

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Bowdoinham Selectboard  
**From:** Community Development Advisory Committee  
**Date:** January 2, 2024  
**Re:** "Yellow Building" at the new waterfront park

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The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), Recreation Department and the Advisory Committee for Age Friendly Bowdoinham have discussed potential use of the town owned, yellow building located along the river on the edge of the new recreation area. We believe this property is a major asset, given its strategic location. We are researching possibilities for its use, which include:

- Welcome/information center with maps and business profiles
- Home for the Recreation Department/Park coordination
- Café/bakery
- Outlet for artisan products
- "Senior Center" area for Age-friendly activities
- Combination of any of the above

Given the potential role of this building, we believe it is important for the town to treat the building as an asset and plan for maintenance and upgrades. The first of which would be flood-proofing the building. Although this upgrade is a significant project, many FEMA grants and other sources of funding are available for a project of this scope and size.

The Community Development Advisory Committee recommends planning to incorporate these ideas so that this facility doesn't get forgotten as the town addresses other important needs. As the waterfront development project moves forward, the yellow building has the potential to add significant value.

Respectfully,

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