

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, January 7, 2014 at 7:55 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on articles 1 and 2, polls closing on articles 2 and 3 at 8:00 PM on January 7, 2014; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Town Hall in said town on Thursday, the 9th day of January, 2014 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 3 through 7, 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 School Committee Members by secret ballot:
 - A. School Committee Member (1 position, one-year term to expire at the annual town meeting in 2015)
 - B. School Committee Member (1 position, two-year term to expire at the annual town meeting in 2016)
 - C. School Committee Member (1 position, three-year term to expire at the annual town meeting in 2017)

Open Town Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2014 7:00 PM (Lamoine Town Hall)

3. To see if the town will vote to amend the Ordinance Regarding Municipal Elections, Terms of Office and Assumption of Official Responsibilities as follows:
 - A. Section 1 – Elected Positions – strike the section reading *Regional School Unit Board Member (3 year term, one position, retroactive to February 12, 2009) effective July 1, 2014*
 - B. Section 1 – Elected Positions – strike the section for Selectmen reading: *Beginning at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2005, Selectmen & Overseer of the Poor positions shall be elected to stagger the terms as follows – One (1) to a 1-year term, One (1) to a 2-year term, and One (1) to a 3-year term, with the terms to stagger at the subsequent annual town meetings)*
 - C. Section 1 – Elected Positions – add the following wording: *Lamoine School Committee, 5 positions, staggered 3-year terms. Beginning at the annual town meeting on March 11, 2014, within the statutory limits established by 30-A MRSA §2528 two (2) School Committee shall be elected to stagger their terms as follows: One (1) to a 2-year term and One (1) to a 3-year term with the terms to stagger at subsequent annual town meetings. (A 3-member school committee was established by the successful withdrawal vote from RSU 24 on November 5, 2013 and elected on January 7, 2014)*
 - D. Section 2 – Assumption of Office – strike the following wording: *The term of the Regional School Unit (RSU) Director(s) shall begin, initially on February 12, 2009, and continue until the end of said term on June 30th of the year of expiration. Following the initial election, the RSU Director shall assume office on the next July 1st following the election. For the purposes of continuity of operations, those duly elected and sworn School Committee members of the Lamoine School Committee in office at the time of the annual town meeting in*

April, 2009 shall continue in their offices until June 30, 2009, whereupon the formal Lamoine School Committee shall be dissolved due to the formation and membership in the RSU.

- E. Section 2 – Assumption of Office – Add the following wording: *Beginning with a special town meeting on January 7, 2014, the three School Committee members elected shall begin their terms upon administration of the oath of office. Beginning at the Annual town meeting on March 11, 2014, the two School Committee members elected shall begin their terms upon administration of the oath of office. Beginning at the annual town meeting in 2015, school committee members shall begin their terms at the first scheduled meeting of the school committee following the annual town meeting.*
 - F. Section 2 – Assumption of Office – Replace the words *the Regional School Unit* with *Lamoine School Committee*
 - G. Section 3 Salaries – Strike the present section and replace with the following: *Salaries of the Selectmen and Assessors are set at the Annual Town Meeting. Salaries of the School Committee members are to be included in the budget adopted by the Town Meeting and approved by the validation election. An elected official who resigns either voluntarily or statutorily shall be paid a pro-rated share of salary based on the time served during the term. The Lamoine School Department is responsible for School Committee Member compensation. The Town Treasurer is responsible for Selectman and Assessor compensation subject to a valid warrant approved by the Board of Selectmen.*
 - H. Section 5 – Effective Date – Add the following language - *Amended January 9, 2014 by a majority vote of a special Lamoine Town Meeting to reflect the withdrawal of Lamoine from Regional School Unit 24 effective July 1, 2014, establish a 5-member school committee, and to better clarify the salary section.*
- 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Education Fund and authorize the Lamoine School Committee to expend until June 30, 2014 for the purposes of establishing the Lamoine School Department, including reimbursement to the Administration Fund those expenditures between December 12, 2013 and January 9, 2014 for the purposes of hiring a school system transition consultant. (*The Local School Advisory Committee, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$25,000.00 from the Education Fund*)
 - 5. To see if the town will vote to set the salaries for school committee members at \$100 each per month until June 30, 2014, and the appropriate \$2,400 from the Education Fund for the purposes of school committee member salaries.
 - 6. To see if the Town will vote to repeal, effective July 1, 2014, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Establish the Lamoine Local School Advisory Committee”.
 - 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept a check in the amount of \$3,652.88 from the Commissioners of Hancock County, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to direct the Treasurer to disburse to each property owner receiving a Veterans Exemption as of April 1, 2013 \$47.44, either as a cash refund in the event that said property owner’s taxes are paid in full or the same amount to be applied to any unpaid tax balance and/or interest in the event that a balance remains on said property owner’s account as of January 23, 2014.

Voting on articles 3 through 7 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Town Hall beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 9, 2014. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open on January 7, 2014 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

/s/ S. Josephine Cooper Date Signed: December 12, 2013

/s/ Cynthia Donaldson Date Signed: December 12, 2013

/s/ Gary McFarland Date Signed: December 12, 2013

/s/ Bernard Johnson Date Signed: December 12, 2013

/s/ Nathan Mason Date Signed: December 12, 2013

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