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To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee  
Fr: Melissa Doane, Chair  
Re: Notice and Agenda for the January 18, 2024 LPC Meeting  
Date: January 11, 2024

The next meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee is scheduled for:

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (no subcommittee meetings)**  
**Maine Municipal Association**

**Zoom Option Available:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82145279545?pwd=bENJOEdZc3N0WTNtVldEaDRWRmhiUT09>

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to convene the Legislative Policy Committee for the first time in 2024. Considering that the Legislature has its eye on an April 17 adjournment date, staff believes it will be a fast-paced session. At Thursday's meeting you will be asked to establish positions on the bills listed below and it is possible that one or more supplemental agendas will be issued in advance of our meeting. The goal is to get as much work as possible under our belts at the January meeting to ensure staff has the information necessary to navigate the session, without relying on impromptu Zoom meetings and position surveys.

Additionally, please note that the start time of the January 18 meeting is 10 a.m. The earlier start time will enable the policy committee to complete its work and possibly allow for an earlier adjournment. No promises, however.

Finally, as you will read, the LPC will establish its position on four bond bills, which is not the process used in the past to establish our bond funding priorities. Considering the few bond bills of municipal importance that remain, staff felt a traditional vote on each would provide the information necessary to advocate on our behalf.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday. If you have questions about the meeting or materials, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Dufour at [kdufour@memun.org](mailto:kdufour@memun.org) or Laura Ellis at [lellis@memun.org](mailto:lellis@memun.org).

Thank you for participating in these meetings. The feedback you provide is invaluable to the Association's advocacy efforts.

## Agenda

### I. Welcome & Introduction

### II. Housekeeping

#### a. Attendance.

#### b. Proposed 2024 meeting dates:

i. February 15, 2024

ii. March 21, 2024

#### c. Updated LPC Membership. Since the membership of the LPC has changed a bit since we last met, we are providing an updated [membership listing](#).

### III. Updates. Amanda Campbell will provide an update on LD 2005, *An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax*, opposed by the LPC on October 24.

### IV. Proposed legislation. A summary description of each bill subject to LPC review is provided in MMA's "2024 LD List" ([Attachment #1](#)). The bills are hyperlinked both on the LD List and below under each subcommittee, as opposed to sending the bills separately.

#### a. Kate Dufour will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives. See "Bond Bill Matrix" document ([Attachment #2](#)).

##### i. Bond-related legislation.

1. [LD 212](#) *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings*
2. [LD 367](#) *An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation*
3. [LD 912](#) *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings*
4. [LD 1156](#) *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation* (At the request of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, MMA staff is placing this bill and accompanying factsheet ([Attachment #3](#)) before the LPC for its consideration.)
5. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.

##### ii. Judiciary-related legislation.

1. [LD 2007](#) *An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations* (see [Attachment #4](#) for information provided by Rick Bronson and David Cota)

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- b. Rebecca Graham** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
- i. Intergovernmental affairs-related legislation.**
    1. [LD 2101](#) *An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement*
    2. [LD 2146](#) *An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Adopting Moratoria on Emergency Shelters*
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  - ii. Judiciary-related legislation.**
    1. [LD 2035](#) *An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate*
    2. [LD 2086](#) *An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms*
    3. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.
  - iii. Public safety-related legislation.**
    1. [LD 1633](#) – *An Act to Establish a Community-based Reentry Program in All Department of Corrections Facilities*
    2. [LD 2041](#) *Resolve, to Review Traffic Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution with Respect to Those Occurrences*
    3. [LD 2053](#) *An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code*
    4. [LD 2054](#) *An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose*
    5. [LD 2071](#) *Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board*
    6. [LD 2094](#) *Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers*
    7. [LD 2109](#) *An Act to Maintain State Police Rural Patrol Services at 2020 Staffing Levels*
    8. [LD 2129](#) *An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement*
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- iv. **Transportation-related legislation.**
  - 1. [LD 2072](#) *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles*
  - 2. [LD 2098](#) *An Act Regarding Multiple Special Designating Plates for Certain Disabled Veterans*
  - 3. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.
  
- c. **Rebecca Lambert** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
  - i. **Energy, Utilities & Technology-related legislation.**
    - 1. [LD 2087](#) *An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program*
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  - ii. **Judiciary-related legislation.**
    - 1. [LD 2007](#) *An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations*
    - 2. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.
  
  - iii. **Veterans & Legal Affairs-related legislation.**
    - 1. [LD 2088](#) *An Act to Change the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in Certain Municipalities*
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- d. **Amanda Campbell** will provide information for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
  - i. **Environmental-related legislation.**
    - 1. [LD 2030](#) *An Act to Exempt Certain Emergency Activities and Structure Elevation Increases in Flood Zones from Permit Requirements Under the Natural Resources Protection Act*
    - 2. [LD 2059](#) *An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws*
    - 3. [LD 2135](#) *Resolve, to Investigate and Address Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services Issues*
    - 4. Legislation printed after this agenda was distributed.
  
  - ii. **Health & Human Services-related legislation.**
    - 1. [LD 2157](#) *An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools*
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**iii. Housing-related legislation.**

1. [LD 2158](#) *An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System*  
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**iv. Marine Resources-related legislation.**

1. [LD 2065](#) *An Act to Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing Laws*
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**v. Taxation-related legislation.**

1. [LD 1454](#) *An Act Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax*
2. [LD 2027](#) *An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities*
3. [LD 2048](#) *An Act to Amend the Content of Notices Provided with Respect to Tax Liens on Certain Property*
4. [LD 2076](#) *An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state*
5. [LD 2106](#) *An Act to Accelerate the Production of Affordable Housing and Strengthen the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit*
6. [LD 2111](#) *An Act Regarding the Timeline for Property Tax Abatement Based on Hardship or Poverty*
7. [LD 2162](#) *An Act Regarding the Homestead Property Tax Exemption and the Property Value Reassessment Process*
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**V. Adjourn**