

ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Bowdoinham
Maine

Audited Year Ending
June 30, 2011



**Budget and Warrant Articles for
Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

**Please Bring this Report to Town Meeting
June 13, 2012 at 7:00pm**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Ambulance (Emergency Only)	911
County Sheriff's Dept (Non Emergency)	443-8201
State Police	1-800-452-4664
Bowdoinham Town Office	666-5531
Bowdoinham Recycling Barn	666-3228
Bowdoinham Fire Station	666-3505
Bowdoinham Community School	666-5546
Mount Ararat High School	729-2950
Mount Ararat Middle School	729-2951
MSAD/RSU 75	729-9961
Bowdoinham Post Office	666-3465
Bowdoinham Public Library	666-8405
Cliff Daigle, Animal Control	Pager: 471-7068

Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives

Message Center 1-800-423-2900

Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>

MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS 2012-2013

Memorial Day	Monday, 05/28/2012	Christmas Eve	Monday, 12/24/2012
Independence Day	Wednesday, 07/04/2012	Christmas Day	Tuesday, 12/25/2012
Labor Day	Monday, 09/03/2012	New Year's Day	Monday, 01/01/2013
Columbus Day	Monday, 10/08/2012	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, 01/21/2013
Veterans Day	Sunday, 11/11/2012	Presidents' Day	Monday, 02/18/2013
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, 11/22/2012	Patriots Day	Monday, 04/15/2013
Thanksgiving	Friday, 11/23/2012	Memorial Day	Monday, 05/27/2013

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

www.bowdoinham.com

(207) 666-5531

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Wed 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

BOWDOINHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org

(207) 666-8405

Tue. 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m., 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.,
7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
Wed. 2:00p.m.-6:00p.m.
Fri. 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
Sat. 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

- Incorporated September 18, 1762
- 17th Town in the State of Maine
- Settled In 1725
- Total Area of 22,176 Acres
- Estimated Population– 2,889 (Census 2010)
- Town Meeting - Select Board - Town Manager - Form of Government

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OUR TOWN'S VERY SPECIAL YEAR
WARRANTS A VERY SPECIAL

Dedication

Elizabeth "Betsy" Steen

Great things happen when people set their minds to it. Dreams come true. Ideas become results. Strangers become friends and allies. Making a difference becomes a way of life.

~ Author Unknown



Many great things have happened in our community because Betsy Steen set her mind to it. A friend and ally to all, she has left an admirable and indelible print on Bowdoinham through her initiatives, involvement and commitment in so many capacities. Here are some examples.

LIBRARY & PLANT SALE

Betsy is one of the Annual Plant Sale's founders, and has remained closely involved with the sale since its inception in 1973. Her botanical knowledge, creativity, and dedication has made it one of the best fundraising plant sales in the State of Maine, and the longest-running event of its kind. On any given day in April and May, Betsy and countless other volunteers can be seen digging plants from the holding beds in her front yard on the Bay Road in preparation of the sale. She has also served as Library Treasurer for over twenty-five years.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to Betsy, the Historical Society's collection and archives are being organized, cataloged, and digitally recorded. The

Jellerson School is has gone from ramshackle to restored. And, an annual fundraising yard sale at the Meeting House was established, as well as an "Antiques Street Show" appraisal day at the Town Hall.

250th COMMITTEE

Betsy is involved with the planning of just about every event for our 250th, including the commemorative book, and "The Quilt." Betsy asked several volunteers to quilt a square reflecting moments in Bowdoinham's history, and then devised a plan to raise funds so that it would remain in our town vs. auctioning it off and having it lost forever.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Betsy was an English teacher for over ten years at Mt. Ararat Middle School, and then ran the computer lab at Bowdoin Central School for almost as long.

We are deeply grateful to Betsy for choosing to make a difference, and for making our lives so much richer and fuller. It is with heartfelt appreciation that the 2011-2012 Annual Report is dedicated to Betsy Steen.

Kathy Gallant, on behalf of the Bowdoinham Select Board

The 2011-2012 Annual Report

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Kathy Tome
Kathleen Gallant

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Select Board Report

Brian Hobart, Chair

Happy 250th Bowdoinham!!! I consider it a great honor to be a member of Bowdoinham’s Select Board during this historic year and important milestone. Over the past year, this community has come together with a show of cooperation and purpose unlike anything I have seen in my lifetime here. The number of people that have stepped up to the plate, got involved, and volunteered their time to make Bowdoinham a better place is truly a testament to who we are.

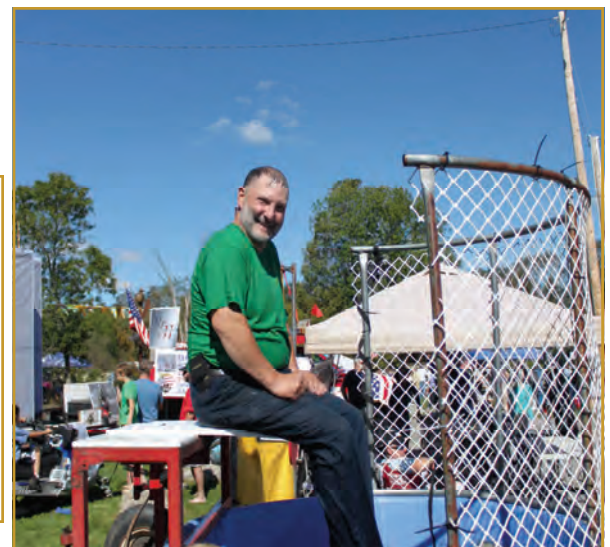
This year, for the first time in Bowdoinham’s history, we have a five member Select Board. Many people had their doubts as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the board with two extra members. I am happy to report that it is working well, very well in fact, and now a broader spectrum of citizens are represented on board decisions. A five member board requires more citizens to fill the positions, and often when I have encouraged people to run for a position, I have been told that they were not qualified. This is nonsense because the only qualifications for an effective board member are common sense, connection to the community, and a desire to look out for your neighbors. A board member doesn’t have to be genius in finance since we have a dynamite finance committee and an office staff that can hold their own against any finance department in the state. A board member doesn’t have to be an expert in municipal administration since we have a highly qualified and experienced Town Manager to provide the information the Board needs to make informed, legal, and fair decisions. So what are you waiting for? The next position is open in November 2012.

Over the past year, many things have changed in Bowdoinham including many new faces on the Town

staff. The Select Board made an all out effort to hire the most qualified and experienced person available to fill the Town Manager’s position. We had great success when Bill Post accepted the position and he has brought Bowdoinham into the twenty-first century in terms of doing business as it should be done. Since Bill moved his stuff into the manager’s desk he has hired some top notch people to fill positions in the Town Office and Public Works Department. Bowdoinham’s services and administration are now among the best.

Federal, state, and local budgets have for the most part been in crisis mode for some time now. Bowdoinham’s biggest expense is education over which we have little control, still, financially we are in good shape with a stable tax rate and fund balance approaching a record one million dollars. Timing is everything. Bowdoinham’s timing for spending and saving has been very good. The Select Board, and especially the Chair, has a huge responsibility to the citizens to do the Town’s business in an ethical, legal, efficient, and economical manner that shows fairness to all citizens while still getting the job done. Finding the balance can really be tricky sometimes. We have a lot going for us with a highly competent town staff and an army of volunteers ready to pitch in do what needs to be done. To all these people I say thank you for your hard work and dedication which makes Bowdoinham a great place to hang your hat.

Brian Hobart
Chair



Select Board

Brian Hobart, Chair	2012
Doug Tourtelotte	2013
Kathy Tome	2013
Kathleen Gallant	2014
M. Theresa Turgeon, Vice Chair	2014

Town Manager's Report

William Post, Town Manager

To the Select Board and Citizens of Bowdoinham:

Introduction

In July, I will be marking my first year with the Town of Bowdoinham. I thank the Select Board members, volunteers, Town employees and all the citizens I have had a chance to meet for your support through my first year. I look forward to many more as I serve the Town.

It certainly has been a busy year for your town employees and officials and I am proud to say that we are moving forward with many projects that will make Bowdoinham a better place to live, work and play. While some of the projects are clearly obvious with construction ongoing, others are less obvious as they revolve around planning for our future. I realize that sometimes planning seems to take forever, but it is vitally important that we plan for our future in order to ensure that we are working on projects that you, the citizens, support and want for your town. Part of the planning process involves gathering information from residents, so when we ask for your comments and opinions, whether it is through a survey, or through meetings, please take the time to help us. It is greatly appreciated.

There are many projects that are finished or moving ahead, as described throughout this Town Report. These include the Sidewalk Project, road construction projects, Comprehensive Plan Update, Recycling Barn Project, Public Works Garage Project, the Skate Park Project and the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Annual Town Meeting

The 2012 Annual Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Budget Process

The spending levels outlined in the proposed budget attempt to provide the programs and services that the residents of Bowdoinham have experienced over the past several years. It is our goal to provide the citizens of this community with the best level of service possible within the financial resources available. The budget development process begins with the receipt of budget requests from Department Heads, followed by the Town Manager's review. The budget is then submitted to the Finance Advisory Committee, Select Board and then submitted to the voters at the annual town meeting for final adoption.

Budget Highlights

The FY13 municipal budget as proposed is significantly the same as the current year (fiscal year 2012) with the exception of the new debt service that was approved by the Town at last year's annual town meeting. The proposed expenditures for the municipal budget are 6.59% more than FY12, or \$92,263. The Debt Service budget accounts for \$82,840 of the overall increase. Non-property tax revenues are expected to remain stable, increasing by \$8,600 or 1.24%.

Wages & Benefits

This budget provides a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for employees at 2%, a contracted salary increase for the Town Manager and a salary adjustment for the Planning and Development Director that is funded through the TIF portion of the budget. Health insurance costs have increased by \$49.62 per month for each eligible employee.

Town Manager's Report

William Post, Town Manager

Undesignated Fund Balance

The Undesignated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2011 was \$993,221. The Town's practice has been to fund the Contingency account from undesignated fund balance. The Finance Advisory Committee and Select Board have recommended utilizing \$100,000 of Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate. As this is more than the proposed increase for the municipal budget, the amount to be raised from property taxes for the municipal budget will decrease for FY13.

School Assessment & County Tax

The school assessment is proposed to increase by \$104,038, or 4.5%. This estimate was provided by the MSAD #75 Business Manager on April 13, 2012 and is the final number that will be presented for a district vote. The County tax was originally expected to increase significantly, but after final review, is only proposed to increase by \$3,774.

Tax Rate

The Town has been diligent over the last four years in keeping the tax rate the same, with the last increase in 2009. However, with increases in costs that are out of control of the Town, the tax rate is proposed to increase from \$14.80 to \$15.10. For a property valued at \$100,000, this is an increase of \$30.00 for the year. Considering the new debt service for the Town and the proposed increase in the MSAD 75 budget, this is a slight increase and considerably lower than I originally anticipated.

Public Works Garage & Recycling Barn

At the informational meeting held on March 29th concerning the options for the Public Works Garage and Recycling Barn, those present (approximately 90 residents) directed the Task Force to find a new location for the Public Works Garage (either on the town-owned land where it currently is located or on other land to be purchased) and to gather more information on keeping the Recycling Barn as the location for the Recycling Center. The two options supported at the meeting for the Recycling Barn included determining the funding needed for repairs to the Barn and an estimated purchase price. Included in the proposed Solid Waste and Recycling budget is \$6,000 for the replacement or repair of the fire alarm system, fire doors and exit signs. Further information will be presented to the Town once it is gathered. The proposed budget assumes the status quo for the Public Works Garage as we continue to review our options for constructing a new facility.

If you have any questions, or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office or by email at wpost@bowdoinham.com. In closing, I would like to thank the dedication of all the municipal employees who work very hard to satisfy your need for municipal services. I would also like to thank the Select Board and the various other volunteer boards and committees for your unselfish dedication to make your community a better place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Post

William S. Post
Town Manager

Finance Advisory Committee Report
Dan Billings, Chair

It is the role of the Finance Advisory Committee to assist the Select Board and the Town Manager with the Town’s financial decisions, including development of the municipal budget. The Committee remains very active in carrying out that role.

This year, the Finance Advisory Committee has good news and bad news to report. The good news is that the Town’s finances are healthy and stable. The bad news is that, due to factors beyond our control, a tax increase is necessary this year.

Recent years have been challenging ones financially for our state and nation. Many Maine municipalities have been forced to make major cuts in services while raising taxes and putting off needed capital investments. Bowdoinham has avoided this fate due to careful planning and prudent financial decisions in recent years. We have maintained a level tax rate for four consecutive years and made major investments in equipment and infrastructure. This happened because we learned from mistakes made in the early part of the last decade which pushed the Town to the brink of financial calamity. One key measure of a town’s financial health is the level of its fund balance – which is a combination of a town’s annual surpluses and deficits. The fund balance is effectively the Town’s savings account, which can be used for emergencies, capital expenses, working capital, or to stabilize the tax rate. Though there are several rules of thumb used to determine an appropriate level of a town’s fund balance, for Bowdoinham the fund balance should be at least \$600,000. However, on June 30, 2002, the Town’s fund balance fell to a dangerously low level of only \$44,571. Through better budgeting and careful management of the Town’s finances over the last nine years, Bowdoinham’s fund balance has been rebuilt and totaled \$993,221 at the end of the last fiscal year on June 30, 2011. This is a major accomplishment for Bowdoinham and gives us critical fiscal flexibility which is needed this year.

The budget detailed elsewhere in this report is again a conservative one. Though the bottom line is an increase in the municipal budget of approximately six and half percent, nearly ninety percent of that increase is due to increased debt service due to bonding approved last year

for a fire truck, a public works plow truck, and road improvements. This increase was expected and planned for and is not the reason for the projected tax increase. Bowdoinham last increased taxes in 2008 when the mill rate increased 2% from \$14.50 to \$14.80. We maintained that rate for four fiscal years, during a time when other revenues were flat and there was very little increase in the Town’s property value due to little new construction. Unfortunately, this year, the tax rate will increase by 2% to \$15.10. The reason for the tax increase is increased assessments from SAD 75 and Sagadahoc County. Though we have faced increased assessments from both in recent years without an increase in the mill rate that is not possible this year. The combined increase in the two assessments is \$107,812. If this total increase was passed along entirely to the taxpayers that would cause a tax increase of 3.5%. Fortunately, the Town’s financial health allows use of a small portion of the Town’s fund balance to keep the tax increase to a more manageable 2%. If not for the substantial assessment increase from SAD 75, Bowdoinham would be able to maintain a flat mill rate for the fifth straight year.

Though the Committee is unhappy to recommend a budget that will result in a tax increase, we believe that the budget that was prepared by the Town Manager is a reasonable one that meets the Town’s needs in a conservative and financially responsible manner. The proposed municipal budget would need to be cut by \$90,000 to maintain a level tax rate this year. This can’t be done without a significant reduction in the level of services that have come to be expected by the people of Bowdoinham. The Committee did not anticipate that this was the direction the Town wanted to take, but that decision will ultimately be made at Town Meeting.

<u>Finance Advisory</u>	
Dan Billings, Chair	2013
Tom Walling	2012
Stewart Burrell	2013
Christopher Jackson	2015
Matthew Ross	2016
Alt: George Christopher	2016

Town Clerk Report Pam Ross, Clerk

Town Meetings

Special Town Meeting – March 30, 2011	269 registered voters in attendance
Annual Town Meeting – June 15, 2011	99 registered voters were in attendance
Special Town Meeting – May 4, 2011	44 registered voters in attendance



Elections for 2011

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every election worker for their hard work and dedication during the June and November 2011 elections. It is very much appreciated and I thank you all. I know I could not have been done it without you. Thanks again!

(If you would like to work on an election, please contact me at the Town Office as we can always use you help.)

June 14, 2011

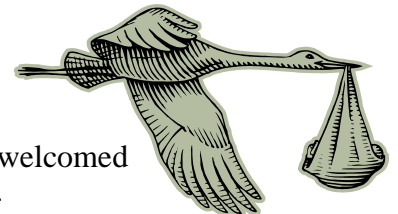
M.S.A.D. #75 Budget Referendum – 92 ballots were cast.

November 8, 2011

Municipal and State Referendum Election – 1103 ballots were cast.

Births

The Town of Bowdoinham welcomed 21 bুদ্ধles of joy during 2011.



Beautiful Town Garden

Special Thanks

I would like to thank Sarah Stapler for maintaining the flag pole garden. Thank you to George and Nancy Freeman for purchasing the flowers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sam Stetson and all the Plant Sale Volunteers for on the town hall flower garden.

A last thank you to Kathy Gallant for maintaining the flowers in the town office window boxes.

There were a total of 17 Marriages

February 12, 2011	Dustin Paul Lapointe & Andrea Danielle Morgan
May 11, 2011	Stephen Paul Poirier & Susan Hazel Berger
June 25, 2011	Daniel Gerard Whitney & Patricia Rae Murphy
June 25, 2011	Jesse Maynard Harriman & Billie Jo Stonehocker
July 02, 2011	Fausto Gentile & Heather Stewart Chick
July 23, 2011	Jeremy Joseph Moeller & Tanya Alyce MacGown
July 31, 2011	Samuel H Hayward & Tracy E Krueger
August 06, 2011	Jacob Martin Joseph Noyes & Nichole Marie Diver
August 20, 2011	Nathan Robert Chisholm & Sara Ann Skelton
August 28, 2011	Derek Ashley Herzog & Amber Rose Roye
September 03, 2011	Adam Jordan Lord & Megan Suzanne Brunmier
October 01, 2011	William Wade Fulgham & Chrystal Lee Dentico
October 08, 2011	Micah Brzuch Sewall & Melissa Ann Burton
October 19, 2011	Brian Alan Perry & Katherine Elizabeth Berry
October 29, 2011	Adelbert Solon Temple & Andrea Jae Dixon
December 27, 2011	Charles James Rothbacher & Audrey Susanne Johnson
December 31, 2011	Gregory Francis Mullen & Velvet Arline Pitkin

Town Clerk Report
Pam Ross, Clerk

MARRIAGE LICENSES



OBTAINING YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Once the intentions have been filed and the bride and groom have signed the marriage license, the marriage license may be issued to the bride and groom. The license must be used within 90 days from the date the intentions were filed. The cost of obtaining a marriage license is \$30.

HOW TO FILE INTENTIONS:

The first step in filing a marriage license is to have the marriage intentions recorded in writing. Both parties must sign the intentions, stating they are free to marry. You must be 18 years of age to marry without parental consent. If you have been married before and are divorced or widowed, a certified copy of documentation showing how the last marriage ended is required. You only need to file in the town that you live. If you live in separate towns, you only need to file one copy.

COPIES

Copies of your marriage certificate is only available from the municipal clerk(s) who issued your license. However, copies may also be obtained from the Office of Vital Records. A \$10.00 fee does apply for a certified copy.

There were a total of **23 Deaths**
IN MEMORY OF

John S. Acklely	December 12, 2011
David Cottingham Anderson	January 14, 2011
Jason C. Belanger	June 25, 2011
Patricia A. Billings	March 7, 2011
Doris P. Cookson Alexander Messer	October 08, 2011
Ella M Curtis	April 26, 2011
Vivian M. Dulac	January 7, 2011
Gary L. Frizzle	October 31, 2011
Sandra Jeanne Fuhrey-Mims	November 01, 2011
Harriet Keith Furman-Rice	December 09, 2011
Gary D. Gilpatrick	June 01, 2011
Doris M. Lawrence	October 24, 2011
Allison Lois Linneken	February 17, 2011
Frank Herman Peabbles	July 22, 2011
James A. Porter	November 07, 2011
Ernest C. Savage	October 25, 2011
Linda C. Stimpson	June 04, 2011
Wladimir Szuravkin	October 02, 2011
Edith L. Tourtelotte	July 26, 2011
Douglas O. Tuck	June 1, 2011
Shirley F. Walden	May 9, 2011
Marjorie E. Valentine	September 4, 2011
Robert Gordon Wright	January 25, 2011

Transactions by Type:

Hunting	59
Fishing	82
Hunting & Fishing Combo	82
Junior Hunting	6
Migratory Hunting	24
Muzzleloader Hunting	10
Resident Superpack	3
Small Game Hunting	2
1 Day Fishing	1
Archery	13
Non-Resident ATV	2
Non-Resident Fishing	2
Non-Resident Small Game	1
Non-Snowmobile	4
Expanded Archery Antlerless	9
Expanded Archery Antlered	5
Bear Hunting	1
Coyote Permit	7
Crossbow Hunting	1
Supersport	1
Turkey (Fall/Spring)	24
ATV	94
Boats	296
Snowmobile	106

Bowdoinham Energy Committee

Margaret Patterson, Chair

Town Office Energy Improvements:

In May and June of 2011, the Bowdoinham Energy Committee saw the completion of energy improvements to the Town Office using funds from two energy grants totaling \$46,225. The project included insulating the building's attic and exterior walls. To protect the integrity of the insulation and to address the moisture in the back of the building, the foundation walls were excavated, insulated and air sealed and a drainage system was installed to draw water away from the building. Although not directly part of this project, the handicap ramp was rebuilt once the energy work was completed.



Future Energy Projects:

In the process of applying for funding, the committee looked at cost savings for potential energy upgrades to the Town Office and to the Fire Station and made recommendations for future projects once additional funding is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Patterson

Energy Committee

Margaret Paterson	2012
Chester Rice	2012
Thomas Deforest	2012
Brant Miller	2013



The Two Photographs Show The Town Office Energy Work: Excavation and Insulation of Foundation Walls. Photos: Chet Rice

Recreation Department Report

Brooke Cox, Director

July 2011-June 2012 Programs:

Summer: Bowdoinham hosted several all-star baseball & softball practices for various teams. These teams had some Bowdoinham players that entered in tournaments throughout the State and Region. The Snack Shack cooked several meals feeding many hungry kids and adults. Meet and Greet for incoming kindergarteners met through the month of July. We hired Vermont Tennis to give our tennis court a much needed face lift: fixed the cracks, repaint the playing surface, and reset and replace the net.

Spring: Bowdoinham participates in the Ararat Cal Ripken Baseball League and the Ararat Babe Ruth Softball league. T-ball will begin after returning from April vacation. The Snack Shack will open its doors to satisfy the hungry players and fans at the recreation fields in early May.

Year Round Activities: Village Seniors meet for lunch every month on the 4th Thursday, 13 families took advantage of our “free” pass for The Children’s Museum of Portland, *to be signed out at the Town Office.*



Fall: Kickball was offered for 2nd – 5th graders for the first time and was a big hit. Family Swim started up again at Bowdoin College and ran through the beginning of December.

Winter: Bowdoinham participates in the Ararat Youth Basketball League for grades 3rd through 6th; in addition to hosting games in Bowdoinham, teams played games in Harpswell, Bowdoin, Topsham, and Richmond. The skiers and boarders in the Lost Valley Ski & Board Program began heading to the mountain in January. Basketball for Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade started the end of February and continues through the month of March. Family Swim at Bowdoin College started up again in January for the Winter/Spring session. We hosted a Nordic skiing clinic in early February with great success. 18 sets of cross-country ski equipment have been loaned out for the winter. Adult Basketball began in late February and will continue through mid April.

Please visit the Recreation page of the Town’s website www.bowdoinham.com/recreation .

If you have any questions please call or email Brooke (666-3504 or bcox@bowdoinham.com).



MSAD 75 School Board Report Rebekah Stimpson

Our new Superintendent, Brad Smith has hit the ground prepared and focused and the MSAD 75 is lucky to have such a dedicated Superintendent. We also have a new interim Assistant Superintendent, Elaine Dow and two new principals, Bill Zima at Mt Ararat Middle School and Kerry Bailey at the Harpswell Community School. The closing of the West Harpswell School, while very emotional, was the right thing to do and the transition has been a success. We will continue to monitor the progress and look forward to the great work to continue in the newly blended community.

The State is looking at charter schools and customized learning environments and we will continue to watch to see how this translates to funding and curriculum. We do not want to make any decisions until the State decides the direction they are heading. We are taking this year to help new administrators get their feet under them and we are looking at policies and evaluation systems to assure we are meeting state guidelines and the needs of our district. The question of weighted grades has once again been brought up, so the policy committee has started to look into the pros and cons. This is a huge undertaking and the committee's goal is to hear from all stakeholders before a recommendation is brought before the board.

When the state came out with the new Priority List for Major Capital Improvement, we were encouraged that Mt Ararat HS was number 7 on that list. Unfortunately, our enthusiasm was curbed by the announcement they were looking at funding the first 6 projects. We continue to keep the dialog open with Augusta and are hopeful that they will be able to fund more projects and the list will be frozen so we will be next.



Bowdoinham Community School

While we have many new and exciting changes going on within the District, we have a continued issue that looms over us and the entire state of Maine, dwindling funds. We are in the process of putting together the FY12-13 budget and we again will be looking at how to do more with fewer funds. Many of our expenses are beyond our control such as heating and fuel costs, insurances and contractual obligations.

We strive to keep the budget down in order to avoid raising taxes to cover the local share. Having said that, even if we only fund what we are funding at this time, towns will see an increase due to the rising costs listed previously. While we are all struggling in this economy, we are also painfully aware, that if we continue to cut in order to avoid raising taxes, we will start to affect the quality of education. Our biggest expense is at the front line of education, our teachers. We are coming to a point where class sizes and other aspects directly in line with students will be influenced by our cuts. While we all want to keep costs down, it is our belief that the education of students must be the driving factor in the budget process.

Please remember the public is welcome at board and finance meetings. If you are unable to attend, we are on Harpswell TV CH14 and our meetings are also online. There is a link on the district's website.

Respectfully Submitted
Rebekah Stimpson

Biking, Walking, Paddling Group Report
Bradford Foley, Chairman

The Bowdoinham Walking, Biking and Paddling Group has an active membership dedicated to the development and promotion of safe, accessible, and sustainable walking, biking and paddling opportunities for Bowdoinham’s citizens.

Accomplishments

- Sponsored 8th annual Earth Week Cleanup along Bowdoinham streets and roads.
- The downtown sidewalk project is underway with completion expected summer of 2012.
- Continued maintenance of Cathance River Trail.
- Updated the Town’s Paddling brochure with locations for “carry-ins” along all the navigable rivers in Bowdoinham including the Bachman carry-in on the Kennebec River.

In Process

- Development of maps for each trail to be available the Town Office and Town Website.

Ongoing

- Support improvements for walking, biking and paddling in Bowdoinham.
- Continue working with surrounding communities to plan for the Merrymeeting Trail.
- Providing representation to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Work with Island Trails Association, Cathance River Education Alliance, and Friends of Merrymeeting Bay to identify paddling opportunities and connections as well as with new paddling access along the Kennebec and Cathance rivers.

New Members Welcome and Needed!

Meetings held on the 4th Monday of every month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Coombs Municipal Building

Report submitted by BWBPG, March, 2012

Biking, Walking, Paddling Group

Bradford Foley, Chair	2014
Linda Christie	2012
Benjamin Long	2013
John Scribner	2012
Alternate: Lynne Sanford	2013



Harbor Master Annual Report

John McMullen, Harbor Master

During the 2011 boating season vessel safety checks were conducted at random and by appointment at the town boat ramp. The most frequent deficiency was failure to carry current dated flares. This courtesy examination of boats verifies the presence and condition of safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations. Please contact me if you would like to schedule one for your boat. Many insurance companies give discounts for boats passing this inspection.

Channel markers, No Wake and Hazard markers are installed on the Cathance River and across the Bay to assist boaters in keeping in the channel. They are normally installed the last week of May and removed the end of September. While boating, if you notice a channel marker missing or off station please notify the Harbor Master immediately.

Unsafe boating activities observed during 2011 (in violation of State boating laws) were:

- A. Boaters not using navigation lights after sunset
- B. Persons bow riding while vessel underway
- C. Watercraft being operated at a speed greater than headway speed while within the Water Safety Zone. "Water Safety Zone" means the area of water within 200 feet of the shoreline.



REMINDERS

- Always check the weather before going boating.
- File a float plan with family or friend who can report your delay/non-return.
- Wear your life jacket (mandatory age 10 and under in Maine).
- Check the Harbor Master web page for tides and other safety tips.
- For tie-up use of town dock exceeding 2 hours please contact Harbor Master.
- When launching or hauling your boat be mindful of swimmers.

Have A Safe Summer

John McMullen, Harbor Master

Department of Community & Economic Development

Nicole Briand

The Department of Community and Economic Development is funded through a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) that originated by town vote in June 2000. The funds are derived from tax dollars of the Northeast Pipeline properties located in Bowdoinham. The goal of the department is to support the existing businesses of Bowdoinham through promotion of their services, educational opportunities, community awareness and networking. The Department strives to develop and attract sustainable businesses to Bowdoinham that will reflect the high quality of life and strong sense of community that Bowdoinham is known for. Finally, the department develops, organizes, and coordinates community-enhancing events to bring together the citizens of Bowdoinham.

The Department works with the Community Development Advisory Committee to develop plans and projects to promote and support community and economic development in Bowdoinham. The Committee's first project was the development of the Bowdoinham Brochure. The Brochure highlighted all that Bowdoinham has to offer and can be downloaded from the Town's website.

The Town of Bowdoinham continues to focus its efforts toward strengthening local businesses through the Buy Local Buy Bowdoinham campaign. The Community Development Advisory Committee enlisted the professional services of Morphee Creative to develop a Buy Bowdoinham logo for promoting our buy local campaign. You can pick up a Buy Bowdoinham pen and bumper sticker at local businesses and help spread the word - Buy Bowdoinham. Many more Buy Local Campaigns will be announced in the future. If you would like your business to be featured in one of our campaigns please contact the Town Office.



Bowdoinham Farmers' Market is back for its fifth year. This year the Market will have Bowdoinham Farmers' Market reusable grocery bags to promote the Market. The Farmers' Market will be open on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm starting May 19th. Come on down to the Grange to enjoy great food and support our local farmers.

Sunday Concerts series begins on June 24th. The concerts begin at 6:30pm and go until at least 8pm every Sunday at Maily Waterfront Park through August 26th. This popular free concert series features a wide range of rock, folk, country and acoustic music.

Celebrate Bowdoinham was a success once again, thanks to the hard work of Peggy Muir, Lynn Spiro, Leleah Parker, Ann Tourtelotte, Ann Davis and Town Staff. Planning for Celebrate Bowdoinham 2012 is underway and we're looking forward to another fun-filled event on September 14th, 15th and 16th.



The Bowdoinham Community School Commemorative Quilt

Bowdoinham's 250th Anniversary is here and the events have begun. We hope you enjoy all the great fun-filled events planned in celebration of our 250th Anniversary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Briand

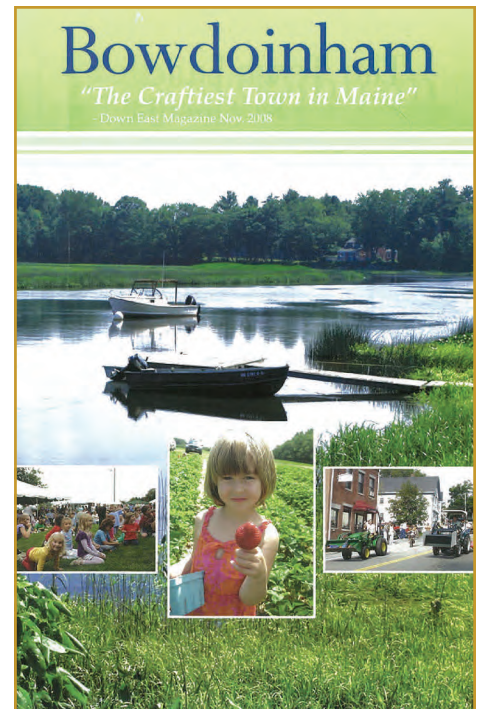
The Community Development Advisory Committee

Lynn Spiro, Chair

The Community Development Advisory Committee is appointed by the Selectboard and is responsible for advising the board on developing plans designed to support and enhance economic development efforts. This Committee will develop a plan for the goals, strategies and projects for Bowdoinham’s community and economic development. It was brought to fruition by a group of people who believed that working together, we as a community could work to bring sustainable economic growth, empower community spirit, develop and promote Bowdoinham as a beehive of local economic activities.

Over the past year our committee has overseen and developed the Bowdoinham brochure highlighting what is the heart of Bowdoinham, community. Sponsored by 35 businesses within the town, the magazine is available at each of the businesses location as well as available on line at www.bowdoinham.com. A culmination of articles and stories written by residents who take pride in the place they call home. Also included is a listing of upcoming events and activities to be held throughout the year in the town of Bowdoinham.

We have also been working diligently on the ‘Buy Bowdoinham’ program. We are developing strategies through marketing, advertising, and education. It is important to remember that growth and development come from supporting the businesses that keep money within a community. Our goal is to support locally owned businesses in Bowdoinham, maintain our community character, encourage opportunities for entrepreneurs, build community economic strength, and prevent the displacement of community-based businesses by the big box stores. You can help do so by supporting the businesses that support your community helping to keep the money spent right here in your own community.



Bowdoinham Brochure

We will be working over the next few months on projects ranging from Village signage/maps, Business development, 250th Anniversary, Celebrate Bowdoinham, TIF districts, and additional brochures. It is through these projects and the time and commitment of community members that we work to promote Bowdoinham and develop and enhance economic development efforts. Our committee currently has two openings. Please contact Nicole Briand at the Town Office for additional information. The CDAC meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, please feel free to attend and work to be a part of Bowdoinham’s future.

Respectfully Submitted
 Lynn M. Spiro
 Chairperson
 Community Development Advisory Committee

Community Development Advisory Committee

Anthony Cox	2012
Brian Smith	2013
Steven Bunn	2014
Laleah Parker	2013
Lynn Spiro, Chair	2013

250th Anniversary Committee

Peggy Muir, Chair

Bowdoinham is about to reach an important milestone, our 250th Anniversary. In celebration, we have been working on several projects and events.

We've had a 2012 Commemorative Plate created. The new plate is modeled on the 1962 plate and is, in fact, being produced by the very same company, Kettle Springs Pottery of Ohio! The new plate will have seven scenes of town (the recycling barn, the farmer's market, the Coombs Municipal Building, a smelt shack, the Community School, the fire department, the gazebo with the Town Hall in the center surrounded by a simple wreath of flowers, the town name and the town's dates, and small drawings of a smelt, a sturgeon, a duck, an eagle). On the back, again as in 1962, there will be a short paragraph on the town. The plates will be accompanied by a short explanation of the images and the artists.

We are working on a 250th Book that will feature 125+ pages of photographs spanning the whole 250 years of town people, places, businesses and events. We will bring the "history" right up to present day, so that a photo of the hand pumper "Waterwitch" might be alongside a photo of the newest Bowdoinham Fire Engine. We will have a memorial page where you can list the names of your loved ones for whom you would like to have a dedication.

Two 250th Commemorative Quilts have been created. Kids at The Bowdoinham Community School have just completed a Quilt of their own design. Over 30 quilters have created a quilt of blocks celebrating Bowdoinham from 1762 to 1912. A quilt representing Bowdoinham from 1912 to 2012 will be created next year.

Cannon Park is being renovated. The cannon has a new base and a new flagpole will be installed along with lighting for the flag. A pathway will be created with landscaping, seating and signage. We are looking forward to the rededication of the park and a celebration of all Bowdoinham's service people this Veteran's Day.

The first 250th event was the Ice and Smelt Festival on February 3rd and 4th sponsored by the Merrymeeting Arts Center. The event included a Best Beard Contest (a repeat of the famous 1962 event), a colorful parade-a Carnival of Smelt, a bonfire and lot of fun activities. The festivities ended with the Smelt & Ice Ball, where Heather Cox and Felicity Beede were crowned royalty. Look for our Bowdoinham Smelt & Ice Royalty to make appearances at upcoming events. Thank you to Merrymeeting Arts Center for a wonderful 250th event.

Our second 250th event was Cemetery Clean-up Day on April 14th. After a morning of cleaning over 50 cemeteries, the day ended with a wonderful pot luck community lunch at the Fire Station. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. And our ancestors thank you! We would like to extend a special thank you to Albert Stehle who coordinated the day's event, putting in many, many hours of preparation!!!

We are working on the following upcoming events and look forward to reporting on them next year:

- Chicken BBQ on June 23rd
- Celebrate Bowdoinham on September 15th
- Harvest Festival on October 20th
- Veterans' Day Celebration on November 11th
- Holiday Festival on November 30th and December 1st

We hope you enjoy celebrating Bowdoinham 250th Anniversary with us!

250th Anniversary Committee

Ann Davis	2013
Ann Hartzler	2013
Elizabeth Steen	2013
Frank Connors	2013
John Tourtelotte	2013
Judy Gray	2013
Katherine Cutko	2013
Peggy Muir, Chair	2013
Tessa Kingsley	2013
Lara Ashouwak	2013
Catherine Curtis	2013

Cable/Internet Advisory Committee Annual Report
Theresa Turgeon, Chair

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s many residents know, cable and Internet service is not available to everyone in Bowdoinham. Our contract for cable service with Comcast expired in 2008 and has never been renewed. The Cable/Internet Committee was formed to look into these issues and make suggestions to the Select Board as to how to solve these concerns for the town. The Committee met with Comcast a couple of times to discuss the renewal of our contract. These discussions are ongoing.

Members of the Committee made a field trip to Harpswell to see and learn about that operation. We learned that we could have a local access channel, which could broadcast local happenings such as the various board and committee meetings, local sports events, and other community happenings. Some Committee members met with James Marshall from Maine Video Systems about what equipment we will need and the costs.

The Committee is also looking into other possible providers of Internet service. We met with a representative of Red Zone. Red Zone is a high-speed wireless provider, which represents an exciting alternative. However, Red Zone itself is not at this time able to work with us and so we are pursuing other similar possible providers. The Committee is also looking at Vermont’s situation. Vermont has a consortium of towns that are working on providing fiber optics to their residents. Our Committee feels that this will be our best long-term solution in the ever-changing world of Internet service.

As to broadcasting and recording local events, the Committee is also looking into available options so that meetings and other events can be broadcast live and archived using the Town’s web site. The Muskie presentation to the Comprehensive Planning Committee was videotaped. You can see the presentation by going on line to Justin.tv/Bowdoinham/videos. While some members of the committee are interested in pursuing broadcasting these events via the Internet we do not know if town residents are interested in having this service. If you are interested in being able to view board and committee events or if you have questions, please let the committee know. You can do this by contacting the committee through Theresa Turgeon, the Cable/Internet Committee Chair, via email, at tturgeon@bowdoinham.com.



As the Chair of this Committee I want to thank all the members for their ongoing work for Bowdoinham. Those members are Bert Singer, Ray Hall, Monika Ullian, and Jarod Johnson plus new members Tony Lewis and Sally Martinez. I also want to thank David Mann, Ed Ferranti and Cynthia Harkleroad who worked with us but had to resign because of time conflicts.

Theresa Turgeon, Chair, Cable/Internet Committee

<u>Cable and Internet Committee</u>	
Bert Singer	2014
Jarod Johnson	2012
Monika Ullian	2013
Raymond Hall	2012
Sally Martinez	2013
M. Theresa Turgeon	2014
Tony Lewis	2013

Fire Department Report

Jack Tourtelotte, Fire Chief

**Rodney Douglas
Deputy Fire Chief**

**David Lewis
Deputy Fire Chief**

We have been maintaining between 25 to 28 personnel on the roster this past year. Unfortunately we lost a long time friend and dedicated member in Gary Frizzle. Gary will be sadly missed not only for his leadership, but for his experience and wealth of knowledge.



Training/New Membership

The Department is always looking for new members. If anyone would like to join we have been training every Monday night at the station or at the water front. There are 18 mandatory training days a firefighter has to take annually. This generally works out to be about 8 months of training. This is state required so it does not include all the in

Special Thanks

Everyone at the Department would like to thank Jennifer Foley. Jennifer worked tirelessly in securing a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation in the amount of \$50,000. This grant helped us purchase a new fire truck. We received the fire truck in December and it was in full service in January. I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary and the Fireman's Association for the generator and head sets for the new truck. I would also like to thank the town's people for their support.

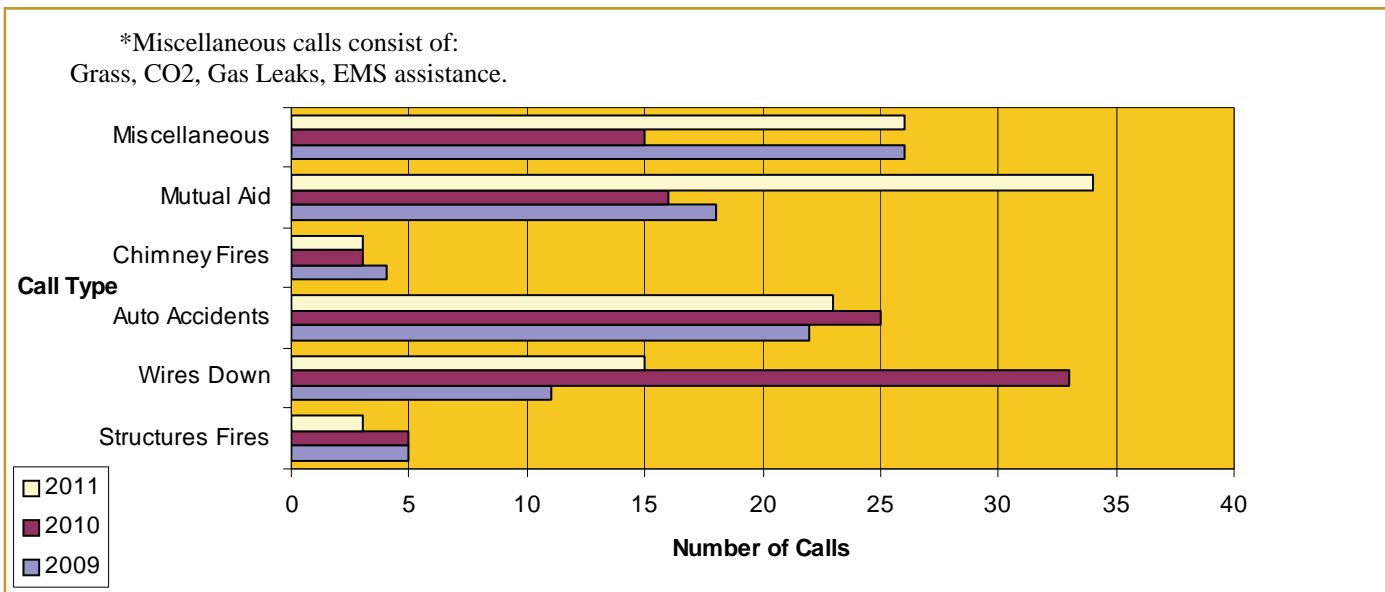
house training we execute on a Monday night. Information about membership is found at our website: <http://bowdoinhamfire.com/>

Burn Permits

Burning Permits are issued every Saturday and Sunday morning between 7:30a.m. to 8:30a.m. if weather permits. There are five Fire Danger Ratings that guide the issuance of burning permits. For information about fire ratings please visit:

<http://www.bowdoinham.com/fire-department>.

The Fire Department had 98 calls in 2011.
The graph below shows a breakdown of our calls over the last three years.



Bowdoinham Emergency Medical Services

Ann Davis, Director

Bowdoinham EMS received 189 calls in the last year. Thanks to our great responders the majority of these calls were responded to by our service. We are still in dire need of day time help. I would also like to report that there is a huge need for people to put numbers on their houses or somewhere so that emergency responders can see them. We have had a difficult time recently finding a specific residence especially if there are 4 or 5 mailboxes in the same place and none of the houses to go with them are marked. So please do us a favor and number your residence for us so we can find you quickly in time of need. It makes it easier for us and our dispatch that is trying to steer us in the right direction.

There are 11 Responders on our roster at the present time.

They are as follows:

Ann Davis...	Chief and EMT-Basic
Colleen Wormwood...	Paramedic
Linda Williams...	EMT-Intermediate
Dawna Bowlin...	EMT-Basic
Deb Frizzle...	EMT-Basic
Teresa Graeff...	EMT-Basic
Betsy Ham...	EMT-Basic
Sean Bachelder...	EMT-Basic
Mike Davis...	Helper

We hold our trainings and meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Bowdoinham Fire Station at 6pm. We are always looking for members. If you should

decide to join us and be a licensed EMT we will pay for half of your class up front and then once you complete the class we will reimburse you for the rest. We will supply you with all your equipment and clothing. Come to one of our meetings and see what we are all about.

We are always available with EMS coverage if you have or know of someone having an event that you would like us present. We like to be a part of town events.

We will be selling 250th anniversary cookbooks this summer. I want to thank all the wonderful cooks in this town that donated recipes. It will be a great cookbook with old and new pictures of Bowdoinham. They should be ready by the end of May and if you are interested in purchasing one watch for us at the towns events or call me at 751-4238.

I would like to take this time to thank my responders for the awesome job they do covering this town for medical calls and I am very lucky to have each and every one of you on our team. I also would like to thank their families for putting up with the pagers going off in the middle of the night waking everyone up or taking them away from family time.

Most of all I would like to thank the people of the Town of Bowdoinham for always being there to support us in any thing we do. This is a wonderful town to live in and I am so pleased I am a part of it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Davis, EMS Chief



Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011

Local Health Officer

Rebecca Miller, RN,MPH - Local Health Officer

In 2011, influenza was not as big a problem as it had been in 2009 and 2010. However, there were still plenty of cases around the state. A free clinic was set up by CHANS for Bowdoinham in the fall and likely will be again in the fall of 2012. Even if the flu is not expected to be a problem, it is still very important to get a flu shot. Influenza can be still be very dangerous for some individuals. For more information on influenza in Maine, call 207-287-8016 or go to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/influenza/maineflu/>

Ticks and mosquitoes continue to be a problem each year. The mosquitoes may carry the eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). These diseases can be dangerous. Maine does not see a lot of cases of EEE and WNV, but precautions still should be taken to avoid them. By draining off standing pools of water, using insect repellent as directed, wearing long sleeves and long pants while out in the yard and woods helps prevent these diseases. Lyme disease is transmitted by the deer tick. There have been many cases of Lyme disease reported in Maine and incidents continue to rise. If you or a family member develops flu like symptoms or rashes that are not explained, see your doctor and discuss the possibility of these diseases. For more information, go to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/index.shtml> or call 1-800-821-5821.

Mold continues to be an ongoing problem for many homeowners. Mold generally is not toxic, however it can cause damage to your home or items in your home. If an individual has a respiratory illness such as COPD or asthma, mold may worsen their symptoms. If your home has a mold problem, call 1-800-821-5821 or go to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/disease/mold.shtml>

All local health officers in Sagadahoc County meet bi-monthly to discuss on-going health related issues in our communities. We also provide brochures and material every two months on various health topics of interest. These brochures can be found in your town office. There is information that may be seasonal (ticks, carbon monoxide, etc) as well as general information about resources available to our citizens such as Oasis health clinic, or information about free mammograms. Check it out next time you are in the town office. If you have any requests for special information or have a question that I can help with, please feel free to contact me at

rebeccamillermph@gmail.com or call the town office.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Miller



Photo Courtesy of: Jane Conway

Water District Trustees Report

F. D. Oakes, Jr., Chairman

Our Bowdoinham Water District continues to contract its business office functions to the Richmond Utilities District – thus allowing the two districts to share staff and equipment. It also allows the two districts to back-up each other in case of emergency. This arrangement has worked very well for almost 20 years.

Our District has recently given up its “666” phone number and uses the same “737” number as Richmond. Our Board considers that the inconvenience is worth the savings in phone costs. All other regular and 24 hour emergency services remained unchanged, and you can still pay your water bill at our Town Office.

The District phased in a 4½% rate increase last fall in order to compensate for the inflation over the preceding 5 years. New operating economies offset the remaining balance of the cost increases.

The next operating economy being studied is the possibility of refinancing some of our existing loans at lower rates. We expect that this will be a challenge because the interest savings must also pay for the fees to re-bond the debt.

Trustee, George Harvey Freeman retired from our Board after 11 years. “The Harve” was a champion of wise, frugal and exacting money management. He also sometimes served as an ambassador of the District and negotiated some of our most difficult contracts. And, he brought an understanding of how public water supplies are influencing property loan requirements in more populated states. “The Harve” will be missed.

We welcome David Reinheimer to fill the vacancy on our Board. David is a Licensed Professional Engineer – as is each of the other Board members. It is a licensing requirement that a “PE” must make not only sound engineering recommendations, but those recommendations must also be economically viable. Accordingly, David’s joining our Board augurs well for continuing our operating economy initiatives.

Again, please report unusually wet areas for our leak investigation. Fewer leaks reduce pumping and treatment costs and postpones the need to develop additional sources of supply. These savings accrue to both the District customers and all residents through lower property taxes.



Maily Waterfront Park

Our District is a quasi-municipality that has provided water to Bowdoin and Bowdoinham since 1959. The Board has 5 Trustees, who are appointed by the Selectmen of Bowdoinham for three-year terms. If possible, one Trustee should be a resident of Bowdoin to represent those customers. Moreover, by-laws state that as many Trustees should be ratepayers as practicable. No Trustee has ever drawn pay for his or her service on our Board. The monthly business meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of every month in the Bowdoinham Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m. The District Superintendent and the Business Manager also attend each meeting.

Sincerely,
F.D. Oakes, Jr.

Water District Trustees

F. Donald Oakes, Chair	2013
David Reinheimer	2013
Gordon Johnson	2014
Stephen Cox	2013
Brant Miller, Treasurer	2013

Public Works Department Chadd Mayo, Foreman

The winter of 2011-2012 was another crazy winter. As of February 24th we had 44 inches of snow with 25 events. While many of the storms did not give us a great deal of snow, they did provide challenges in the length of the storms and the amount of material used to keep the roads safe. I would like to take the time to thank the public works crew and our snow removal contractors for their hard work and dedication. The new sidewalks in town added some extra work to be done in the winter months, but it was well worth it to see the residents walking safely on the sidewalks instead of on the side of the road or in the snow bank.

There was a lot of construction going on in town last summer and fall. The biggest one was the complete reconstruction of Center Street that was done by Ray Labbe and Sons, Inc. The project consisted of the removal of the old pavement and adding gravel to the road base. The project also improved the water drainage by installing catch basins and replaced the big metal culvert with a new concrete box culvert. After Labbe and Sons completed the road base and drainage improvements, the first layer of new pavement was placed. The sidewalks were constructed by Off-Road Construction Inc. and included new sidewalks on Center Street, Main Street, Bay Road and River Road. Center Street received its final layer of pavement after the sidewalk was completed. During spring of 2012, Off-Road Construction, Inc. will return to place loam and seed on the areas near the sidewalks and correct any issues that may remain from last fall.

Reconstruction work was also completed on School Street and Spring Street. This work was performed by the Public Works Department. The project consisted of rebuilding the catch basins and widening the roads by up to two feet in places to make room for new curbing.

After the preliminary work was done the roads got a fresh layer of pavement.

This summer was no different than any of the past summers with a lot of work being done on our gravel roads. There was work done on Carding Machine Road, Dingley Road, Blanchard Road, Steven's Road,

Center Point Road and the gravel part of Browns Point Road.

I would like to thank The Army National Guard for the work they completed on Curtis Farm Road. This work was completed in the spring of

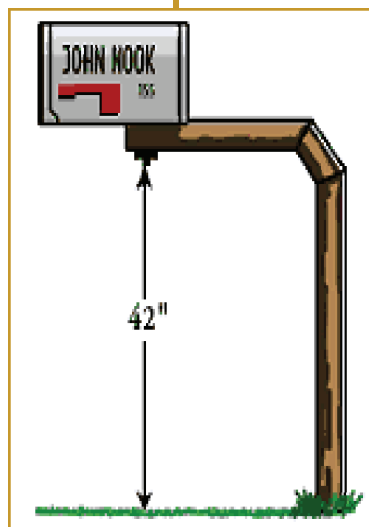
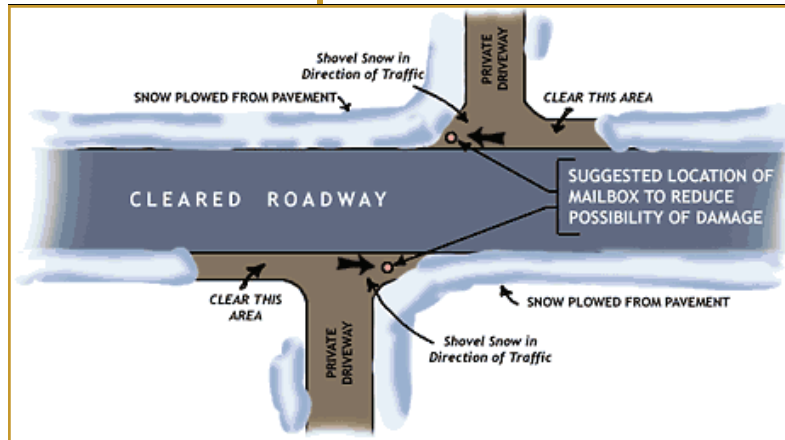
2011 to improve water drainage and to replace two 24-inch metal culverts that were starting to fail. They also graded the road and removed a few trees.

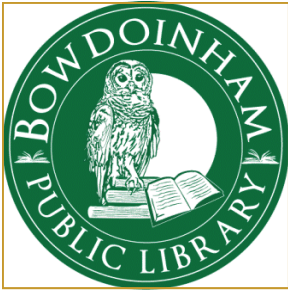
During the summer of 2012, more work will be completed on the gravel road system to maintain the best service we can to the residents and motorists that use them. The work on gravel roads will start in the late spring and be done occasionally until the fall. Additional construction work will include construction of a sidewalk on Cemetery Road and Ridge Road from Cemetery Road to River Road. In addition, the lower

portion of Ridge Road will be reconstructed with new underground drainage, gravel base and new pavement. Lets all hope for a nice summer after this odd winter.

I would like to thank former Public Works Director Kevin Prout for his many years of service to the Town of Bowdoinham and wish him well in his new position with the Maine Department of Transportation.

Thank you,
Chadd Mayo
Public Works Foreman





Bowdoinham Public Library Report

Kate Cutko, Librarian

It seems that Bowdoinham is inspired by its 250th anniversary celebration. Many people have become inspired to learn more about the town history, checking out Silas Adams' History of the Town of

Whereas home use of Ancestry.com requires a monthly fee, Maine's public libraries now offer it as a free service. Patrons may now come to the library and do their genealogical searches free of charge via **Ancestry.com Library Edition.**



Annual Plant Sale 2011

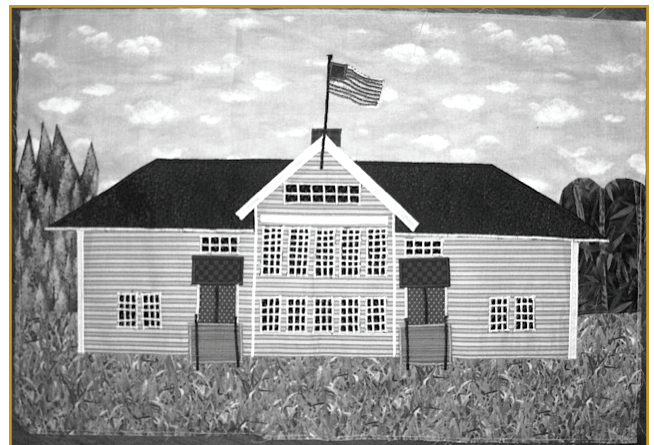
Bowdoinham and others are inspired to collect and share the history that they themselves have gathered. The library as well as the Historical Society has some wonderful materials to share with patrons, from family histories, to newspaper clippings, to a complete set of "Bowdoinham Advertisers", old town reports and death records. The library is proud to house the Connors Collection; a collection of books and files pertaining to Maine history, given to the library by Frank and Jane Connors. We encourage townspeople to come and see what we've got and we hope that those with photographs and materials about town history will share those materials with us all. A new scanner here in the library now allows people to capture and share their treasured photos and documents at no cost.

A new history resource now available at the library is Ancestry.com. Some of you may be familiar with this web-based resource for doing genealogical research.

Will Zell, a local web designer, has helped launch a newly designed website for the library. The new address is www.bowdoinhamlibrary.com. Please check it out and change your old bookmarks to lead you to our new site. We would like to publically thank Betsy Steen for her years of maintaining the old website site and to Will for creating the new one.

Library programming continues with Storytime each week, two book groups each month and an annual summer reading program. New fiction and nonfiction arrives each month adding to the 10,000 volumes we have in circulation. We welcome you to stop by and see what we've got.

Kate Cutko
Library Director



250th Quilt Square

Planning Department

Nicole Briand



Center Street Sidewalk

It has been another busy year with a lot of exciting things happening in Bowdoinham.

Our Sidewalk Project has been underway since the voters of the Town of Bowdoinham approved spending \$133,750 to match a “sidewalk” grant of \$535,000 in Federal Enhancement Funds from the Maine Department of Transportation Quality Community Program, on November 3, 2009. The Town is carrying out this project as a Local Administered Project and has hired Pine Tree Engineering to do the project design and assist with the construction

administration. Off-Road Trucking was awarded the construction contract and began the sidewalk construction in August of 2011. Sidewalks have been constructed on Main Street, Center Street and River Road so far. Off-Road Trucking will be completing the project with sidewalks on School Street, Bay Road, Ridge Road and Cemetery Road this year.



Bowdoinham Community Skatepark Location

The Skatepark Project is really rolling now. Since voters approved the new location of the park at Town Meeting in 2011, we have obtained the necessary permits for the project. We are just beginning the process of designing the skatepark and raising money for its construction. This is an exciting project and we welcome all that are interested to join us!

The Merrymeeting Trail Initiative is working to create a regional trail from Topsham to Gardiner, which connects: the Androscoggin River Pedestrian Bike Path in Topsham, the Village Area in Bowdoinham, the Village Area in Richmond, and the Kennebec River Rail Trail in Gardiner. We have made a lot of progress over the last year. VHB's Feasibility Study

and Wright-Pierce's Trail Segment Sheets have been completed. We have been awarded assistance from the National Park Service, which brings the expertise of Burnham Martin to the project. And most recently, Kennebec Estuary Land Trust has agreed to provide staff to work on the project coordination and outreach. Our focus over the next year will be to develop the organizational structures to support the Merrymeeting Trail, develop signage for the interim on-road route, and construct our first trail segment. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

I have been working with the Planning Board with reviewing applications and assisting applicants with putting together their application package for the Planning Board. This year was a relatively quiet year for the Planning Board, which allowed the Board time to review the new Land Use Ordinance.

Comprehensive Plan update is underway with the Town's Comprehensive Planning Committee. This sixteen person Committee wants to create a Comprehensive Plan that represents what the Townspeople of Bowdoinham really want. To accomplish this goal the Committee will be soliciting your input over the next two years, so please do not be shy. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Briand

Planning Board Report

Paul Baines, Chair

The Planning Board has had a busy year. As many of you may know we have spent a considerable amount of time on the Central Maine Power’s permit application as part of the Maine Power Reliability Project. The MPRP is upgrading the power lines, which cross the North end of Merrymeeting Bay just upstream from the chops on the Kennebec River. This process began in February 2011, and is nearing completion at this writing.



Center Street

The board has also been busy in reviewing our ordinance and recommending improvements for the residents of the town to vote on. We encourage anyone that may have suggestions to improve the way our ordinance serves the Town of Bowdoinham to please bring these to our attention. Suggestions may be forwarded through the Town Office or through the Town Planning Office.

Our CEO Nicole Briand continues to work diligently and exhaustively on behalf of all of the Town residents and we appreciate her hard work and professionalism.



**Veterans Park and Cannon
2011**

We miss the voice and input of Billie Oakes and we hope she is enjoying her retirement from the board.

We have had the pleasure of two new faces on the board as alternates in Dan Stockford and Nathan Drummond, they bring a valued perspective and input to the board.

Ellen Baum has passed the gavel of Chair to Paul Baines. The town has been quite blessed to have had Ellen in the chair position, as her diligence and expertise have been a great service to the residents of Bowdoinham. Although Ellen will be missed as chair she will continue to serve as an invaluable board member. We thank you Ellen.

We look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Bowdoinham throughout the coming year.

Respectively Submitted
By
Paul Baines, Chair

Planning Board

Paul Baines, Chair	2016
Ellen Baum, Vice Chair	2013
Paul Beltranmini	2012
Brent Zachau	2013
William Shippen	2014
Nathan Drummond	2014
Alt: Daniel Stockford	2014

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Cynthia Lamoreau, Chair

Over the past year we have had eighteen meetings, twelve regular committee meetings and six workshops. After finishing the visioning process and finalizing the Vision Statement, we started to formulate the Goals for the Comprehensive Plan. In following the State's Guidelines for Comprehensive Plans we have developed goals for the following sections of our Plan:

- Economy
- Agriculture
- Forests
- Natural Resources
- Water Resources
- Historical & Archaeological Resources
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Housing
- Public Facilities & Services
- Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan

After six months of gathering input from the public, we finalized the Goals in January 2012. Now that the Goals are complete, we are working on developing the strategies the Town should use to reach its goals. To help us formulate the strategies, we have held four workshops to gather public input. In addition, we have met with several other Town Committee and local organizations and created two Agriculture Task

Force groups to develop strategies for the Town. We will continue to work on developing the strategies over the next six months. Then we will begin working on the Future Land Use for the Town.

We encourage all who are interested to attend a meeting or write us. Our regular meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Town Office and Workshops will be advertised. We hope to hear from you as we continue our process.

<u>Comprehensive Planning</u>	
Cynthia Lamoreau, Chair	2013
Albert Stehle	2013
Joanne Joy, Vice Chair	2013
Bradford Foley	2013
Richard Morin, Secretary	2013
Brant Miller	2013
Brian Smith	2013
David Whittlesey	2013
Heather Cox	2013
Jeffery Wing	2013
Paul Baines	2013
Paul Beltramini	2013
Pete Galle	2013
Felicity Beede	2013
Sally Martinez	2013
Thomas DeForest	2013



Albert Stehle and Justin Schlawn

Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector

Nicole Briand, CEO/LPI

<u>Building Permits</u>		<u>Site Plan Review Permits</u>		<u>Shoreland Zoning Permits</u>	
Dwellings –	8	An increase in the floor area		Timber Harvesting –	0
Interior Work –	2	of less than 1,000 sq ft. –	1	Temporary Dock –	0
Additions –	9	Total Permits Issued –	<u>1</u>	Accessory Building –	0
Decks & Porches –	6	Total Fees Received –	<u>\$25</u>	Dwelling –	0
Garages/Barns/Sheds –	9			Total Permits Issued –	<u>0</u>
Commercial		<u>Plumbing Permits</u>		Total Fees Received –	<u>\$0</u>
Structures/Buildings –	2	Subsurface Wastewater Disposal		<u>Floodplain Permits</u>	
Removal of Building –	3	System Permits Issued –	17	Minor Development –	0
Total Building Permits Issued –	<u>39</u>	Internal Plumbing		New Construction &	
Total Building Permit Fees		Permits Issued –	19	Substantial Improvements –	0
Received –	<u>\$3,567.72</u>	Total Plumbing		Total Permits Issued –	<u>0</u>
		Permits Issued –	<u>36</u>	Total Fees Received –	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Land Use Permits</u>		Total Plumbing			
Over 100 cu yd of fill –	1	Permit Fees Received –	<u>\$2,929.00</u>		
Total Permits Issued –	<u>1</u>	Town Share of Plumbing			
Total Fees Received –	<u>\$25</u>	Permit Fees –	<u>\$2,196.75</u>		

Permits Required

1) It shall be unlawful, without first obtaining a permit from the appropriate reviewing authority, to:

- a) engage in any activity or use of land or structure requiring approval in the district in which such activity or use would occur; or
- b) expand, change, or replace an existing use or structure; or
- c) renew a discontinued nonconforming use; or
- d) engage in the construction, alteration, relocation, demolition or replacement of any building or part thereof; or
- e) perform plumbing work
- f) create a subsurface wastewater disposal system

2) The change of a business shall not require a permit, if the change of business is not a change of the land use (i.e. retail business, service business, professional office).

3) The following activities are exempt from requiring a building permit, if the property is in compliance with all of the Town of Bowdoinham’s Ordinances, as well as all applicable Statutes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of Maine:

- a) The construction, alteration, addition, relocation, demolition, or replacement of a shed or residential accessory structure that has a total area of 150 sq ft or less.
- b) The maintenance, repair, or replacement of a portion of a building that does not involve any change in the building’s internal layout or external footprint, which includes any deck area.

If you are planning a new project on your property and are not sure if you need a permit, please call me at the Town Office, 666-5531; and I will help you figure out what permits are required.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Briand, CEO/LPI

Animal Control Officer
Cliff Daigle, Animal Control Officer



Cliff Daigle, ACO

Breakdown of Services/Calls/Incidents in 2011

Calls received for service and information	610
Calls received regarding cats	115
Calls received regarding wildlife	62
Court summons issued	36
Dog/Cat bites in town	12
Unlicensed dogs (owners were given written and or verbal warnings)	310

Fees

- \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs
- \$11.00 per year for dogs not spayed/neutered
- \$25.00 warrant fee after January 31st of each year

All dogs 6 months and older must have a license. In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must provide a **current** State of Maine Rabies Certificate. If your dog has been spayed or neutered please bring that certificate with you also.

Kennel inspection 2011

Kennel rules and regulations:

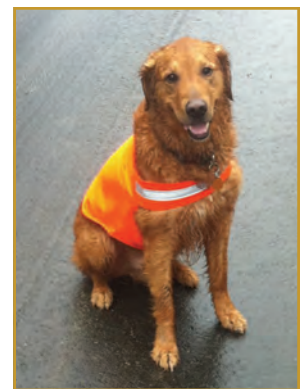
All dogs in town/state are to be licensed at six months of age. Rabies shots are required to for all dogs, cats and ferrets.

All dogs kept outside need proper shelter with shelters having 4 sides, water proof, and a roof. If chained, the chain must be at least 5 times the size of the dog.

Programs Initiated

The following programs were in operation during 2011:

- ◆ Rabies prevention program
- ◆ Interactive program with the Community Policing in area
- ◆ Emergency program for animals of Bowdoinham - Animal Response Team
- ◆ EMA program for animals in danger of storm and disaster
- ◆ Animal food program with area food bank and shelter for town people in need
- ◆ Training with the Sheriff's Dept and Local Fire Department on what to do with an animal they may encounter arriving first on scene



I believe that with education, together we can make a difference with the public in the Town of Bowdoinham.

Clifford Daigle,
Animal Control Officer 2011

Recycling & Solid Waste Department

David Berry, Solid Waste Manager

The Solid Waste and Recycling program has had a year of both stability in its regular operations and concerns for its long-term future. Continued demand for recyclable materials has kept our income line healthy, and staff efficiency has kept a smooth flow of materials through the Recycling Barn, to market or for disposal. Our curbside hauler, Richard Plummer & Son, continues to do a good job whatever the weather conditions. With the exception of our electric pallet truck, which will need to be replaced soon, the remainder of our recycling equipment - two balers and two trucks - is in good working order.

The long-term concerns regarding the Town's solid waste program stem from the collapse of a small section of the Recycling Barn roof under a heavy snow load in March, 2011. As a result, the Town's workers' compensation insurance carrier refused to provide coverage for Town employees in the building after December 31, 2011, unless the roof structure was brought up to code, or an expensive snow removal policy was adopted. The Town Manager obtained workers' compensation insurance through another insurance company before the December deadline arrived, but a discussion of long-term Town occupancy of the building has become more important. A task force was set up by the Town Manager this past fall to provide residents with information about all the various options available for operating our solid waste program in the future, as well as options for the Public Works Garage. It is hoped that with community input in the spring, a proposal for the future operations of the solid waste program can be brought to the Town Meeting in June or at a future special town meeting.

With the economy as tight as it is these days, the Town's recycling program offers an easy way to save money on your trash bill. Recyclable materials make up the bulk of all household waste, and can be picked up curbside or dropped off at the Barn for free, instead of paying \$2.50 a bag, or \$40 or more each month for a private dumpster to dispose of them as trash. Except for mixed recyclables (co-mingled containers), all the other recyclable materials collected at the Barn bring the Town income that exceeds the cost of processing, storing and shipping them and helps reduce the cost of the program to Town taxpayers.

Once more, I am bound to thank the staff at the Barn for their good work over the past year, as well as the residents who make our lives easier by bringing us clean, well-sorted recyclables, and taking away a lot of stuff to boot!

Respectfully submitted,
David Berry, Solid Waste Manager



Recycle Barn Sketch By Bryce Muir

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January 3, 2012

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Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to extend my warm greetings to the people of Bowdoinham, and take just a moment to offer a few thoughts about the past year as we look ahead to the year to come. Indisputably, as we continue to face historic challenges as a nation, as a state, and as individual towns and cities, our economy remains of paramount concern, and justifiably so, as we are still plagued by the worst economic downturn since World War II. Indeed, as countless Mainers have conveyed to me in roundtable discussions and on Main Street tours, the crushing job creation drought that too many have endured for far too long must not become the new normal.

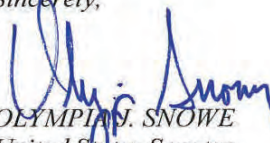
Thankfully, there are steps that Congress and the Administration can take right now to expand our private sector. We can best unleash the genius and innovation that have made our country the most exceptional in human history, I believe, by addressing the following three pro-growth pillars, consisting of a balanced budget amendment, regulatory reform, and tax code overhaul, all of which I have championed in the Senate.

It is long past time that Congress bridge the partisan divide and unite around a pro-growth jobs agenda to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution just as Maine and 48 other states already have, to end the regulatory rampage in Washington that has hamstrung our economy, and to overhaul the far-too-complicated, unwieldy tax code. American taxpayers expend 7.6 billion hours and spend \$140 billion – or one percent of GDP – just struggling to comply with tax filing requirements – and that burden must end.

The fundamental question is, what kind of country do we want America to be? Mainers, like all Americans, are rightly frustrated and angry that we have an expansionist government and a record accumulation of debt, and yet they don't see any positive difference in their own lives. I share that frustration and anger. And I hope you will work with me to forge a brighter future worthy of the greatest nation on Earth, bearing in mind as we move forward that economic and homeland security cannot be mutually exclusive. In that light, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who comprise the finest defense force on the planet.

Please be assured, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America. I encourage you to visit my Senate website at www.snowe.senate.gov for additional details on how you can join with me in these efforts, obtain helpful government information, and share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You may also visit with members of my staff at my Regional Office located at 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 601 in Portland or by calling 874-0883 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

Sincerely,



OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I welcome this opportunity to share some of my recent work for the people of our great state.

The economy and jobs remain my highest priorities. More efficient transportation is essential to our economic growth. After a years-long, hard-fought battle, I successfully pushed through Congress a bill I wrote to allow the heaviest trucks to travel on Maine’s federal interstates, instead of forcing them to use our secondary roads and downtown streets. This will make our streets safer, reduce fuel consumption, and allow our businesses to be more competitive. I was pleased to have the support of many Maine groups, from the Maine State Police and the Parent-Teacher Association to the Maine Motor Transport Association and many others that helped me advocate for this sensible change.

I was also successful in my efforts to prevent the federal government from limiting certain vegetables, including Maine’s potatoes, in school meal programs. Nationwide this ill-conceived proposal would have cost our schools, the states, and families an estimated \$6.8 billion over five years. I built support from both sides of the aisle and from across the country to ensure that schools maintain the flexibility they need to serve students healthy and affordable meals. This proposed rule was a prime example of excessive Washington regulation.

In my effort to protect jobs, I also introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure that the proposed EPA regulations known as the “Boiler MACT” rules protect the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in our state, particularly in the forest products industry. I also continued to help advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy at the University of Maine, which has the potential to provide clean energy and to create thousands of new jobs.

On the Armed Services Committee, I worked to secure funding for shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, submarine overhauls at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the manufacturing of aircraft engines at Pratt and Whitney, as well as to strengthen the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor and the Maine Military Authority in Limestone. The new defense funding bill also includes my amendment to expedite the claims of veterans with severe disabilities like the soldier I met who is suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Last year, the President signed legislation I coauthored creating a national plan for combating Alzheimer’s disease, which affects more than five million Americans and their families. In another health-related development, at my urging, the Food and Drug Administration allowed clinical trials to begin on the artificial pancreas, a device that could dramatically improve the health and quality of life for people with Type I diabetes.

Many Mainers have contacted me to express concern about the Postal Service, which is the linchpin of a nearly \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs 8.6 million people. I’ve sponsored bipartisan legislation to rescue the U.S. Postal Service from financial failure next year. This bill provides flexibility to the USPS to restructure itself in an effort to save billions of dollars and preserve universal postal service for all Americans, no matter where they live.

In December, I cast my 4,825th consecutive vote, making me the longest currently serving Senator never to have missed a vote. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Bowdoinham and Maine in the United States Senate.

If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland state office at (207) 780-3575, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2012 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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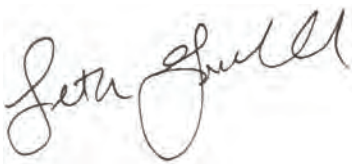
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Dear Bowdoinham Residents:

It is an honor to serve as your Senator in the Maine State Legislature. This year is the second year of the 125th Legislature and, as a result, we are constitutionally limited to considering carried over legislation from last session and matters deemed budgetary or an emergency, as well as legislation submitted by the Governor. This year the overwhelming emphasis will be addressing the state's budgetary shortfall. Unlike the federal government, our state is constitutionally required to maintain a balanced budget. In this process, it should be our responsibility to move forward in a thoughtful, fiscally responsible manner that addresses the shortfall. In addition to the budget, we are also in the process of acting on more than 300 pieces of legislation, which include a broad range of topics from economic development, healthcare, education and the environment, amongst others. This session I continue as a leader on the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources, as well as a member of the Maine Economic Growth Council. In these roles and as your voice in the Legislature, I continue to advocate for Maine, and our region, by focusing on positioning us for job creation and long-term economic growth, while not jeopardizing the wellbeing of Mainers and our natural resources. The current economic challenges are great, however, it is important to remain optimistic and promote our region and our state. We have vast natural resources, a highly regarded work ethic and great opportunities for economic growth.

Once again, it is an honor to be your voice in the State Senate. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments, or if need assistance with state government. You can reach me via email at seth@sethgoodall.com or at my home at **737-4797**.

Warm regards,



Senator Seth Goodall
Senate District 19, Sagadahoc County and Dresden

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Dear Bowdoinham Neighbors:

Since our last town meeting, there has been good news and bad from Augusta. While many agree jobs should be the focus, there have unfortunately also been a few distractions.

On the bad side, last June's biennial state budget further reduced aid to towns and schools in order to help pay for new income tax cuts. High-income individuals who pay more in income taxes than property taxes will gain from these changes, while most Mainers will lose.

To prevent this shift, I offered an amendment to reduce the tax cuts for the very wealthy and instead to provide more aid to towns, greater tax cuts for the middle class and working families, and stronger finances for the State going forward. This amendment did not pass.

Later, the Governor disclosed that his Commissioner of Health and Human Services had provided incorrect numbers for the budget. This means it has to be rewritten, to stay balanced as required by our Constitution. In December, the Governor proposed to close his new gap by cutting health care for 65,000 Mainers, drugs for the elderly, and funding for Head Start and child care.

As I write this in mid-April, new budget issues have surfaced in Augusta. I have proposed balancing the budget by containing costs through better prevention and health care management, and by taxing the wealthiest 1% at the same combined state and local rate the rest of us pay. This would close the gap, put us on stronger fiscal footing, and allow investments in our future.

In the education arena, I sponsored legislation last spring that helped Maine become one of just nine states to receive a competitive federal grant for \$30 million to improve home visiting programs and to deliver lifelong gains for Maine's infants and toddlers. Alongside our school board members, I also continue to advocate for long-overdue reconstruction funding for Mt. Ararat, and for the state to fund 55% of education costs as mandated by voters in 2004.

Last spring during frost heave season, I invited the new Transportation Commissioner to ride the roads of our area with me. He did, and within months several miles of Routes 24 and 125 were repaved. I continue to press for rebuilding not just repaving, as this creates both jobs and savings.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative, and I could not be prouder to represent our great town of Bowdoinham on its 250th anniversary! As always, I welcome your comments, questions and suggestions as I work for you in Augusta. Please contact me anytime at any of the numbers below. Also, please email me if you would like to receive my regular electronic updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth".

Seth A. Berry

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Representing House District 67: Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and the Unorganized Territory of Perkins Township

2011 and Prior Delinquent Personal Property As Of 06/30/2011

Name		Name	
ADT SECURITY SYSTEMS INC	0.01 *	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	56.24 *
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	193.14 *	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	54.76 *
BAINES,PAUL	25.23 *	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	219.04
BAINES,PAUL	222.00 *	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	224.96
BEAULIEU,JASON	26.64	PRINDALL,WILLIAM E	27.02
BLUE SKY ORGANIC FARMS LLC	0.05 *	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	88.78
BOTTLING GROUP INC	29.97 *	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	91.54
BOWDOINHAM ASSOCIATES	81.40 **	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	54.56
BOWDOINHAM ASSOCIATES	161.32	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	71.76
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	134.68	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	73.95
CHRISTOPHER,GEORGE M	13.32	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	69.56
CHRISTOPHER,GEORGE M	11.84	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	71.04
FAVREAU,MARK	26.64	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	71.04
GRAY,WENDY	208.68	SPIRO,LYNN	145.04
HILLTOP LOG HOMES INC	666.00	TOME,DAVID M	19.24
HITZ,PAUL M A	65.97	TRUBEE, DAVID & ELAIN	68.08
HITZ,PAUL M A	66.60	UNISYS CORPORATION	-1.48
HITZ,PAUL M A	68.08	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	48.49
HOYT,JEFFREY E	134.68	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	93.24
LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	73.16 *	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	81.40
LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	67.62 *	ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	0.97 *
LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	59.45 *	ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	<u>116.92 **</u>
LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	51.80 *		<u>\$4152.14</u>

Lien Breakdown

Tax Year: 2010 - As Of 06/30/2011

Name		Name	
ASHOUWAK,LARA PERTEL	1,027.53 *	PATTERSON,DENNIS & PAMELA	951.89 *
BELANGER,JASON	1,277.49 *	ROBERT,PAUL R & CHRISTINE A	581.28 *
BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	211.64 *	SHOINETTE,FRED S	1,783.10 *
CONGLETON,KARIN A	105.81 *	SIEGLER,RAYMOND J JR	558.20 *
DAVIS,ROBERT C & KELLY L	305.13 *	SKIPPER,RODNEY S	120.72 *
DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	1,088.39	STANLEY, DONALD G	1,776.25 *
GAUTHIER,SUZANNE	797.97 *	TALBOT,KATHLEEN BIANCA	887.15 *
HALL,GREGORY F	239.76 *	TAYLOR,HOWARD E II	1,512.81 *
HALSEY,SEAN	562.40 *	TOMPKINS,RANDY W	1,335.21 *
HARRIMAN,HOPE L (PERS REP)	775.52	TRUDELL,PETER J	333.00 *
HARRIS,DAVID	1,308.32 *	TRUDELL,PETER J	1,262.44 *
HERARD,CARL R & THERESA R	1,696.33 *	VALLEY,JAMES D & JOLEEN M	43.16 *
HILL,RANDY E & GARLAND, LORI A	273.80 *	WEAVER,BETTY D	846.81 *
JONES,ELLEN C	2.96 *	WHITMORE,DENISE K	892.69
KRECHKIN,ALEXEJ A JR (PERS REP)	1,693.19 *	WHITTAKER,TYNE J (WATSON)	260.46
MULLDUNE,WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	345.00	YARMALA,JOSEPH A & CYNTHIA C	<u>1,832.49 *</u>
NORBERG,ROBIN R	139.12 *		<u>\$26,828.02</u>

Outstanding 2011 Real Estate Taxes

As Of 06/30/2011

Name		Name	
ALEXANDER, PATRICK	26.64	DIEMER, JAMES W & LINDA R	459.82*
ALLEN, WILLIAM H JR	41.98*	DUNN, DONALD C	616.59*
ALMY, DAVIS S SR	7.03*	DUNN, DONALD C	555.74**
ALMY, P ARTHUR & DAVIS S SR	1,280.08	EGER, ROBERT C	833.24*
ALMY, P ARTHUR & DAVIS S SR	5.92	EGER, ROBERT C JR	492.84*
ASHOUWAK, LARA PERTEL	1,954.64	ENGLAND, LINDA L	448.45*
ATWATER, ELIZABETH (HEIRS)	1,201.76	FARRIS, CHRISTY L	3,145.52*
ATWOOD, LARRY E	1,139.28**	FITZGERALD, JOHN &	680.51*
AVERY, JEFFREY A	1,047.07*	GAUTHIER, SUZANNE	834.28
BABB, RONALD J & AMY D	767.72*	GREEN, JADE ARIAN & JOSEPH J	1,486.96*
BAMFORD, JAMES J	444.00	GUSTAFSON, PAUL E	1,003.44**
BELANGER, JASON	1,297.52	GUSTAFSON, PAUL E & KIM P	1,865.84**
BLASINGAME, DONALD & CLARA	768.86*	HALSEY, IAN	809.16
BLODGETT, LANCE H	229.69*	HALSEY, SEAN	535.76
BOCA, BELLE	1,130.72	HANSCOM, HOLLIS	6.10*
BRYAN, WILLIAM J	827.84*	HARRIMAN, HOPE L	127.83*
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	211.64	HARRIMAN, HOPE L (PERS REP)	775.52
CARON, JASON D & SARAH	446.20*	HARRIS, DAVID	1,306.84
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	102.12*	HEATH, GEORGE MRS	2,012.80
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	1,021.20*	HERARD, CARL R & THERESA R	1,698.60
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	821.40*	HEWETT, REBECCA & SALLY	185.00
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	364.08*	HIGGINS, ROBERT P & ROBIN L	491.88*
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	3,438.04*	HILL, RANDY E & GARLAND, LORI A	273.80
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	294.52*	HOLMAN, RONALD C JR	323.82*
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	1,038.96*	HUNTINGTON, PATRICIA & ALLEN	158.36
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	278.24*	JACQUES, TODD (HEIRS)	139.12
CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE M	4,015.24*	JOHNSON, ARTHUR W & PATRICIA L	1,700.08**
CONGLETON, KARIN A	840.64	JONES, ELLEN C	2.96*
CROOKER, RANDY N	837.24*	KELLETT, RAYMOND M & ANNE R	1,905.80
CURRAN, CYNTHIA MARIE	2,627.22**	KORINECK, STEPHEN F & LORI R	11.84*
CURRAN, ROBERT	159.84	KRECHKIN, ALEXEJ A JR (PERS REP)	1,971.36
CUTLER, ALAN F	627.52	LA BELLE, STEPHANIE L	297.49*
DAVIS, ROBERT C & KELLY L	320.72**	LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	525.65*
DELYRA, MICHEL CARLOS	1,892.48	LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	450.40*
DEROCHER, PAUL	153.92	LAMOREAU, SHAWN S & CHRISTINE	2,571.80*
DESPRES, JOSEPH L & ANGELIA B	669.08**	LIBBY, STANLEY L & DINA J	5.14*

* Paid in Full After 6/30/2011

** Partial Payment After 6/30/2011

Outstanding 2011 Real Estate Taxes As Of 06/30/2011

Name	Name	
LLOYD,JOANE K	537.24** SHORETTE,FRED S	1,845.56
MACKENZIE,ROLAND & JESSE	322.18* SHOREY,DAVID B & NINA	41.44*
MAILLY,MARY	1,480.00 SIEGLER,RAYMOND J JR	973.84
MATHEWS,STEPHANIE L	2,091.49* SKELTON,EMMA W (HEIRS)	1,243.20*
MATRANGA,MARIE E	393.26* SKIPPER,RODNEY S	1,371.96*
MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	402.56* ST JEAN,RAYMOND D	353.03*
MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	247.16* STANLEY, DONALD G	1,782.96
MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	239.76* STEHLE,ALBERT E	710.38*
MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	236.06* SUGDEN,G SCOTT	6.34*
MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	3,646.72* TALBOT,KATHLEEN BIANCA	1,338.96
MCKENNA,DONALD	7.40* TAYLOR,HOWARD E II	1,549.12
MCKINNEY,GWENDY L	454.02* THOMAS,BRIAN	2,191.44**
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	749.92* TOMPKINS,RANDY W	1,340.44
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	4,238.72* TRUDELL,PETER J	333.00
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	174.64* TRUDELL,PETER J	1,247.64
MENTION,DAVID	1,299.22* VAILLANCOURT,PATRICK	224.95*
MESSER,DANA	920.29* VALLEY,JAMES D & JOLEEN M	592.00**
MOORE,STEPHANIE A	717.36* VARNEY,ALAN D & BETH	222.74*
MORGAN,RICHARD	91.76* VENO,RUTH G (HEIRS)	2,436.08
MORGAN,RICHARD D & SUSAN M	22.20* VENO,STEVEN J	177.75
MULLDUNE,WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	803.64 WEAVER,BETTY D	883.12
NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS LLC	435.12* WENTWORTH,LEVI A JR	2,751.32*
NORMAN,HERBERT J	370.00* WHEELER,PAUL F	128.76*
NOYES,ERNEST P E	544.64** WHITMORE,DENISE K	929.00
OFARRELL,KEVIN	382.58* WHITTAKER,TYNE J (WATSON)	519.48
PALMER,MICHAEL C	868.76* WRIGHT, ANNE M	92.50*
PATTERSON,DENNIS & PAMELA	988.20 YARMALA,JOSEPH A & CYNTHIA C	<u>1,858.44</u>
PINE VIEW HOMES INC	261.96*	
REED,EDWARD SCOTT	222.74*	
RICHARDS,LOLA HAYES	718.32*	
RILEY,SEAN G & LISA M	1,399.65	
ROBERT,PAUL R & CHRISTINE A	2,089.32**	
ROGERS,SHERYL R	57.72*	
ROLLINS,JOSHUA	81.40	
ROUGHGARDEN,TODD & SARAH E	1,710.88*	
SHAFFER,RICHARD D	479.52*	
	TOTAL OUTSTANDING	<u>\$118,888.29</u>

* Paid in Full After 6/30/2011

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REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Selectmen and Manager
TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
Bowdoinham, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major funds, and remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the financial statements, of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential source documentation to support the permanent funds because the relevant legal indentures could not be located. The prior audit reports did not distinguish between expendable and nonexpendable trust funds.

In our opinion, except for the permanent funds, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major funds, and remaining fund information of the Town of Bowdoinham and the changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, of those activities and funds and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Town of Bowdoinham, Maine has not presented Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

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Yarmouth, Maine
August 10, 2011

EXHIBIT I

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2011**

	Primary <u>Government</u> Governmental <u>Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 984,059
Investments	536,037
Accounts Receivable	33,049
Taxes Receivable	125,007
Liens Receivable	26,828
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>985,711</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>2,690,691</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 25,682
Accrued Expenses	43,788
Non Current Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	85,035
Due in More Than One Year	<u>543,349</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>697,854</u>
Net Assets	
<i>Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</i>	\$ 357,327
<i>Restricted</i>	
Tax Increment Financing District	11,234
Efficiency Grant	5,827
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>1,618,449</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>1,992,837</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of This Statement.

EXHIBIT II

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

		<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Assets Primary Government</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants & Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Primary Government Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$ 398,000	\$ 60,173	\$ 0	\$ (337,827)
Public Works & Maintenance	874,741	7,557	94,441	(772,743)
Solid Waste	163,192	97,574	0	(65,618)
Public Safety	86,960	5,945	0	(81,015)
Culture & Recreation	61,357	42,812	3,923	(14,622)
Public Health & Welfare	43,150	3,188	8,918	(31,044)
Education	2,284,616	0	0	(2,284,616)
Contingency	65,000	0	0	(65,000)
County Tax & Overlay	449,305	0	0	(449,305)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	45,011	0	0	(45,011)
Depreciation - Unallocated	74,484	0	0	(74,484)
Total Primary Government	\$ 4,545,816	\$ 217,249	\$ 107,282	\$ (4,221,285)
General Revenues				
Property and Other Taxes				\$ 3,765,143
Grants & Contributions Not Restricted to Special Programs				226,684
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				17,817
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments				57,200
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments				<u>13,306</u>
Total General Revenues				\$ 4,080,150
Changes in Net Assets				\$ (141,135)
Net Assets – July 1, 2010				<u>2,133,972</u>
Net Assets – June 30, 2011				\$ <u>1,992,837</u>

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EXHIBIT III

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2011**

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 975,224	\$ 0	\$ 8,835	\$ 984,059
Investments	0	536,037	0	536,037
Taxes Receivable	125,007	0	0	125,007
Tax Liens Receivable	26,828	0	0	26,828
Accounts Receivable	33,049	0	0	33,049
Due From Other Funds	<u>44,792</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 74,307</u>	<u>\$ 119,099</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,204,990</u>	<u>\$ 536,037</u>	<u>\$ 83,142</u>	<u>\$ 1,824,079</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 25,682	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,682
Accrued Expenses	7,939	0	0	7,939
Deferred Revenues	103,751	0	0	103,751
Due to Other Funds	<u>74,307</u>	<u>33,647</u>	<u>11,145</u>	<u>119,099</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 211,679</u>	<u>\$ 33,647</u>	<u>\$ 11,145</u>	<u>\$ 256,471</u>
Fund Balance				
<i>Reserved, Reported In:</i>				
<i>Nonspendable</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<i>Restricted</i>				
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	17,061	17,061
<i>Committed</i>				
Capital Funds	0	0	32,967	32,967
<i>Unreserved, Reported In:</i>				
<i>Assigned</i>				
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	21,969	21,969
Permanent Funds	0	502,390	0	502,390
<i>Unassigned</i>				
General Fund	<u>993,221</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>993,221</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 993,221</u>	<u>\$ 502,390</u>	<u>\$ 71,997</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,608</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,204,900</u>	<u>\$ 536,037</u>	<u>\$ 83,142</u>	<u>\$ 1,824,079</u>

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EXHIBIT IV

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2011**

Total Fund Balances – Total Governmental Funds	\$1,567,608
 Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are Different Because:	
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are Not Current Financial Resources and Therefore are Not Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet	985,711
Interest Payable on Long-Term Debt Does Not Require Current Financial Resources and Therefore Interest Payable is Not Reported as a Liability in Governmental Funds Balance Sheet	(20,840)
Property Tax Revenues are Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet Under NCGA Interpretation-3, <u>Revenue Recognition- Property Taxes</u>	103,751
Long Term Liabilities are Not Due and Payable in the Current Period and Therefore, They are Not Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:	
Due in One Year	\$ 85,035
Due in More Than One Year	543,349
Accrued Compensated Absence Pay	<u>15,009</u>
	<u>(643,393)</u>
 Net Assets of Governmental Activities	 <u>\$1,992,837</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of This Statement.

EXHIBIT V

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 3,795,432	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,795,432
Intergovernmental	284,645	0	49,321	333,966
Licenses, Permits & Fees	38,702	0	0	38,702
Charges for Services	159,898	0	0	159,898
Investment Income	3,797	13,957	63	17,817
Realized Gains	0	13,306	0	13,306
Unrealized Gains	0	57,200	0	57,200
Miscellaneous	<u>1,454</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>15,695</u>	<u>18,649</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,283,928</u>	<u>\$ 85,963</u>	<u>\$ 65,079</u>	<u>\$ 4,434,970</u>
Expenditures				
General Government	\$ 391,635	\$ 4,861	\$ 5,274	\$ 401,770
Public Works & Maintenance	496,087	3,523	382,220	881,830
Solid Waste	165,001	0	0	165,001
Public Safety	86,860	0	100	86,960
Culture & Recreation	47,204	0	14,058	61,262
Public Health & Welfare	35,982	373	6,795	43,150
Education	2,283,616	1,000	0	2,284,616
Contingency	65,000	0	0	65,000
Debt Service	110,779	0	0	110,779
County Tax & Overlay	<u>449,305</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>449,305</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,131,469</u>	<u>\$ 9,757</u>	<u>\$ 408,447</u>	<u>\$ 4,549,673</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 152,459</u>	<u>\$ 76,206</u>	<u>\$ (343,368)</u>	<u>\$ (114,703)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In (Out)	\$ (56,115)	\$ (11,000)	\$ 67,115	\$ 0
Proceeds From Loan	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>215,000</u>	<u>215,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (56,115)</u>	<u>\$ (11,000)</u>	<u>\$ 282,115</u>	<u>\$ 215,000</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenses & Other Uses	<u>\$ 96,344</u>	<u>\$ 65,206</u>	<u>\$ (61,253)</u>	<u>\$ 100,297</u>
Fund Balance – July 1, 2010	<u>896,877</u>	<u>437,184</u>	<u>133,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,467,311</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2011	<u>\$ 993,221</u>	<u>\$ 502,390</u>	<u>\$ 71,997</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,608</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of This Statement

EXHIBIT VI

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

Net Change in Fund Balance – Total Governmental Funds \$100,297

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are Different Because:

Governmental Funds Report Capital Outlays as Expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the Cost of Those Assets is Allocated Over Their Estimated Useful Lives and Reported as Depreciation Expense. This is the Amount of Capital Assets Recorded in the Current Period. 0

Depreciation Expense on Capital Assets is Reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets, But They Do Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources and Therefore, Depreciation Expense is Not Reported as Expenditure in Governmental Funds. (74,484)

The Issuance of Long-Term Debt (E.G. Bonds, Leases and Accrued Compensated Absence Pay) Provides Current Financial Resources to Governmental Funds, While the Repayment of the Principal of Long-Term Debt Consumes the Current Financial Resources of Governmental Funds. Neither Transaction, However, has Any Effect on Net Assets. Also, Governmental Funds Report the Effect of Issuance Cost, Premiums, Discounts, and Similar Items When Debt is First Issued, Whereas the Amounts are Deferred and Amortized in the Statement of Activities. This Amount is the Net Effect of These Differences in the Treatment of Long-Term Debt and Related Items. (118,965)

Some Property Tax Will Not be Collected for Several Months After the Town’s Fiscal Year End; They are Not Considered “Available” Revenues in the Governmental Funds. This Amount is the Net Effect of the Differences. (30,289)

Accrued Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt is Reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets, But Does Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources; Therefore, Accrued Interest Expense is not Reported as Expenditures in Governmental Funds. (17,694)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ (141,135)

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EXHIBIT VII

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 3,746,586	\$ 3,746,586	\$ 3,795,432	\$ 48,846
Intergovernmental	281,577	281,577	284,645	3,068
License, Permit & Fees	35,700	35,700	38,702	3,002
Charges for Services	138,600	138,600	159,898	21,298
Investment Income	5,000	5,000	3,797	(1,203)
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>454</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 4,208,463	\$ 4,208,463	\$ 4,283,928	\$ 75,465
Expenditures				
General Government	\$ 399,389	\$ 399,389	\$ 391,635	\$ 7,754
Public Works & Maintenance	534,073	534,073	496,087	37,986
Solid Waste	178,657	178,657	165,001	13,656
Public Safety	95,846	95,846	86,860	8,986
Culture & Recreation	49,887	49,887	47,204	2,683
Public Health & Welfare	28,400	28,400	35,982	(7,582)
Education	2,283,616	2,283,616	2,283,616	0
Contingency	65,000	65,000	65,000	0
Debt Service	114,046	114,046	110,779	3,267
County Tax & Overlay	<u>468,434</u>	<u>468,434</u>	<u>449,305</u>	<u>19,129</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,217,348	\$ 4,217,348	\$ 4,131,469	\$ 85,879
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (8,885)	\$ (8,885)	\$ 152,459	\$ 161,344
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 0
Transfers Out	<u>(67,115)</u>	<u>(67,115)</u>	<u>(67,115)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ (56,115)	\$ (56,115)	\$ (56,115)	\$ 0
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ 96,344	\$ 161,344
Fund Balance – July 1, 2010	<u>896,877</u>	<u>896,877</u>	<u>896,877</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2011	\$ <u>831,877</u>	\$ <u>831,877</u>	\$ <u>993,221</u>	\$ <u>161,344</u>

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TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2011

NOTE 9 – OVERLAPPING DEBT

The Town's proportionate share of Sagadahoc County's debt is not recorded in the financial statements of the Town of Bowdoinham. At June 30, 2011, the Town's share was 5.86% (or \$600,064) of the County's outstanding debt of \$10,240,000.

The Town's proportionate share of Maine School Administrative District No. 75's debt is not recorded in the financial statements of the Town of Bowdoinham. At June 30, 2011, the Town's share was 12.03% (or \$1,618,337) of the District's outstanding debt of \$13,456,875.

NOTE 10 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING/DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

During 2002, the Town of Bowdoinham was given approval for the creation of the Natural Gas Pipeline Pipeline Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District ("the District").

The designation of the District and pursuit of the Development Program will generate substantial economic benefits for the Town and its residents, including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus and therefore, constitutes a good and valid public purpose.

The expenditures from this development project will be recouped in future years via an incremental tax levied upon the District's captured assessed value over a twenty year period.

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the Town implemented the following new accounting standard issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

- GASB Statement 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

GASB Statement 54 clarifies the existing governmental fund type definitions and provides clearer fund balance categories and classifications. The new hierarchical fund balance classification is based primarily upon the extent to which a government is bound to follow constraints on resources in governmental funds and includes the terms: nonspendable, committed, restricted, assigned, and unassigned.

The Town's fund balances represent: **(1) Nonspendable Fund Balance**, resources that cannot be spent because of legal or contractual provisions that require they maintained intact. (e.g. the principal of an endowment). **(2) Restricted Purposes**, which include balances that are legally restricted for specific purposes due to constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; **(3) Committed Purposes**, which include balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Selectmen; **(4) Assigned Purposes**, which includes balances that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. **(5) Unassigned Fund Balance**, net resources in excess of what is properly categorized in one of the four categories already described. A positive amount of unassigned fund balance will never be reported in a governmental fund other than the general fund, because GASB Statement 54 prohibits reporting resources in another fund unless they are at least assigned to the purpose of that fund. However, funds other than the general fund could report a negative amount of unassigned fund balance should the total of nonspendable, restricted and committed fund balance exceeds the total net resources of the fund.

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2011**

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

As per Exhibit III, a summary of the nature and purpose of these reserves by fund type at June 30, 2011 follows.

<i>Restricted</i>	
Special Revenues	
Tax Increment Financing District	\$ 11,234
Efficiency Grant	<u>5,827</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,061</u>
<i>Committed</i>	
Capital Projects Funds	
Skateboard Park	\$ 19,923
Fire Department	10,003
Waterfront Reserve	5,654
Town Hall	4,408
Coombs Septic	3,182
Solid Waste Hazardous	505
Recreational	437
Sidewalk Grant	<u>(11,145)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 32,967</u>
<i>Assigned</i>	
Special Revenues	
Celebrate Bowdoinham	14,419
Home Heating for Needy Families	5,280
Bottle Funds Community Projects	1,357
EMS Department Reimbursements	821
Planning Board Fees	<u>92</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,969</u>

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
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JUNE 30, 2011**

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Assigned

Permanent Funds

Cemetery Funds:

Noble Maxwell	\$ 285,665	
Village Cemetery	37,758	
Charles B. Randall	18,528	
Sara Miles	7,921	
Eliza Mustard	1,710	
Ridge	1,000	
Browns Point	<u>21</u>	\$ 352,603
Worthy Poor		31,503
Commemorative Trust		76,446
Anniversary Trusts		5,990

Other Funds:

Bowdoinham Community School Scholarship	\$ 11,831	
Viola Coombs	6,815	
Volunteer Fire Dept	5,496	
Lewis Fulton-Prize Trust	4,177	
Lancaster Bishop School	2,638	
Franklin K. Jack	1,978	
Dussault	1,814	
Carrie Rideout	<u>1,099</u>	<u>35,848</u>

Total Permanent Funds \$ 502,390

Unassigned

General Fund \$ 993,221



New Fire Truck



Dinsmore Cemetery





**PROPOSED BUDGETS
FOR FISCAL YEAR**

2012-2013

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Summary

Article #	DEPARTMENTS	<u>FY 12 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 13 REQUEST</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
5	Administrative Budget	353,839	362,359	8,520	2.41%
6	General Services Budget	28,900	29,500	600	2.08%
7	Debt Services Budget	123,036	205,876	82,840	67.33%
8	Fire Department Budget	69,122	70,497	1,375	1.99%
9	Town Maintenance Budget	83,350	88,350	5,000	6.00%
10	ACO/Harbor Master	16,665	17,080	415	2.49%
11	EMS Budget	17,732	17,732	0	0.00%
12	Public Works Budget	390,427	387,053	-3,374	-0.86%
13	Solid Waste & Recycling Budget	174,583	180,054	5,471	3.13%
14	Recreation Budget	47,067	48,474	1,407	2.99%
15	Planning/Codes	71,328	71,337	9	0.01%
16	Contingency	25,000	15,000	-10,000	-40.00%
	TOTAL	1,401,049	1,493,312	92,263	6.59%
3	Tax Increment Financing	67,454	68,821	1,367	2.03%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Administration Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Personnel</u>				
Town Manager Salary	60,000	70,000	10,000	16.67%
Administrative Personnel	<u>80,000</u>	<u>81,600</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>2.00%</u>
Subtotal	140,000	151,600	11,600	8.29%
<u>Support & Benefits</u>				
FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	10,710	11,597	887	8.29%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>22,795</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>7,205</u>	<u>31.61%</u>
Subtotal	33,505	41,597	8,092	24.15%
Subtotal Personnel Svcs Budget:	173,505	193,197	19,692	11.35%
<u>Professional Services</u>				
Legal Expense	20,000	8,000	-12,000	-60.00%
Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues	2,950	3,012	62	2.10%
Municipal Audit Services	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%
Mapping Services	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Assessing Services	<u>19,500</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	52,450	40,512	-11,938	-22.76%
<u>Boards & Stipends</u>				
Selectmen's Stipend	5,644	6,500	856	15.17%
Election Stipends	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Health Officer	750	750	0	0.00%
Cemetery Sexton	550	550	0	0.00%
FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	<u>690</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>8.70%</u>
Subtotal	9,634	10,550	916	9.51%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Print/Publications/Training	4,000	3,500	-500	-12.50%
Election Expenses	5,500	5,500	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Expense	750	750	0	0.00%
Payroll Service Expense	3,000	3,500	500	16.67%
Mileage Expense	1,350	2,000	650	48.15%
Office Supplies	3,250	3,250	0	0.00%
Postage & Bulk Mail	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Registry of Deeds	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	25,350	26,000	650	2.56%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Administration Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Equipment Maint./Repair</u>				
Equip.Replace/Repair/Computer	11,000	9,000	-2,000	-18.18%
Software Licenses	7,500	7,600	100	1.33%
Postage Meter-Lease/Purchase	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
Copier Lease/Maint. Agreement	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>9.09%</u>
Subtotal	25,200	23,800	-1,400	-5.56%
<u>Risk Management</u>				
Public Officials Liability	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Recreation	1,150	0	-1,150	-100.00%
Employee Bonding	500	500	0	0.00%
Worker's Comp	23,000	24,730	1,730	7.52%
Unemployment	6,500	7,048	548	8.43%
General Liability	8,000	9,500	1,500	18.75%
Auto Ins.	6,500	6,000	-500	-7.69%
Fire Dept Ins.	<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,172</u>	<u>-328</u>	<u>-3.45%</u>
Subtotal	57,150	58,950	1,800	3.15%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity	3,000	2,800	-200	-6.67%
Heating Expense	3,700	3,200	-500	-13.51%
Water Service	850	850	0	0.00%
Telephone Expense	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-500</u>	<u>-16.67%</u>
Subtotal	10,550	9,350	-1,200	-11.37%
Administrative Budget:	353,839	362,359	8,520	2.41%
ARTICLE 5				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
General Services & Debt Service Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET</u>				
General Assistance	7,500	7,500	0	0.00%
Library Appropriation	18,000	18,500	500	2.78%
Snowbirds Appropriation	900	1,000	100	11.11%
County Ambulance	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
General Services Budget:	28,900	29,500	600	2.08%
<u>DEBT SERVICE BUDGET</u>				
10-Year Road Bond	11,700	0	-11,700	-100.00%
Pleasant & Ridge Road	43,336	43,336	0	0.00%
2010 Road Bond	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
2011 Road, PW Truck Bond(10yr)	0	64,400	64,400	
2011 Fire Truck Bond(15 yr)	0	17,067	17,067	
Interest Expense	38,000	51,073	13,073	34.40%
Debt Service Budget:	123,036	205,876	82,840	67.33%
Total Budget	151,936	235,376	83,440	54.92%
ARTICLES 6 AND 7				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Town Maintenance Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>TOWN MAINTENANCE</u>				
Custodial & Supplies	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Town Hall / Office Maint & Repair	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Town Hall Painting - exterior	0	5,000	5,000	
Waterfront Maintenance/Parks	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
Hydrant Rental	54,850	54,850	0	0.00%
Street & Facility Lighting	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Memorial Day	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Town Maintenance Budget:	83,350	88,350	5,000	6.00%
ARTICLE 9				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Fire Department Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Administration</u>				
Fire Chief Salary	14,858	15,155	297	2.00%
Vol. Reimb.	14,000	14,000	0	0.00%
FICA	2,210	2,242	32	1.45%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	34,068	34,397	329	0.97%
<u>Operating Expense</u>				
Training	1,500	1,800	300	20.00%
Mileage Reimburse	900	900	0	0.00%
Office Supplies	500	500	0	0.00%
Physicals/Innoculations	1,700	1,800	100	5.88%
Fire Suppression Equipment	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
Equipment Testing	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
Radio Purchase & Repair	2,500	2,800	300	12.00%
Turnout Gear replacement	4,654	5,000	346	7.43%
Building Maintenance	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	21,754	22,800	1,046	4.81%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Heating Expense	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Water Service	300	300	0	0.00%
Telephone	1,500	1,500	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	6,800	6,800	0	0.00%
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>				
Diesel	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance/Parts & Repair	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
Fire Department Budget:	69,122	70,497	1,375	1.99%
ARTICLE 8				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
ACO/Harbor Master Budget

Department Item:	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>				
ACO Salary	8,115	8,115	0	0.00%
Harbor Master salary	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%
FICA	<u>775</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	10,690	10,690	0	0.00%
<u>ACO</u>				
Pager/Phone	600	600	0	0.00%
Mileage Reimbursement	500	500	0	0.00%
Impound Fees	3,300	3,750	450	13.64%
Feral Cat/Disposal	350	250	-100	-28.57%
Supplies & Equip./Training	<u>650</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>-50</u>	<u>-7.69%</u>
Subtotal	5,400	5,700	300	5.56%
<u>HARBOR MASTER</u>				
Training & Membership	275	375	100	36.36%
Harbor Master Supplies & Equip	150	150	0	0.00%
Telephone	<u>150</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10.00%</u>
Subtotal	575	690	115	20.00%
Animal Control/Harbor Budget:	16,665	17,080	415	2.49%
ARTICLE 10				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
ACO/Harbor Master Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Volunteer Reimburse	2,400	2,400	0	0.00%
EMS Director	5,200	5,200	0	0.00%
FICA/Medicare	582	582	0	0.00%
Print/Publications/Train	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Equipment	4,600	4,600	0	0.00%
Mileage	900	900	0	0.00%
License/Memberships	550	550	0	0.00%
Protective Clothing	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
EMS Budget	17,732	17,732	0	0.00%
ARTICLE 11				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Public Works Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Public Works Foreman	58,132	38,784	-19,348	-33.28%
PW Personnel 2 full time 1 part time	<u>47,585</u>	<u>55,161</u>	<u>7,576</u>	<u>15.92%</u>
Subtotal	105,717	93,945	-11,772	-11.14%
FICA	9,300	8,602	-698	-7.50%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>33,660</u>	<u>34,856</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>3.55%</u>
Subtotal	42,960	43,458	498	1.16%
<u>Operating Expense</u>				
Training	350	1,000	650	185.71%
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance	9,000	9,500	500	5.56%
Tools/Equip/Radios/Uniforms	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Building Maintenance	<u>8,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>-1,000</u>	<u>-12.50%</u>
Subtotal	22,850	23,000	150	0.66%
<u>Utilities</u>				
Electricity	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Heating	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Telephone/Internet/trash	2,650	<u>2,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	8,650	8,650	0	0.00%
<u>Highway Maintenance</u>				
Mow/Grade/Culvert	3,500	4,000	500	14.29%
Ditching/Gravel	15,000	20,000	5,000	33.33%
Signage	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Paving/Surf mant	10,000	15,000	5,000	50.00%
Gas/Diesel	<u>9,600</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>4.17%</u>
Subtotal	39,100	50,000	10,900	27.88%
<u>Snow & Ice Removal</u>				
Plowing & Sanding	30,500	28,000	-2,500	-8.20%
PW Overtime	15,800	18,500	2,700	17.09%
Road Salt and Sand	79,850	75,500	-4,350	-5.45%
Diesel	18,000	19,000	1,000	5.56%
Winter Vehicle& Equip. Main.	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	171,150	168,000	-3,150	-1.84%
Road & Highway Budget:	390,427	387,053	-3,374	-0.86%
ARTICLE 12				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Solid Waste & Recycling Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Personnel</u>				
Recycling Personnel	36,720	37,533	813	2.21%
Recycling Director	18,870	19,247	377	2.00%
FICA	4,255	4,344	89	2.08%
Health & Retirement benefits	<u>7,700</u>	<u>7,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	67,545	68,824	1,279	1.89%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Misc. Expense	2,500	2,250	-250	-10.00%
Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	4,500	4,000	-500	-11.11%
Recycling Barn Lease	13,388	14,138	750	5.60%
Gas/Oil/Propane	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Fire Code Installations	0	6,000	6,000	
Building Maintenance	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-1,000</u>	<u>-40.00%</u>
Subtotal	24,888	29,888	5,000	20.09%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity & Telephone	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>-200</u>	<u>-15.38%</u>
Subtotal	1,300	1,100	-200	-15.38%
<u>Recycling & Disposal Expenses</u>				
Single Stream Contract	400	350	-50	-12.50%
General Disposal	7,450	6,450	-1,000	-13.42%
Curbside Pickup Contract	53,000	53,000	0	0.00%
Trash Disposal	17,000	17,442	442	2.60%
Hazardous Waste	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	80,850	80,242	-608	-0.75%
Solid Waste & Recycling Budget:	174,583	180,054	5,471	3.13%
ARTICLE 13				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Recreation Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Rec Director	16,642	16,975	333	2.18%
FICA	1,275	1,299	24	2.02%
Health/Retirement	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>-300</u>	<u>-9.09%</u>
Subtotal	20,917	20,974	57	0.29%
Operating Expenses				
Misc. Expense	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%
Food Service Expense	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Recreation Advertising	350	350	0	0.00%
Recreation Facilities	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>27.00%</u>
Subtotal	11,150	12,500	1,350	12.11%
Athletic Program				
Program Expenses	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
Activities Program				
Activities	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Recreation Budget:	47,067	48,474	1,407	2.99%
ARTICLE 14				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Planning/Codes Budget

Department Item	<u>FY12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Personnel				
Planner	30,290	30,896	606	2.00%
Codes	15,600	15,080	-520	-3.33%
FICA	3,520	3,517	-3	-0.08%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>8,188</u>	<u>8,554</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>4.47%</u>
Subtotal	57,598	58,047	449	0.78%
Operating Expenses				
Print/Publications/Training	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Enforcement	250	250	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	500	500	0	0.00%
Mileage	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Postage/Bulk	700	500	-200	-28.57%
Telephone	<u>180</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>200.00%</u>
Subtotal	3,630	3,790	160	4.41%
Planning Expenses				
Comprehensive Plan	10,000	8,000	-2,000	-20.00%
Planning/Appeals	100	1,500	1,400	1400.00%
Mapping Expenses		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Subtotal	10,100	9,500	-600	-5.94%
Planning/Codes Budget:	71,328	71,337	9	0.01%
ARTICLE 15				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
Contingency Budget

Department Item:	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Department Item:</u>				
Contingency	25,000	15,000	-10,000	-40.00%
Contingency Budget	25,000	15,000	-10,000	-40.00%
ARTICLE 16				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2013
TIF Budget

Department Item:	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Request</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Staff				
ED Director	15,304	19,104	3,800	24.83%
FICA	1,175	1,461	286	24.38%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>4,225</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>11.24%</u>
Subtotal	20,704	25,265	4,561	22.03%
Operating Expenses				
Print/Publications/Training	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Website/Phone/Maint.	3,500	2,200	-1,300	-37.14%
Office Equip./Supplies/Computer	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Concert Series	2,250	2,500	250	11.11%
Printing/Advertise/Postage	500	500	0	0.00%
Dues/ Memberships	5,000	2,000	-3,000	-60.00%
Celebrate	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
Newsletter	7,000	11,000	4,000	57.14%
Capital Projects	<u>18,000</u>	<u>14,856</u>	<u>-3,144</u>	<u>-17.47%</u>
Subtotal	46,750	43,556	-3,194	-6.83%
TIF Budget Total	67,454	68,821	1,367	2.03%
ARTICLE 3				

Bowdoinham FY 2013
Revenue Budget

	<u>FY 12 Budget</u>	<u>FY 13 Proposed</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Tax Collector's Revenue</u>				
Excise - Boat	5,900	5,400	(500)	-8.47%
Excise - Airplane	0	50	50	
Excise - Auto	395,000	405,000	10,000	2.53%
DMV Agent	10,000	10,500	500	5.00%
Veterans Reimbursement	2,300	2,500	200	8.70%
Interest - Taxes	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Tax Collectors Revenue	426,200	436,450	10,250	2.40%
<u>Treasurer's Revenue</u>				
Local Road	45,120	45,120	0	0.00%
Snowmobile	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
General Assistance	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
State Park Fees	1,800	2,200	400	22.22%
Tree Growth Reimb	<u>6,900</u>	<u>7,000</u>	100	<u>1.45%</u>
Total Treasurer's Revenue	58,020	58,520	500	0.86%
<u>Local Revenue</u>				
Plumbing Fees	2,500	3,000	500	20.00%
Building Fees	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Ordinance/Fines	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Rec. Advertising	500	1,000	500	100.00%
Rec. Fundraising	4,000	3,500	(500)	-12.50%
Rec. Food Service	6,300	6,300	0	0.00%
Rec. Registration	11,500	11,500	0	0.00%
Rec. Sponsor	4,000	2,500	(1,500)	-37.50%
Total Local Revenue	34,800	33,800	(1,000)	-2.87%

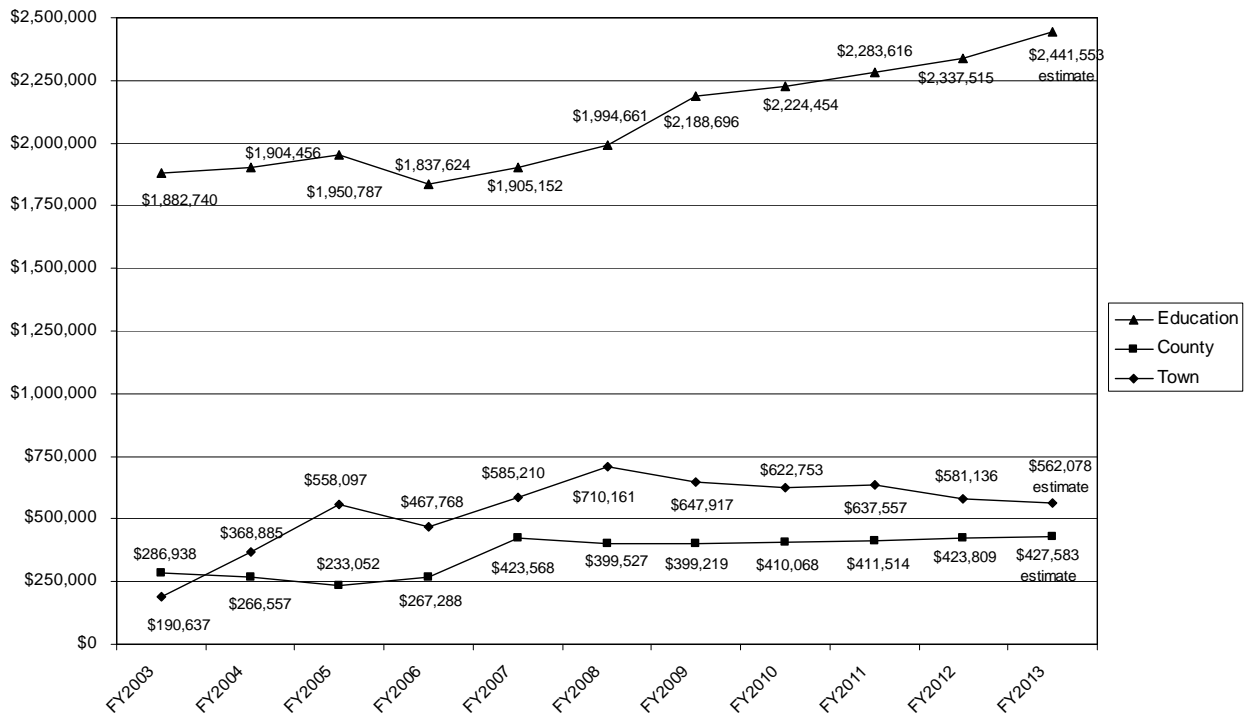
Bowdoinham FY 2013
Revenue Budget

	<u>FY 12 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 13 PROPOSED</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Other Revenue</u>				
General Disposal	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
Solid Waste	72,000	72,000	0	0.00%
Hazardous Waste	250	0	(250)	-100.00%
Recycling	17,500	23,000	5,500	31.43%
Public Works Recycling	300	300	0	0.00%
Mooring Fees	1,000	900	(100)	-10.00%
Rentals	7,800	7,800	0	0.00%
Trust Transfers	12,000	5,000	(7,000)	-58.33%
Fire Station Rental	200	200	0	0.00%
Franchise	10,000	11,000	1,000	10.00%
Lien Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Investment	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
EMS Donations	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Fire Donations	1,500	1,300	(200)	-13.33%
Total Other Revenue	139,550	138,500	(1,050)	-0.75%
<u>Town Clerk Revenue</u>				
IF & W Agent	1,000	1,300	300	30.00%
Dog Agent	1,700	1,300	(400)	-23.53%
Late Dog	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.00%
Vital Statistics	1,500	1,600	100	6.67%
Misc. Revenue	1,000	1,400	400	40.00%
Total Town Clerk Revenue	7,200	7,100	(100)	-1.39%
Subtotal Non Property Tax Revenue	665,770	674,370	8,600	1.29%
<u>Undesignated Fund Balance Transfers</u>				
Use of Undesignated FB	25,000	100,000	75,000	300.00%
Total Undesignated FB Revenue	25,000	100,000	75,000	300.00%
Total Non Property Tax Rev	690,770	774,370	83,600	12.10%
<u>Property Tax Related Revenues</u>				
Homestead Reimbursement	57,630	58,000	370	0.49%
Municipal Revenue Sharing	165,655	187,685	22,030	10.39%
BETE Reimbursement	0	1,000	1,000	
Total Property Tax Related Revenue	223,285	246,685	23,400	8.15%
Total Non Property Tax Rev	690,770	774,370	83,600	12.10%
Total All Revenues	914,055	1,021,055	107,000	11.71%

**Town of Bowdoinham
Tax Rate Calculation
FY2010 - 2013 (estimate)**

<u>Assessments</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Estimate FY2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
SAD 75 Assessment	\$2,224,454	\$2,283,616	\$2,337,515	\$2,441,553	\$104,038	4.5%
County Tax Assessment	\$410,068	\$411,514	\$423,809	\$427,583	\$3,774	0.9%
Municipal Budget	\$1,441,635	\$1,425,298	\$1,401,049	\$1,493,312	\$92,263	6.6%
TIF	\$72,114	\$66,708	\$67,454	\$68,821	\$1,367	2.0%
Overlay	\$79,282	\$57,328	\$27,374	\$21,000	-\$6,374	-23.3%
Total	\$4,227,553	\$4,244,464	\$4,257,201	\$4,452,269	\$195,068	4.6%
<u>Non-Property Tax Revenue</u>						
Use of Undesignated FB	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$75,000	300.0%
Total Non Property Tax Revenue	\$661,294	\$664,320	\$665,770	\$674,370	\$8,600	1.3%
Homestead Reimbursement	\$74,185	\$57,952	\$57,671	\$58,000	\$329	0.6%
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$209,006	\$163,232	\$165,192	\$187,685	\$22,493	13.6%
BETE Reimbursement	\$793	\$1,273	\$1,108	\$1,000	-\$108	-9.7%
Total Deductions	\$970,278	\$911,777	\$914,741	\$1,021,055	\$106,314	11.6%
Property Tax Assessment	\$3,257,275	\$3,332,687	\$3,342,460	\$3,431,214	\$88,754	2.7%
Valuation	\$220,086,116	\$225,181,514	\$225,841,880	\$227,198,105	\$1,356,225	0.6%
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$14.80	\$14.80	\$14.80	\$15.10	\$0.30	2.0%

**Bowdoinham Tax Comparison
2003 - present (estimate 2013)**



TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Sagadahoc, ss

State of Maine

To: Brooke Cox, a resident of the Town of Bowdoinham, in said County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Bowdoinham, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the **Bowdoinham Town Hall on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** then and there to act upon Article 1 through Article 36 of this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 2: Shall an ordinance entitled “June 2012 Amendments to the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance” be enacted?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Planning Board recommend the article to pass.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$68,821 from the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) for Economic and Community Development.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLE

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize the issuance of general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to be used for the paving, reconstruction and maintenance of town roads and the purchase of a piece of equipment for public works to sand and remove snow from sidewalks with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, place of payment, form and other details of securities and of providing the sale of the securities to be determined by the Select Board in the best interest of the Town.

TREASURER’S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Bowdoinham hereby certifies that:

1. The total amount of the general obligation bonded indebtedness of the Town of Bowdoinham currently outstanding as of May 8, 2012 is \$1,400,013.00
2. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham authorized, but un-issued, is \$0.
3. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham contemplated to be issued if the Article is ratified is not in excess of \$400,000.
4. Total of Paragraphs 1-3: \$1,800,013.00
5. The anticipated interest rate on the bond is 3.0 % to 4.0 %. Assuming the issuance of \$400,000 of bond with level principal payments over a 10 year term and an estimated interest rate of 3.0% to 4.0%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$81,793.60, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid of \$481,793.60.

The foregoing represents an estimate of costs associated with the financing and such estimates will change due to market conditions. The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made in Paragraph 5 above. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from these estimates, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

William S. Post, Treasurer
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

(All recommendations for the Expense Budget Articles are joint recommendations of the Select Board and the Finance Advisory Committee.)

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Administrative Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 362,359.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Services Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 29,500.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Debt Services Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 205,876.00

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 70,497.00

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Town Maintenance Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 88,350.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Animal Control Budget/Harbor Master Budget

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 17,080.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 17,732.00

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 387,053.00

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Recycling Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 180,054.00

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Recreational Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 48,474.00

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Planning/Code Enforcement Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 71,337.00

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Contingency Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 15,000.00

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$578,661 established for Bowdoinham by State law in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$674,370.00 from the Estimated Revenues Account (Non-Property Tax Revenues) to be applied to reduce the 2010 tax rate?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

FUND BALANCE ARTICLE

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to be applied to reduce the 2013 tax rate?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to fix two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable and after which interest shall accrue.

First Installment: Monday, October 15, 2012
Second Installment: Tuesday, April 16, 2013

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the interest Rate: 7.0% - The maximum allowed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §505(4).

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate of 3% per year on the amount of overpayment to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes in excess of amount finally assessed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506-A.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2012 budget to be taken from fund balance?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §5771.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept on behalf of the Town, monetary gifts, and to appropriate said gifts to supplement the accounts specified by the benefactor.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will authorize the following actions on behalf of the town: (1) to authorize the Selectpersons and Treasurer to rent, lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable and execute Municipal Quit Claim deeds for same; (2) to authorize the Selectpersons to keep any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes or portion thereof for the use of the town when they deem it to be in the town's best interests; and (3) to authorize the Selectpersons to rent or lease town-owned real estate that was not acquired for non-payment of taxes when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and on such terms as they deem advisable.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage by recording a Waiver of Foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds in which the Tax Lien Certificate is recorded, prior to the right of redemption expiring, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 944.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of obsolete Town equipment, material and commodities on such terms as they deem proper.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept any donations, gifts or grants of money for the Heating Assistance Program reserve account and to expend available funds from the account for the designated purpose.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Select Board and Treasurer to enter into multi-year contracts necessary to provide services to the Town.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass. Services for the town include but are not limited to assessing, ambulance service, banking, road maintenance, snow removal, curbside recycling and rubbish disposal.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept and expend Community Development Block Grant Funds and other federal, state or private grants on behalf of the Town.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks, copies of Town ordinances and other documents, and notary services.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to collect Solid Waste Management User Fees for FY 2012/2013 at the rate of \$2.50 per bag.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to approve the recommendations of the Selectmen to set the annual permit fee, pursuant to the provisions of 7.1.1 of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance, for commercial haulers operating within the Town of Bowdoinham. The Selectmen's recommendation is for a \$150.00 per year per truck fee for trucks with up to six (6) wheels; a fee of \$250.00 per year per truck for trucks with more than six (6) wheels.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to close any road or roads or portions thereof for winter maintenance and to annul, alter, or modify such decisions, pursuant to 23 M.R.S. §2953, and that such orders made by the Select Board shall be a final determination.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

Paul Holt

Mr. Theresa Tenese

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