



# Our Voice

## Citizens of Lebanon Maine For Better Government

If, like me, you were more than surprised when you received you're tax bill with it's 35% increase this year this web site is for you. <http://ourvoice.stadig.org>

The mission of this website is to provide an open forum where Lebanon residents may reach out, communicate, share ideas, discuss solutions and organize for the purpose of improving the government of the Town of Lebanon. It will also serve as the hub to keep residents informed and updated on meetings, news and town events.

Any frustration we feel over the tax matter needs to be turned into action, not just today, but also next week and next year. We got to where we are by leaving our town obligation to others to take care of and there is no blame to be placed here except on ourselves. I believe through regular involvement and participation by our residents we will gain transparency in budgets, reduced spending, and endure fewer surprises. This is not an Us against Them fight this truly a matter of people being involved, informed, educated and attentive.

I am not an expert on town government like most of you, but as I learn the basics I will share them here like how to complete a referendum for example. I am sure others in town already know much they could share and that is encouraged. The site is a forum where concerned citizens can get information, share information and exchange ideas. The goal is to improve town management and reduce spending and perhaps get a bigger turn out for the next fund raiser or recreational dept. event.

Post your valued opinion or observation, provide facts where known, and be constructive. Free thinking, and free speech are welcome. I would like to see the site become a living news magazine with posts covering All topics of town news and editorial opinion published by **You** the towns residents for the residents.

You may comment on any article posted by clicking "comment" then add a different perspective or announce you're agreement or disagreement with the author. The next person can add there comment to the mix and so forth, providing a forum for open discussion.

So please register and share your concerns, news and solutions today....see you at the meetings!

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