

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

6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the States Essential Programs and Services funding model.

(The School Committee recommends \$133,046.86, which exceeds the States Essential Programs and Services funding model as enacted under LD #1 by \$103,129.53, for the following reasons: the Essential Programs and Services funding formula, as implemented under LD #1, is structured to reward larger, more urban districts and penalize smaller and rural districts with the policy objective of persuading the smaller districts to consolidate. As student enrollment continues to remain static and/or decline, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations, requiring additional local support to provide educational programs. If local property valuations increase at a rate faster than the state average, this situation will only be made worse. The Budget Committee recommends \$93,559.79, which exceeds the EPS funding model by \$63,642.46. The difference between the two recommendations would be funded by anticipate balance forward from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.)

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

7. **Total Budget** – (A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The amount recommended is the gross budget of the school department. This article doesn't provide money unless the other articles are approved).

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances,

tuition receipts, local appropriations, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

(The School Committee and Budget Committee recommend \$2,153,895.32).

8. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the design and construction of a salt/sand shed as part of the fiscal year 2007/08 budget. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: a total of \$210,000.00; \$55,000.00 to be appropriated from the Salt/Sand Shed Reserve, \$115,000.00 to be appropriated from the Capital Improvements Fund, and \$40,000.00 to be appropriated from Undesignated Fund Balance.)*
9. To see if the town will authorize expenditure of \$36,000.00 in the 2006/07 budget on emergency road repairs, said funds to be appropriated from undesignated fund balance. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend a vote in favor. The town has applied for disaster aid to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and expects to be reimbursed for 75% of these expenditures during the 2007/08 fiscal year).*
10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$7,125 for the fiscal year 2007/08 road paving budget, all of said funds to be appropriated from undesignated fund balance. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend a vote in favor).*
11. To see if the town will vote to establish a fund entitled "Veterans' Memorial Fund", said fund being allowed to accept private donations and public appropriations for the purpose of constructing a public memorial within the Town of Lamoine to Veterans of the US Armed Services.
12. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen in consultation with the Veterans Memorial Committee to place a memorial to Veterans of the US Armed Services at the Lamoine Town Hall Property (Map 7 Lot 12, 606 Douglas Highway)
13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Improvements Fund the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Veterans Memorial Fund established in article 11 above. *(The Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund)*
14. To see if the town will vote to approve a right-of-way over town owned property (Map 1 Lot 58) with Doug Gott & Sons, Inc., and discontinue a previously granted right-of-way on Map 1 Lot 58 as delineated on a map prepared by Herrick & Salsbury. A copy of this map is on file at the Lamoine Town Office. *(The Selectmen recommend a vote in favor).*

Voting on articles 1 through 14 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 19, 2007. The Deputy Registrar of Voters will accept new voter registrations on said date between 10AM and 4PM at the Lamoine Town Hall, 606 Douglas Hwy., Lamoine, ME. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote at any town meeting.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine May 31, 2007

/s/ S. Josephine Cooper

/s/ Chris Tadema-Wielandt

/s/ Cynthia Donaldson

/s/ Richard Fennelly, Jr.

/s/ Brett Jones

*The Lamoine Board of Selectmen,
Municipal Officers of the Town of Lamoine*