



## Lamoine Select Board

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### Report for Meeting of October 5, 2023

Happy Autumn! We've had a very nice stretch of weather after the "hurricane". I'm writing this a bit earlier than usual as my wife & I take a mini vacation to go watch some baseball games at Camden Yards in Baltimore. We're meeting up with former Lamoine residents Jon & Karen Morren for the weekend and are very much looking forward to it.

I'm writing this on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, I taught a 2<sup>nd</sup> tax lien class for the year in Orono and was out of the office for the day. It's become a very popular class despite the instructor and the subject. Volleyball is in full swing too, so I'm out of the office in the midafternoon most days to officiate somewhere!

Lots is still going on around town. The fire department had two calls back to back on Saturday night – a structure fire in Trenton and a reported basement full of smoke on Birchlawn Drive (turned out to be a furnace backfire). We had enough volunteers and equipment to handle both!

The school department is making progress on its cistern project. The painting project at the fire station is nearly complete. The folks installing the insulation over the ceiling at the fire station were supposed to be there today.

Your meeting is relatively short on items (thus far!)

**Minutes – September 21, 2023** – Please look over the minutes and send written corrections if you can. I really do appreciate them.

**Expenditure Warrant 10** – The warrant is periodically update on the website. So far not a lot on it. The fire department did get its new turnout gear and we have a bill, but I need to make sure that we got everything that was billed before paying. The fire department also purchased a new thermal image camera as the other one died. The price on those has come down significantly (but they're still expensive!). That's on the warrant. The VFD will be sending the town \$15,000 for the turnout gear which was obtained through a Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation Grant.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – These will be updated periodically and printed for the meeting. So far, so good about 25% of the way through the year.

**Checking Account Reconciliation** – We should have this done before the meeting and I'll e-mail you the files ahead of time.

**Jennifer Recognition** – Jenn will attend your meeting so you can present her with the certificate celebrating 20-years of service.

**Appointments** – I forgot to print Sabrina Jordan's appointment papers during your meeting last time – it'll be ready to sign for this meeting.

As you know Nancy Jones retired as our fill in clerk/tax collector a while back. I have asked Katie Dandurand if she is interested in a fill in job for vacations etc. Katie is the former clerk/tax collector for Tremont who resigned a few months ago so she could help run her husband's business. She is extremely competent at her job and she is interested. We didn't talk money, but she would be a good office addition on a sporadic basis. Jennifer & I would recommend her appointment.

Brian Devisme has indeed agreed to serve as an alternate voting member of the Recreation Committee and his fellow committee members are enthusiastically recommending his appointment.

**Annual Town Meeting Date** – Yes, it's time to start thinking about that! The suggested date for the municipal election is March 5, 2024. Here's the timeline if you pick that date:

Town Meeting Timeline

Event	Date
Election-Municipal	5-Mar-24
Warrant Posted by:	27-Feb-24
Absentee Ballots Available	2-Feb-24
Nomination Papers Due	5-Jan-24
Nomination Papers Available	26-Nov-23

The official order setting the date is ready for you to sign.

**Map 3 Lot 2** – We've had a request from David Herrick Jr. to obtain the canoe that is sitting beside the garage. I checked with Skip Smith – he's fine with that. Skip still has some stuff stored in the garage and a table in the house that he plans to move out at some point.

I've not heard back from Steve Salsbury – I know he's on vacation. I've sent back the acceptance of the survey offer.

**Variance Hearing** – The Appeals Board is having a hearing on a request for a road setback variance on Map 14 Lot 70 near Lamoine Beach. By rule the municipal officers are to be so informed. The notice is in your packets.

**Waste Disposal** – I hope to start working next week on seeking some solutions to the high costs of recycling. I'll keep you updated.

**Comprehensive Plan Implementation** – This is a placeholder on the agenda. There has been no significant work on this recently.

**Lamoine Beach Boat Ramp** – This will be on the October 9<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission Agenda.

**Solar Project** – So far, no update from Revision Energy. I may e-mail Tina Meserve to see where things stand prior to the meeting.

[Lamoine Quarterly](#) – Time has been my enemy. I should have it substantially complete by meeting night. What's done by the end of today will be in your packets.

That's all on the plate for now. I have three major projects to work on – the Lamoine Quarterly, the 2022/23 Fiscal Year audit/closings/reconciliations for our Auditor, and the 2024/25 budget!

I will see you on Thursday

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