

March 30, 2018- Town Meeting Minutes

Deputy Town Clerk Stuart Marckoon opened the annual town meeting at 7:55 AM at the Lamoine Town Hall.

1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting. **It was moved and 2nd to select Harvey Kelley as moderator. Four ballots were cast and the vote for Mr. Kelley was unanimous. Deputy Town Clerk Marckoon administered the oath of office to Mr. Kelley. Mr. Kelley appointed Mr. Marckoon as Deputy moderator. Joan Broussard, Kathleen DeFusco and Marion McDevitt were appointed as ballot clerks by Town Clerk Kovacs and Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs administered their oaths.**
2. To elect the following Town Officers by Secret ballot:
 - a. Selectman & Overseer of the Poor (2 positions, term to end town meeting 2021)
 - b. Assessor (1 position, term to begin July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2021)
 - c. School Committee Member (1 Position term to end at town meeting 2021)

Voting Results were as follows:

Lamoine Municipal Election - March 6, 2018

	Total	%
Selectman/Overseer		
Cooper, S. Josephine	256	80.25%
Guglielmo, Wynne	139	43.57%
McFarland, Gary	189	59.25%
Others	0	0.00%

Tax Assessor		
Write-In - Thomas, Brian	50	15.67%
Others	11	3.45%

School Committee		
Brann, Michael	267	83.70%
Others	0	0.00%

Total Ballots Cast	319
Total Registered Voters	1476
Turnout Percentage	21.61%

Moderator Kelley certified the results, declaring Mrs. Cooper, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Brann to be elected in their respective offices.

Open Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 - 6:00 PM

Town Clerk Kovacs checked in 57 voters at the open town meeting.

Town Clerks Kovacs administered oaths to Mrs. Cooper, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Brann.

Moderator Harvey Kelley called the open town meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Mr. Kelley announced the results of the Election from March 6, 2018.

Mr. Kelley established that he would operate according to the Maine Moderator's Manual.

It was moved and 2nd to allow non-voters/non-residents to speak at the moderator's discretion. The motion passed by a greater than 2/3rds majority on a hand vote.

Prior to the start of business:

The Lamoine Board of Selectmen presented the Citizen of the Year award to the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department.

The Conservation Commission presented the Conservation Award to James Norris and Terry Towne.

The Lamoine Board of Selectmen presented Stuart Marckoon an award for his 25 years of service with the Town of Lamoine.

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, 2018 and February 28, 2019, and to fix the rate of interest at 8.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning September 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 4.00% per annum. **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
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. **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
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. **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
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 snowmobile trails. **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2018/2019 and 2019/20 taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments

pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506. **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

8. 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*) **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
9. 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.

Position	Recommended Salary (Budget Committee & Selectmen)
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 \$231,567.85 and the salaries as outlined above.*)
It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.

10. 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 \$138,903.52 including \$15,803.52 for debt service payment on the 2015 rescue boat, \$20,000 to add to the Town Hall Foundation/Lot fund, \$5,000.00 to add to the Lamoine Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund, \$1,000 to add to the Land Conservation Fund, and \$98,100 to purchase a fire department ladder truck.*)
It was moved and 2nd to correct the total amount from \$138,903.52 to \$139,903.52 because of an error in the math. The motion passed on a hand vote.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department to sell the 1989 tanker truck with proceeds to be added into the Fire Truck Reserve Fund. (*The Selectmen recommend passage*). **It was moved and 2nd to approve article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

12. 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 \$21,750.00.*) **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$21, 750.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

13. 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 as amended.

Requesting Agency	Requested	Recommended
American Red Cross – Eastern Maine	\$600.00	\$600.00
Community Health & Counseling Services	\$700.00	\$700.00
DE Cmty Partners - Child & Family Opportunities	\$700.00	\$700.00
Health Equity Alliance (DE AIDS Network)	\$700.00	\$700.00

Downeast Horizons	\$700.00	\$700.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$700.00	\$700.00
Families First Community Center	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friends In Action – Community Connection	\$700.00	\$700.00
Grand Auditorium	\$700.00	\$700.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lamoine Historical Society	\$700.00	\$700.00
Lifeflight Foundation	\$700.00	\$700.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$700.00	\$700.00
Open Door Recovery Center	\$700.00	\$700.00
DE Cmty Partners - Washington/Hancock Community Agency	\$700.00	\$700.00
Women's Infants & Children	\$700.00	\$700.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total	\$11,300.00	\$11,300.00

(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$11,300.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$13,210.39)

It was moved and 2nd to pass with the recommended amounts. The motion passed on a hand vote.

14. 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 \$20,325.00).* **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$20, 325.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,722.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$7,722.00).* **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$7,722.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$86,345.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$86,345.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$180,370.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$180, 370.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including repavement of Seal Point Road. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$162,500.00).* **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$162,500.00. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
19. 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 \$129,820.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to raise and appropriate \$129,820.00. There was a small discussion about the new single sort recycling by ecomaine. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
20. 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
General Fund		
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$11,000.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$350,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,500.00	
Administration Fees	\$300.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$4,000.00	
Agent Fees	\$5,400.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,750.00	
Interest on Investments	\$11,000.00	
Rental Income – Cell Phone Tower	\$13,800.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$170,000.00	
		\$570,750.00
Road Fund		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$20,000.00	
Use of Road Fund	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
Code Enforcement Fund		
Code Enforcement Fees	\$10,000.00	
		\$10,000.00
Other Funds		
Local Animal Control Fees		\$1,500.00
Recreation Fees		\$3,500.00
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax		\$625,750.00

*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.)

It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.

21. To see if the Town will vote to continue and establish the following funds:

Fund Balance Account	Balance as of 6/30/17*
Code Enforcement Fund	\$54,431.75
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$1,493.75
Road Assistance Fund	\$167,691.93
Education Capital Fund	\$9,882.62
Animal Control Fund	\$1,395.75
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$107,229.94
Insurance Deductible Fund	\$7,253.88
Harbor Fund	\$24,050.47
Cable TV Channel Fund	\$32,522.64
Parks Fund	\$12,673.18
Capital Improvements Fund	\$56,425.38
Land Conservation Fund	\$9,532.98
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$5,196.00
Conservation Commission Fund	\$1,079.96
Flag Display Maintenance Fund	\$1,256.22
Allen & Leurene Hodgkins Fund	\$26,631.91
Recreation Fund	\$17,038.17
Town Hall Foundation Fund	\$20,096.88
Heating Assistance Fund	\$15,429.01
Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund	\$18,416.62
Establish Transfer Station Capital Fund**	

*Note that most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/16 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year.

**This will be funded by the return of ownership shares of the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company by both PERC and the Municipal Review Committee.

(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend continuing and establishing the above funds)

It was moved and 2nd to pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.

22. 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. **It was moved and 2nd to pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

23. 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. **It was moved and 2nd to pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

24. 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. **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

25. 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. **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

There being no further business to transact, Moderator Kelley declared the town meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Kovacs, Town Clerk