

**Comprehensive Plan  
Updated Timeline and Meeting Content**

Details August 2022 through April 2023

General Topic Areas through June 2024

Prior work includes completing the vision, engaging community members, discussions about historic district, marijuana businesses, solar and other alternative energies, water quality, prohibited activities in the village district, other land use recommendations. As we turn the focus to completing the Comprehensive Plan, the committee is adopting this timeline.

If/when the work cannot be completed in allotted meeting times there will be additional ad hoc committee meetings established with appropriate charges to complete or move along certain topics. This document provides notes about the intention of each meeting so members can be prepared to engage in discussion and decision-making.

- There is a Parking Lot document where ideas and comments are captured that members can return to when the topic area is being discussed.
- Members may also document their thoughts about edits in the 2014 Comp Plan version on SharePoint.
- This document will be revised as needed to keep the committee on track.

The vision is added to the bottom of this document for regular referral to assure the alignment between the plan and the vision.

<b>2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues: 6:30</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>
August 9	Demographics and population	1. Review the analysis questions before the meeting 2. Jenn to cut and paste the chapter that has Orion's updates into another single chapter so we can make edits later more easily than if in the longer document. Jenn will let us know when ready. 3. Is there a guide to doing a deeper analysis of census or other data if CPC wants to do that? 4. Is there a planning activity for housing forum that should start now?
Sept 13	Aging, Finalize Demographic questions /data Update and next steps housing	1. Invite Age Friendly Bowdoinham (Marueen) to present on the committee's priorities 2. Review any additional data that was collected, or outside committee has gathered – create the beginning of draft goals and activities – to be finalized in final year 3. Update and plan for the housing forum – Joanne to meet with BCDI for initial conversation, Mary Mayo to sit in on meetings 4. Who is updating the housing stock inventory – did Orion start that? Is this a chapter that we can cut and paste into a stand-alone chapter for easier editing?

Oct 11	Two options	If after the housing meeting, begin analysis If before the housing meeting, assess from prior meetings what needs to be completed or begun Update the data on housing stock before we go to the forum
Oct TBD	Joint Housing Forum BCDI takes the lead (Ingrid Leschefske and Mary Mayo and other board members)	Meet with BCDI to start analysis and goals
Nov 8	Housing	1.Begin analysis - 2. Update the data pieces. 3. Update and discussion on the guidance from the state on changing land use to support ancillary and other housing to support more units 1.Invite someone to talk about incentives, disincentives for towns to provide to individuals and developers (Reeve Wood? Others?) 2.draft goals and activities
Dec 13	Housing #3 (?) Agriculture and Forestry	Wrap up housing 1. update Ag and Forestry inventory 2. draft goals and activities – after the January BCDI Annal framers meeting 3. Plan for attending BCDI’s annual farmers meeting
Committees?		
<b>2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues: 6:30</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Jan 10	Agriculture  Infrastructure (Public Facilities and Services)	Gather updates from AG committee (BCDI and Comp Plan, anyone else?) 1.Inventory 2. findings of the sewar report (Wendy Rose, Lee Parker) 3. updates on recycling 4. Funding the upkeep for town buildings, payroll for town staff positions, etc. Came up as priority in surveys. 5. Cemetery Map and other committee thoughts (Linda Williams)

Feb 14	Historic District Historic and Archeologic	1. Review the work of Bill, Betsy, Jenn and Darren 2. Update inventory 3. Determine historic district goals, guidance for the comp plan  Cemetery might fit here
March 14	Transportation	1. Inventory 2. Traffic calming  Updates to Select Board
April 11	Plan Land Use Forum for the Fall Assess progress Approval Process Extend timeline Public health committee Determine what maps are wanted	1. Plan Fall Forum for Future Land Use section 2. Draft public health and public safety committee 3. Update on progress 4. Discuss the actual Committee approval process 5. What do folks want for maps? What do we already have?
	Review topics not yet updated or revised  Where does each fit and how much time? Are there others?	1. Economy 2. Natural resources 3. Water Resources 4. Recreation 5. Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan (Is this where payroll, fits?) 6. Sea level Rise 7. Alternative energy 8. Land Use
The committee may start populating these meeting topic areas before the April review.		
May 9	Approve 4 Sections	
June 13	Approve 4 Sections	
July 11	Approve 4 Sections	1. Integrate maps into particular sections where they are relevant 2. Key to the maps 3. Include community engagement piece
Aug 8	Approve 4 Sections Plan Celebrate	1. Future Land Use at Celebrate 2. Celebrate Attendance

Sept 12	Finalizing Approval of Sections	1. Celebrate Attendance
Oct 10	Future Land Use	
Nov 14	Future Land Use Public Forum Begin Goals and recommendations	1. Number the goals and recommendations
Dec12	Future Land Use Goals and recommendations	1. Finalize Future Land Use 2. Review and finalize community input and engagement section

<b>2024</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tues: 6:30</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Jan 9		Final Review of Plan
Feb 13		Document Finalized
March 12	Update to Select Board	Public Engagement
April 9	Prepare for Town Meeting	Public Engagement
May 14	Prepare for Town Meeting	
June	Town meeting	

### **Town of Bowdoinham 2034 Vision Statement**

In 2034, Bowdoinham is a quiet rural Maine community defined visually by agricultural landscapes, abundant woods and wetlands, a commercial village center, and historic buildings. Culturally, there is strong pride in the community backed up by a spirit of volunteerism and support for all things made and grown locally.

Bowdoinham is a place where people love the outdoors. The amount of land preserved for recreational access is increased, as are the miles of trails available for people-powered recreation such as walking, skiing, and biking. More waterfront acreage is preserved today for both recreation and wildlife habitat than in the past. To ensure protections, outdoor and undeveloped spaces are protected by land use regulations and other means, and are valued by the community. Abundant opportunities exist for outdoor recreation that contribute to our economy and quality of life.

Bowdoinham is a place where small businesses thrive. Farmers, artisans, and local entrepreneurs feel welcome and supported here. Environmentally friendly practices are especially welcome.

In Bowdoinham, rugged individualism is not at odds with a strong sense of community.

Bowdoinham has an impressive diversity of people, with differing incomes, occupations, and heritage. As a community we are intentional about welcoming them all. People here help each other out. Housing that is affordable is available.

The village is not significantly different in size or character from the past. It has improved sidewalks and looks more attractive. The historic assets are better protected. The waterfront has even more amenities and is more highly used. People drive slowly and safely, and people on foot enjoy the walkability.

The special places and events that define and unite our community remain steadfast and highly valued: the Library, Merrymeeting Hall, Bowdoinham Community School, Celebrate Bowdoinham, the Waterfront, Town Hall, and Farmers Markets, to name a few.

The town government works well and municipal buildings are updated and well maintained. Municipal services are effective and cost efficient, including recycling and other services for residents.

The community is knowledgeable about local climate change issues and aware of what we can do locally to mitigate risks and be resilient to climate change. It has made strides to protect human health, natural resources, and infrastructure. Renewable energy technologies are embraced and we have adopted more sustainable land use practices. There's an awareness that what we do here as a community affects ourselves, our state and ultimately the world in which we live.

