

# *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, March 10, 2015 at 7:55 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on articles 1 through 2, polls closing on article 2 at 8:00 PM on March 11, 2015; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 3 through 30, 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:
  1. Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (2 positions, term to end town meeting 2018)
  2. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2015 and end June 30, 2018)
  3. School Committee Member (1 position term to end at town meeting 2018)

Open Town Meeting  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - 6:00 PM

Prior to the start of business:

- Recognize "Citizen of the Year" (Board of Selectmen to present)
  - 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 August 31, 2015 and February 29, 2016, and to fix the rate of interest at 7.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning September 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 3.00% per annum.
  4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner declines to redeem the property after 30-days notice, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to execute, upon specific town meeting approval, a quit claim deed to the highest responsible bidder; and further to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
  5. 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.
  6. 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.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2015/2016 and 2016/17 taxes not yet committed at 0% interest for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted by the Board of Assessors or the Board of Selectmen during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 in an aggregate amount not to exceed the property tax commitment overlay.
9. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purposes of updating the Comprehensive Plan most recently passed by the Town of Lamoine in 1996. *(The Selectmen, Budget Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Committee recommend \$7,500.00)*
10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000.00)*
11. 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 (non-chair, 2 positions)	\$1,500.00

*(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$197,366.11 and the salaries as outlined above.)*

12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects and debt service payments. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend a total of \$42,465.00 including \$41,465 for debt service payment on the 2013 fire-tanker/pumper truck, and \$1,000 to add to the Land Conservation Fund)*
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to explore the possible purchase of 49-acres (+/-) of property identified as Map 7 Lot 14 and located at the corner of Douglas Highway and Jordan River Road; and if deemed advisable, to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the current owners with final purchase contingent upon approval and funding from a special town meeting to be called within 60-days of any purchase and sale agreement.
14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement, including operations of the Planning and Appeals Boards, 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 \$18,775.00.)*
15. 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.

<b>Requesting Agency</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
American Red Cross – Eastern Maine	\$600.00	\$600.00

Community Health & Counseling Services	\$1,455.00	\$600.00
Child & Family Opportunities	\$600.00	\$600.00
Downeast Horizons	\$600.00	\$600.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$250.00	\$250.00
Friends In Action – Community Connection	\$600.00	\$600.00
Grand Auditorium	\$600.00	\$600.00
Eastern Maine Home Care	\$579.00	\$579.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	\$600.00	\$600.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$600.00	\$600.00
LifeFlight Foundation	\$600.00	\$600.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$600.00	\$600.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	\$600.00	\$600.00
Open Door Recovery Center	\$600.00	\$600.00
Washington/Hancock Community Agency*	\$600.00	\$0.00
Women's Infants & Children	\$490.00	\$490.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,084.00</b>	<b>\$8,629.00</b>

\*The Request from the Washington Hancock Community Agency was received after the ordinance deadline due to a death. In past years the town has supported this request at \$600.00, but because of the ordinance deadline, the Budget Committee and Selectmen could not make a recommendation.

*(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$8,629.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$13,174.16)*

16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Maintenance. *(The Parks Commission, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,778.00).*

17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,368.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$7,368.00).*

18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$65,615.50)*

19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$90,000 to purchase a new rescue watercraft, motor and trailer, using \$15,000 to be donated by the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$75,000 over 5 years for the remainder. *(The Budget Committee recommends the town approve the purchase as proposed)*

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

1. Total town indebtedness:
 

a. Bonds Outstanding and unpaid as of January 1, 2015:	\$376,016.64
b. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0.00
c. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved:	\$75,000.00
Total	\$526,016.64
  
2. At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3.5%, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:
 

Five(5) Years (2015-2020)	
Principal:	\$75,000.00
Interest	\$7,875.00
Total	\$82,875.00

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.
20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$17,265.00 for repayment of year 1 of the bond if approved in article 19 above (\$15,000 principal and \$2,625 interest). *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend approval)*
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$167,675.00.)*
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including re-pavement of the western portion of Buttermilk Road. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$120,000.00).*
23. 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 \$100,640.00)*
24. 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	\$8,500.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$295,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,500.00	
Administration Fees	\$450.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$3,500.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,700.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,750.00	
Interest on Investments	\$6,500.00	
Rental Income – Cell Phone Tower	\$13,800.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$40,000.00	
		<b>\$378,700.00</b>
<b>Road Fund</b>		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$24,000.00	
Use of Road Fund	\$0.00	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Fund</b>		
Local Plumbing Fees	\$2,000.00	
Code Enforcement Fees	\$7,000.00	
Code Enforcement Fund Transfer	\$3,500.00	<b>\$12,500.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>		
Local Animal Control Fees		<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Total Offsets to Local Property Tax</b>		<b>\$417,200.00</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.)*

25. To see if the Town will vote to continue the following funds:

<b>Fund Balance Account</b>	<b>Balance as of 6/30/14*</b>
Code Enforcement Fund	<b>\$29,303.63</b>
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	<b>\$1,464.12</b>
Road Assistance Fund	<b>\$78,158.22</b>
Education Capital Fund	<b>\$9,610.57</b>
Animal Control Fund	<b>\$3,672.36</b>
Revaluation Reserve Fund	<b>\$106,571.10</b>
Insurance Deductible Fund	<b>\$6,551.38</b>
Harbor Fund	<b>\$18,988.56</b>
Cable TV Channel Fund	<b>\$38,171.66</b>
Parks & Recreation Fund	<b>\$8,889.01</b>
Capital Improvements Fund	<b>\$54,609.61</b>
Land Conservation Fund	<b>\$6,361.39</b>
Veterans Memorial Fund	<b>\$5,495.88</b>
Conservation Commission Fund	<b>\$1,008.01</b>
Flag Display Maintenance Fund	<b>\$388.67</b>
Allen & Leurene Hodgkins Fund	<b>\$22,422.43</b>

\*Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/14 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year.  
 (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing the above funds)

26. To see if the town will vote to close the RSU 24 Withdrawal fund and transfer the June 30, 2015 fund balance of \$12,943.48 to the Education Fund.
27. 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. Expenditures are not to exceed available amounts in said fund.
28. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Cable TV Fund for operation of Lamoine's Cable TV channel as suggested to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to set the compensation of the Cable TV Operations Manager. Expenditures are to be deducted from and Revenues are to be added to the Cable TV fund. Expenditure amounts are not to exceed available amounts in said fund.
29. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Veterans' Memorial Fund as recommended to and approved by the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of maintaining the memorial, not to exceed the available amount of the fund.
30. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds in the Conservation Commission Fund as recommended to and approved by the Chair of the Conservation Commission for commission projects, said funds not to exceed the available amount of the fund.

Voting on articles 3 through 30 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open on March 10, 2015 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: February 12, 2015

/s/ Gary McFarland Date Signed: February 12, 2015

/s/ Bernard H. Johnson Date Signed: February 12, 2015

/s/ Nathan Mason Date Signed: February 12, 2015

/s/ Heather Fowler Date Signed: February 12, 2015

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