

Open Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 recessed to Wednesday, March 26, 2021

Harvey Kelley opened the Open Town Meeting at 7:16. He made a motion to allow non-residents to speak at the moderator's discretion. It was moved and 2nd and the motion passed on a hand vote.

5. To see if the town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due in two equal payments on August 31, 2021 and February 28, 2022, and to fix the rate of interest at 6.00% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning September 1, 2021 and March 1, 2022 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 2.00% per annum.
It was moved and 2nd to pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote
6. 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 decline 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. If sale is to anyone other than the former owner, the Board of Selectmen shall follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C for qualifying homestead property. **It was moved and 2nd to pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
7. 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 pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.
8. 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 pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 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 pass as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.
10. To request the towns people of Lamoine to Amend the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Tax map 13 lot 50 Owned by Glenn and Donna Crawford from limited Residential Zone to Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities Zone. (This article was requested by a citizen's petition).
It was moved and 2nd to pass as requested. Glenn Crawford spoke about the fishing history of his property. He said that at the time the shoreland zoning ordinance was enacted it was zoned residential, before the zoning was passed the property was used for commercial fishing. He would like his property zone to change to commercial fishing for the future of the fishing community. There was a discussion on zoning. John Holt spoke briefly about limited districts. He explained that changing districts before an ordinance is in place is problematic. There were several questions for John Holt about zoning and districts. Donald Bamman said in the commercial district you are not allowed to have a residential home unless it's existing. There was a short discussion about spot zoning. Robert Christie spoke briefly about the history of Glenn Crawford's property. Kathleen Rybarz asked to put it to a written vote. Written vote 36yes 36no article did not pass.

11. To see if the town will vote to amend the Building & Land Use Ordinance dated March 17, 2021 Part I Section 5 Subsection 1 Non-Conforming Structure. A copy of this amendment identified as Amendment 1 is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office.
It was moved and 2nd to pass as written. John Holt explained proposed amendments. The motion passed on a hand vote.
12. To see if the town will vote to amend the Building & Land Use Ordinance dated March 17, 2021 Part II Section 12 Subsection G. Setbacks, Side and Rear Yard Widths and Buffers. A copy of this amendment identified as Amendment 2 is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office.
It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.
13. To see if the town will vote to amend the Building & Land Use Ordinance dated March 17, 2021 Part III Section 17 Subsection B. Definitions. A copy of this amendment identified as Amendment 3 is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office.
It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a counted hand vote 31yes 23no.
14. To see if the town will vote to amend the Lamoine Site Plan Review Ordinance dated March 13, 2013 Section J General Review Standards, Subsection 1 Preserve and Enhance the Landscape. A copy of the proposed amendment identified as Amendment 1 is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office. **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
15. To see if the town will vote to amend the Lamoine Site Plan Review Ordinance dated March 13, 2013 Section M Appeals. A copy of the proposed amendment identified as Amendment 2 is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office. **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
16. To see if the town will vote to amend the Lamoine Site Plan Review Ordinance dated March 13, 2013 Section P Construction of Language. A copy of the proposed amendment identified as Amendment 3 is on file with the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office. **It was moved and 2nd to pass as article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
17. 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 \$249,162.68 and the salaries as outlined above.)
It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. Stuart Marckoon made a motion to amend from \$249,162.68 to \$254,545.18. The motion to amend passed on a hand vote, and the amended motion passed on a hand vote.

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 as amended.

Requesting Agency	Requested	Recommended
American Red Cross	\$600.00	\$600.00
Community Health & Counseling Service	\$400.00	\$400.00
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	\$700.00	\$700.00
Friends In Action – Community Connection	\$700.00	\$700.00
The 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
Downeast Community Partners	\$700.00	\$700.00
Women’s Infants & Children Clinic	\$700.00	\$700.00
Yesterday’s Children	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00

(The Budget Committee & Selectmen recommend \$9,700.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Board of Selectmen to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is \$13,666.23) **It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,010.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of \$8,010.00).* **It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Selectmen and Fire Department recommend \$94,475.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

21. 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 \$152,650.00)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

22. 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 \$37,400.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$200,800.00.)* **It was moved and 2nd to pass as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**

24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including repavement of a section of Buttermilk Road (*The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$135,000.00*). **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Maintenance. (*The Parks Commission, Recreation Committee, Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$25,090.00*). **It was moved and 2nd to pass article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for enforcement of the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfishing Ordinance (*The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend \$3,000.00*)
It was moved and 2nd to pass article as recommended. The motion passed on a hand vote.
27. 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 \$143,000 for the following projects*):
- Land Conservation Fund, \$1,000.00
 - Lamoine Sesquicentennial Celebration, \$2,500.00
 - Fire Department SCBA Cylinder Replacement - \$14,500.00
 - Broadband Expansion \$5,000.00
 - Community Center Planning \$10,000.00
 - Revaluation \$110,000.00
- It was moved and 2nd to pass article as recommended. Jo Cooper mentioned that the Parade and Fireworks would be on August 14, 2021. The motion passed on a hand vote.**
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
General Fund		
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	\$12,000.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$375,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	\$3,000.00	
Administration Fees	\$250.00	
Tax Lien Charges	\$4,000.00	
Agent Fees	\$6,000.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$1,750.00	
Interest on Investments	\$20,000.00	
Rental Income – Cell Phone Tower	\$15,870.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	\$164,500.00	
		\$602,370.00
Road Fund		
URIP Program (State Funding)	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Code Enforcement Fund		
Code Enforcement Fees	\$10,000.00	
Transfer from Code Enforcement Fund	\$5,000.00	
Plumbing Permit Fees	\$4,000.00	\$19,000.00
Recreation Fund		
Recreation Fund Use	\$3,200.00	
Recreation Fees	\$2,800.00	\$6,000.00
Other Funds		
Hodgkin's Trust Fund		\$10,000.00

Whitcomb Woods Fund	\$1,500.00
Parks Fund	\$1000.00
Local Animal Control Fees	\$1,500.00
Revaluation Fund	\$110,000.00
Cable TV Fund	\$5,000.00
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax	\$776,370.00

(NOTE): 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 article as recommended. Stuart Marckoon made a motion to amend the amount from \$776,370.00 to \$781,752.50. The motion to amend passed on a hand vote, and the motion as amended passed on a hand vote.

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

Fund Balance Account
Code Enforcement Fund
Fire Truck Reserve Fund
Road Assistance Fund
Education Capital Fund
Animal Control Fund
Revaluation Reserve Fund
Insurance Deductible Fund
Harbor Fund
Cable TV Channel Fund
Parks Fund
Capital Improvements Fund
Land Conservation Fund
Veterans Memorial Fund
Conservation Commission Fund
Flag Display Maintenance Fund
Allen & Leurene Hodgkin's Fund
Recreation Fund
Town Hall Renovation Fund
Heating Assistance Fund
Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund
Transfer Station Capital Fund
Education Fund (from operations)
Education Special Ed Reserve
Education Secondary Tuition Reserve
Education – Facilities Maintenance Reserve
Cemetery Care Fund
Whitcomb Woods Maintenance Fund (New)

(NOTE) Most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/20 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year. At the time the warrant was signed, the audited balances as of June 30, 2020 were not yet available.

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

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

30. 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 article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.

31. 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 article as written. The motion passed on a hand vote.

32. 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.

33. 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 9:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Kovacs, Town Clerk