

*Town Meeting Warrant*  
Town of Lamoine State of Maine

Hancock, ss.

To: Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Lamoine, Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Lamoine, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lamoine Town Office in said town on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 9:55 AM then and there to act on articles 1 and 2, and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 3 through 32, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
2. To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:
  - A. Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (2 positions, term to end town meeting 2012)
  - B. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2012)

Open Town Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 6:00 PM

Prior to the start of business:

- A. Recognize "Citizen of the Year" (Board of Selectmen to present)
- B. Award of Land Conservation Award (Conservation Commission to present)
3. To see if the town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due in two equal payments on October 31, 2009 and February 28, 2010, and to fix the rate of interest at 9.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning November 1, 2009 and March 1, 2010 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 5.00% per annum.
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property or fixtures deemed to be surplus and unusable to the Town and worth less than \$1,000 fair market value, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable after advertising such items publicly.
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open for the use of the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2009/2010 taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.
8. To see if the Town will vote to amend an ordinance entitled "Lamoine Building and Land Use Ordinance", as proposed by the Planning Board in a series of changes entitled "Building and Land Use Amendments – April 2009".
9. To see if the Town will vote to amend an ordinance entitled "Lamoine Gravel Ordinance" as proposed by the Planning board in a series of changes entitled "Gravel Ordinance Amendments – April 2009".
10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Site Plan Review Ordinance, section I, subsection 1 to read "nine" instead of "seven".
11. To see if the Town will vote to amend an ordinance entitled "Ordinance regarding municipal elections, terms of office, and assumption of official responsibilities" in a series of changes entitled "Ordinance regarding municipal elections, terms of office and assumption of official responsibilities Amendments – April 2009". The purpose of the amendments is to extend the terms of the Lamoine School Committee until June 30, 2009 at which time the School Committee will be dissolved due to formation of a Regional School Unit.
12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to forgive repayment of a loan from the Capital Improvements Fund to the Veterans Memorial Committee (approved at the annual town meeting on April 2, 2008) the amount outstanding as of June 30, 2009 and to continue the Veterans Memorial Fund, with any future proceeds to be used for maintenance of the memorial. *(The Selectmen recommend passage, the amount of the loan, originally authorized at \$12,000, stands at approximately \$5,000 as of the signing date of this warrant)*
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to reduce the real estate and personal property tax commitment by an amount not to exceed any additional amount the Town may receive from the foundation allocation or debt service allocation once the Maine Legislature has established those amounts. *(The Budget Committee recommends a vote in favor)*
14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration and to set the salaries of the following elected officers whose salaries will be paid from the Administration Account of the General Fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the rate of compensation for appointed officials.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Recommended Salary (Budget Committee &amp; Selectmen)</b>
Selectman (Chair)	\$1,600.00
Selectman (non-chair, 4 positions)	\$1,000.00
Assessor (Chair)	\$1,600.00
Assessor 2	\$1,500.00
Assessor 3	\$1,250.00

*(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$154,406.79 and the salaries as outlined above.)*

15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects. (*The Selectmen & Budget Committee recommend a total of \$34,000, including \$4,000.00 for a new photocopier and computer for the town office, \$4,000.00 for construction of a privy at the Lamoine Transfer Station, \$1,000.00 for an addition to the Land Conservation Fund, and \$10,000.00 for an addition to the Revaluation Reserve Fund.*)
16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, and to authorize expenditure of the state share of local plumbing fees to the Maine Department of Human Services. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$19,715.00.*)
17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning and Appeals Boards. (*The Planning Board, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$975.00.*)
18. To see what sum the Town of Lamoine will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of social service organizations listed below, which made written requests for funding from the Selectmen, and met the criteria of the Town Meeting Donation Requests Ordinance adopted November 7, 2000.

Requesting Agency	Requested	Budget Cmte
American Red Cross – Pine Tree Chapter	\$360.00	\$360.00
Child & Family Opportunities	\$600.00	\$600.00
Down East AIDS Network	\$600.00	\$600.00
Downeast Horizons	\$600.00	\$600.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$250.00	\$250.00
Faith In Action – Community Connection	\$600.00	\$600.00
Hancock County Home Care	\$579.00	\$579.00
Hospice of Hancock County	\$600.00	\$600.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$600.00	\$600.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$600.00	\$600.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	\$0.00	\$0.00
Warren Center for Hearing	\$500.00	\$500.00
Washington/Hancock Community Agency	\$600.00	\$600.00
Women’s Infants & Children (Downeast Health)	\$600.00	\$600.00
Yesterday’s Children	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,389.00</b>	<b>\$7,389.00</b>

*(The Budget Committee recommends \$7,389.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$12,056.12)*

19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the capital campaign for Maine Coast Memorial Hospital’s Emergency Room. (*The Budget Committee Recommends \$3,000, Maine Coast Memorial Hospital has requested \$5,890.00*)
20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks & Recreation. (*The Parks Commission and Budget Committee recommend \$7,316.00.*)
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,000.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$6,270.00.*)
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. (*The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$56,650.00*)

23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$90,000 to purchase a new fire brush truck, using \$10,000 from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund, \$25,000 from the capital projects fund, \$20,000 donated by the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$35,000 over 5 years for the remainder, and to authorize the Lamoine Fire Department to sell a 1986 GMC pickup/brush truck and a 1976 FMC Bean Pumper Truck with the proceeds to reimburse the fire truck reserve fund. *(The Budget Committee recommends the town approve the fire truck purchase as proposed)*

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
(30-A MRSA § 5404(1-A & 5772(2-A))

*Town of Lamoine*

1. Total town indebtedness:
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|---|---------------|
| a. Bonds Outstanding and unpaid:                    | \$647,690.00* |
| b. Bonds authorized and unissued:                   | \$0.00        |
| c. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved: | 35,000.00     |
|   | Total         |
|   | \$682,690.00  |

\*School renovation bond approved January 2008 which is being assumed by  
RSU #24

2. At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.0%, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Five(5) Years (2010-2015)	
Principal:	\$35,000.00
Interest	4,200.00
Total	\$39,200.00

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 or 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.
24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend 126,145.00.)*
25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including re-pavement of a portion of Buttermilk Road. *(The Budget Committee recommends \$130,000).*
26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation of the Local Government Cable TV Channel(s). *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee, and Cable TV Committee recommend \$5,000.00 – operational funds to come from the Cable TV Fund, and any unexpended funds to be closed into the Cable TV fund)*
27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for waste disposal including operation of the Lamoine Transfer Station, shipment to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, recycling contractor, monitoring of wells around the former landfill, and to authorize the Selectmen to continue the contract of disposal of septic sludge. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$99,480.00)*
28. To see which revenues the Town will vote to appropriate for inclusion in the non-education portion of the budget to offset local property taxes.

Revenue Fund	Amount	Fund Total
<b>General Fund</b>		
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$5,500.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$295,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,500.00	
Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$2,350.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,500.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,500.00	
Interest on Investments	\$25,000.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$25,000.00	
		<b>\$364,350.00</b>
<b>Road Fund</b>		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$24,680.00	
Use of Road Fund	\$40,000.00	<b>\$64,680.00</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Fund</b>		
Local Plumbing Fees	\$2,000.00	
Code Enforcement Fees	\$7,500.00	
Code Enforcement Fund Transfer	\$1,000.00	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>		
Local Animal Control Fees		<b>\$1,200.00</b>
Cable TV Franchise Fees		<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Capital Projects Fund		<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Total Offsets to Local Property Tax</b>		<b>\$453,730.00</b>

\*Municipal Revenue Sharing will also reduce the tax commitment and is not included in the above figure. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend the revenue figures listed above.)

29. To see if the Town will vote to establish and/or continue the following funds:

Fund Balance Account	Balance as of 6/30/08*
Code Enforcement Fund	\$9,333.42
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$11,525.89
Road Assistance Fund	\$85,439.42
Education Capital Fund	\$9,765.39
Animal Control Fund	\$294.89
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$40,770.29
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$3,776.80
Harbor Fund	\$8,026.54
Cable TV Channel Fund	\$19,051.52
Parks & Recreation Fund	\$4,474.38
Capital Improvements Fund	\$129,071.99
Land Conservation Fund	\$2,029.84
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$15,268.41

\*Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/08 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing the above funds)

30. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to implement a plan developed in consultation with the School Committee and Fire Department to delineate town owned property on Tax Map 15 Lots 24 and 27 in order to clarify the portions of those lots designated for school use and fire department use.

31. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Harbor Fund for improvements at the Harbor area as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master to be paid from the Harbor Fund. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval as written*).
  
32. To see if the town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise allowable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed. (By state law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot). (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend approval.*)

Voting on articles 3 through 32 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open on April 7, 2009 to correct any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote in any election.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine February 19, 2009

	S. Josephine Cooper
	Cynthia Donaldson
	Richard Fennelly, Jr.
	Brett Jones
	Kermit Theall

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

Attest: A True Copy

	Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Town Clerk
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