM Parks Commission	22	23-7PM Fire Dept	24	25
26	27-6PM Flash In the Pans Concert @ State Park	28	29	30-7PM Fire Dept.	31-School Consolidation 1st Deadline	

# September 2007

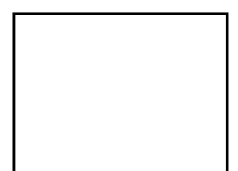
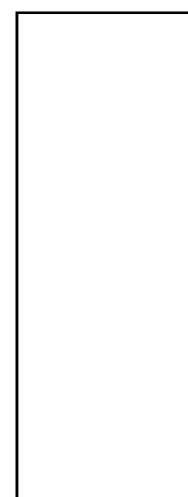
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3-Town Office Closed	4-7PM Planning Board	5—7PM Assessors	6-7PM Fire Dept 7PM Selectmen	7	8
9	10-5:30 PM School Committee	11	12-7PM Conservation Cmsn	13-7PM Fire Dept	14	15
16	17	18-7PM Parks Commission	19-7PM Veterans Mem. Cmte	20-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	21	22
23	24	25	26	27-7PM Fire Dept.	28	29
30						

## The Lamoine Quarterly July 2007

Inside this issue:

- 1 Salt Sand Shed Update
- 1 School Consolidation
- 2 Power Line Approved
- 3 Parks Improved
- 4 Town Hall Accessible
- 5 Firefighters Rescue 3
- 5 Garage Saved
- 6 Disasters Declared
- 7 Theater Productions
- 7 Honor Grads

*And Much, Much More!*



Town of Lamoine  
606 Douglas Highway  
Lamoine, ME 04605