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 4, 2025 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 4, 2025; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gymnasium in said town on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 2025 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) then and there to act on articles 3 through 29, 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. Municipal Officer & Overseers (2 positions, term to end town meeting 2028)
    b. Municipal Officer & Overseer (1 position, term to end town meeting 2027)
    c. School Committee Member (2 position, terms to end at town meeting 2028)

Open Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Prior to the start of business (6:00 PM):

- Recognize the 2024 Conservation Award Winner (Conservation Commission to present)
- Recognize the "2024 Citizen of the Year" (Select Board 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, 2025 and February 28, 2026, and to fix the rate of interest at 7% to be charged on the unpaid amounts beginning September 1, 2025 and March 1, 2026 respectively, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at 3% per annum.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board to follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C; and further to allow the Select Board 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 Select Board to sell and/or dispose of any property or fixtures deemed to be surplus and unusable to the Town and worth less than $2,500 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 snowmobile trails.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

8. To see if the town will approve proposed amendments the Building and Land Use Ordinance. A copy of the proposed amendments is available at the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

9. To see if the town will approve proposed amendments the Gravel Ordinance. A copy of the proposed amendments is available at the Lamoine Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

10. To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to engage the services of an architect and/or engineer during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 fiscal years in regard to concept design for a community center addition to the existing town hall, funding to come from and not to exceed the available amount in the Community Center Fund.

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 Select Board to establish the rate of compensation for appointed officials.

Position	**Recommended Salary (Budget Committee & Select Board)**
Select Board (Chair)	$1,800.00
Select Board (non-chair, 4 positions)	$1,200.00

(The Budget Committee recommends $329,935.90 and the salaries as outlined above. The Select Board recommends $327,735.90 and the salaries as outlined above.)

12. 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 Select Board, 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	$300.00	$300.00
Downeast Horizons	$800.00	$800.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	$800.00	$800.00
Emmaus Homeless Shelter/HOME inc.	$800.00	$800.00
The Grand Auditorium	$800.00	$800.00
Families First Community Center	$800.00	$800.00
Friends In Action	$800.00	$800.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	$0.00	$0.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	$800.00	$800.00
Lamoine Community Arts	$800.00	$800.00
Lamoine Grange # 264	$800.00	$800.00
Lamoine Historical Society	$800.00	$800.00
Lifeflight Foundation	$700.00	$700.00
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	$800.00	$800.00
Mount Desert Nursing Association	$800.00	$800.00
Next Step Domestic Violence Project	$400.00	$400.00
Downeast Community Partners	$800.00	$800.00
Women Infants & Children Clinic	$800.00	$800.00
Total	$13,200.00	$13,200.00

(The Budget Committee & Select Board recommend $13,200.00 as outlined above. The donation requests ordinance requires the Select Board to recommend no more than 5% of one mill, which is $20,841.40.)

13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for library services. *(The Select Board and Budget Committee recommend $10,320.00. The Ellsworth Public Library has requested funding of $10,320.00).*

14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety Expenditures. *(The Budget Committee, Select Board and Fire Department recommend $117,600.00.)*

15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for its recycling program. *(The Budget Committee makes no recommendation; the Select Board recommends $54,000.00)*

16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for waste disposal (excluding recycling) including operation of the Lamoine Transfer Station, shipment to the Eagle Point Energy Center or its successor, monitoring of wells around the former landfill, and to authorize the Select Board to continue the contract of disposal of septic sludge. *(The Budget Committee recommends $168,200.00. The Select Board recommends $154,200.00.)*

17. 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 Select Board and Budget Committee recommend $38,150.00)*

18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance. *(The Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $311,240.00.)*

19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for major road projects including repaving Walker Road, Birchlawn Drive & South Birchlawn Drive. *(The Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $274,100.00.).*

20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Maintenance. *(The Parks Commission, Recreation Committee, Select Board and Budget Committee recommend $51,300.00.).*

21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for enforcement of the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Ordinance *(The Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $3,000.00.)*

22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for capital projects and debt service payments. (*The Budget Committee recommends a total of $179,502.40 for the following projects):*
    - *Land Conservation Fund, $5,000.00*
    - *Fire Truck Bond Payment $62,460.00*
    - *Land Purchase Bond Payment $79,542.40*
    - *Athletics Fields Capital Fund - $2,500.00*
    - *Fire Department Emergency Repairs Fund - $5,000.00*
    - *Community Center Planning $10,000.00*
    - *Revaluation Fund Addition $15,000.00*

23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be placed in a fund for the future purchase of the solar power systems installed on the salt/sand shed and Lamoine Consolidated School. *(The Budget Committee makes no recommendation, The Select Board recommends $56,093.00)*

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
General Fund		
Interest on Real Estate Taxes	$8,000.00	
Automobile Excise Taxes	$440,000.00	
Watercraft Excise Taxes	$3,000.00	
Administration Fees	$100.00	
Tax Lien Charges	$4,000.00	
Agent Fees	$7,000.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	$2,100.00	
Interest on Investments	$20,000.00	
Rental Income – Cell Phone Tower	$23,060.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus)	$200,000.00	
		$707,260.00
Road Fund		
LRAP Program (State Funding)	$22,000.00	
Road Fund Use	$65,000.00	**$87,000.00**
Code Enforcement Fund		
Code Enforcement Fees	$10,000.00	
Transfer from Code Enforcement Fund	$10,000.00	
Plumbing Permit Fees	$8.000.00	**$28,000.00**
Other Funds		
Recreation Fees		**$2,560.00**
Recreation Fund Use		**$4,000.00**
Hodgkins Trust Fund		**$10,000.00**
Local Animal Control Fees		**$1,100.00**
Total Offsets to Local Property Tax		**$839,920.00**

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

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

Fund Balance Account	Balance June 30, 2024
Code Enforcement Fund	$141,866.01
Fire Truck Reserve Fund	$2,370.83
Road Assistance Fund	$235,480.37
Education Capital Fund	$10,759.81
Animal Control Fund	-$1,012.55
Revaluation Reserve Fund	$2,876.41
Insurance Deductible Fund	$11,645.33
Harbor Fund	$25,997.66
Cable TV Channel Fund	$54,730.91
Parks Fund	$20,117.22
Capital Improvements Fund	$55,173.14
Land Conservation Fund	$15,041.52
Veterans Memorial Fund	$5,287.90
Conservation Commission Fund	$4,169.72
Flag Display Maintenance Fund	$1,913.05
Allen & Leurene Hodgkins Fund	$61,589.00
Recreation Fund	$25,169.04
Town Hall Renovation Fund	$100,450.39
Heating Assistance Fund	$18,784.80
Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund	$9,770.77
Transfer Station Capital Fund	$104,039.84
Community Center Planning Fund	$30,527.73
Education Fund (from operations)	$489,754.62
Education Special Ed Reserve	$164,095.09
Education Secondary Tuition Reserve	$73,217.72
Education – Facilities Maintenance Reserve	$490.283.59
Cemetery Care Fund	$193.64
Whitcomb Woods Maintenance Fund	$3,721.31
Fire Truck Emergency Repairs Fund	$27,617.10
Athletic Fields Capital Fund	$1,515.96
Committee on Aging Fund	$273.04

(NOTE): Most funds are part of continuing operations, so the balance of 6/30/24 does not reflect any appropriations, expenditures or revenues for the current fiscal year.

(The Select Board and Budget Committee recommend continuing and establishing the above funds.)

26. 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 Select Board, and to authorize the Select Board 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.

27. 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 Select Board, and to authorize the Select Board to set the compensation of the Cable TV Operations Manager and Information Technology Director. 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.

28. To see if the Town will authorize expenditure of funds from the Veterans' Memorial Fund as recommended to and approved by the Select Board for the purposes of maintaining the memorial, not to exceed the available amount of the fund.

29. 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 29 will take place in open town meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 during regular business hours at the Lamoine Town Hall to correct any error in, or change a name or address on the voting list, and to accept registration of any person eligible to vote. A person who is not registered as a voter in the Town of Lamoine may not vote in any municipal election.

Signed at the Town of Lamoine

/s/	S. Josephine Cooper	Date Signed: 1/23/25
/s/	Nathan Mason	Date Signed: 1/23/25
/s/	Kathleen Rybarz	Date Signed: 1/23/25
/s/	Larissa Thomas	Date Signed: 1/23/25

The Lamoine Select Board,
Municipal Officers of the Town of Lamoine