

January 29, 2008

**Minutes of the Special Town Meeting
January 29, 2008**

Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

1. To choose moderator to preside over said meeting.

Stuart Marckoon was nominated and 2nd. There were no other nominations. A secret ballot cast 4 votes in favor of Mr. Marckoon, with none in opposition. Mr. Marckoon took oath of Moderator given by Jennifer Kovacs.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Lamoine increase the amount that the voters of this Town previously authorized the Selectmen to borrow for renovations and repairs to Lamoine Consolidated School, from \$652,300 to \$926,000 (an additional \$273,700), to pay costs that were not included in the original project budget, including roof structural elements and demolition costs?

- A. State Grant Funding. If this article is approved, the State of Maine's loan forgiveness grant (equal to 30% of the project debt service) will increase from a maximum of \$195,690 to a maximum of \$277,800, an increase of up to \$82,110.
- B. Interest Free Loan. If this article is approved, the Town's interest free loan from the State of Maine (equal to 70% of the amount authorized to be borrowed) will increase from a maximum of \$456,610 to a maximum of \$648,200, an increase of \$191,590. The State of Maine has agreed to lend these funds and to permit repayment at zero interest over a term of 10 years.

Board of Selectmen Recommends a "YES" vote on Article 2.
School Committee Recommends a "YES" vote on Article 2.

Treasurer's Financial Statement for Town of Lamoine, Maine

1. Total Town Indebtedness

Bond principal outstanding and unpaid	\$ 50,000.00
Bonds authorized and not yet issued	\$ 456,610.00
<u>Additional Bonds to be issued if Article 2 is approved</u>	<u>\$ 191,590.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 698,200.00

2. Costs of Proposed Project Debt Service

The bonds proposed for this project would be issued through the State of Maine School Revolving Renovation Fund Program at zero interest. The estimated cost of these bonds over a 10 year term is as follows:

	Project Bonds Approved <u>January 23, 2007</u>	Proposed Increase <u>in Article 2</u>	Total Proposed <u>Project Bonds</u>
Principal to be Repaid	\$456,610	\$191,590	\$648,000
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Total Estimated Project Debt Service	\$456,610	\$191,590	\$648,200

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.


 Stuart Marckoon, Town Treasurer

The polls closed at 8:00PM and the ballots were counted. Of the 333 ballots cast, 248 votes were in favor, 85 were opposed. The moderator declared the article passed.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jennifer Kovacs, Town Clerk