



**ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
MAINE
AUDITED YEAR ENDING
JUNE 2015**

**BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

**PLEASE BRING THIS
REPORT TO TOWN MEETING
JUNE 15, 2016 AT 7:00PM**



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County Sheriff's Dept. (Non Emergency)	443-8201
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Bowdoinham Fire Station	666-3505
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MSAD/RSU 75	729-9961
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Bowdoinham Public Library	666-8405
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Independence Day	Monday	07/03/2016	Christmas	Friday	12/23/2016
Labor Day	Monday	09/05/2016	Christmas	Monday	12/26/2016
Columbus Day	Monday	10/10/2016	New Year's	Monday	01/02/2017
Veterans Day	Friday	11/11/2016	MLK, Jr. Day	Monday	01/16/2017
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	11/24/2016	Presidents' Day	Monday	02/20/2017
Thanksgiving	Friday	11/25/2016	Patriots Day	Monday	04/17/2017

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Tuesdays 10am - 2pm
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 Thursdays 10am - 2pm
 Fridays 2pm - 6pm
 Saturdays 10am - 2pm

- Incorporated September 18, 1762
 - 17th Town in the State of Maine
 - Settled In 1725
 - Total Area of 22,176 Acres
 - Estimated Population– 2,889 (Maine Municipal Association)
 - Town Meeting - Select Board - Town Manager - Form of Government
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Dedication John “Jack” Tourtelotte

The Town of Bowdoinham dedicates this year’s annual town report to John “Jack” Tourtelotte.

Retired Fire Chief Jack Tourtelotte served the Bowdoinham Fire Department for a total of 57 years, 14 years as Chief, when he retired in 2013. The dedication shown by Jack to the Town and the Fire Department is highly unusual, as the fire calls come day or night, during all types of weather. Jack had to juggle the duties of firefighter, assistant fire chief and fire chief with work and family over the 57 years he served the Town.



Jack served his country as an Army Medic attached to the field artillery stationed in Germany in 1964 - 1966. When he returned home he joined the Bowdoinham Fire Department and served until his retirement. Jack also worked at Bath Iron Works as electrician for over 11 years, retiring in 1995. A year later he started working at L.C. Andrews, which was bought by Brunswick Coal & Lumber (now Downeast Energy) retiring again in 2008.

Jack is the son of John and Edith Tourtelotte, is married to Gloria and has two daughters, Rene and Joanne.

When you see Jack at the Town Landing Restaurant for breakfast, and you will need to be an early-riser to do so, say hello and ask for him to tell you some stories about firefighting or hunting.

As one friend said
“Jack is one of the good ones, having served the Town for decades while adapting to the ever-changing requirements of fire departments, and finding and training volunteers. Bowdoinham is a better place for his efforts.”

(Thanks to Brian Hobart, Doug Tourtelotte and Lynn Spiro for their help gathering information.)



Municipal Committees

Select Board

Thomas Walling 2018
 Douglas Tourtelotte 2016
 Peter "Tony" Lewis 2017
 Wendy Cunningham 2016 Chair
 M. Theresa Turgeon 2017 Vice Chair

Board of Appeals

David Jones 2017
 Ed Friedman 2016
 Kathleen Montejo 2017 Vice Chair/Secretary
 Mark Favreau 2016 Chair
 Sylvia Hultman 2017
 William J. Bryan 2017

Finance Advisory Committee

David Engler 2020
 Dylan Bousquet-Smith 2018
 Eugene McKenna 2018
 George Christopher 2016 Alternate
 Jeff Lauder 2016
 Thomas DeForeest 2018

MSAD #75 School Board of Directors

Julie Booty 2016
 Susan Brown 2018

Planning Board

Brent Zachau 2016
 Justin Schlawin 2019 Alternate
 Tracy Krueger 2019
 Nathan Drummond 2018 Chair
 Paul Beltramini 2017 Vice Chair
 William Shippen 2019
 Anne Murphy 2016 Alternate

Community Development Advisory Committee

Wendy Rose 2018 Chair
 Brian Smith 2016
 Leleah Parker 2016
 Will Zell 2017
 Steven Bunn 2017

Advisory Committee on Aging in Bowdoinham

Theresa Turgeon 2016
 Patricia Melander 2016
 Robert Curtis 2016
 Rachel Evans 2017
 Richard Rose 2017
 Thomas DeForeest 2017
 Joanne Savoie 2018
 Joan Smith 2018
 Kathryn Pszczolkowski 2018

Trustees of the Water District

Brant Miller 2018
 David Reinheimer 2018
 Donald Lamoreau 2018
 Gordon Johnson 2019
 Stephen Cox 2018



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Thomas Walling
Peter Lewis

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Deputy LPI,

Deputy Clerk

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Select Board Report
Wendy Cunningham, Chair

Bowdoinham continues to be a great place to live, and we continue to make it better. This year has been a year of many incremental improvements.

Bowdoinham continues to be recognized for our efforts in creating an age friendly community. This year we were recognized by the AARP by receiving the AARP Age Friendly Network designation. The Advisory Committee on Aging continues to find ways to enhance Bowdoinham's age friendly community reputation.

But this year some of our most significant accomplishments were internal - we have taken steps to ensure our foundation for future growth is strong. Starting with our financial position we are pleased to report that Bowdoinham's financial health continues to be in good shape. The undesignated fund balance currently meets, and even slightly exceeds, the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) recommended levels. We have also implemented town policies to provide guidance on the amount needed for the undesignated fund balance to make sure we remain financially secure in future years.

Due to the financial health of the town, a stringent budgeting process and well-managed departments, we have the opportunity to use some of the undesignated fund balance to pay off a loan three years early that has the highest interest rate, saving the Town over \$7,000 in interest. In addition, the Town continues working to fund capital planning and equipment maintenance, allowing us to avoid future tax spikes. This year our capital plan calls for the reconstruction of Pork Point Road and the replacement of a plow truck that has seen better days. You will be able to vote on these items at the Town Meeting. We want to thank the members of the Finance Advisory Committee, Town Manager and department leaders for all their hard work in helping us stay stable.

And while improving our administrative infrastructure may sound boring, we accomplished quite a number of improvements this year; our 'hit parade' includes:

- Addressing the icing problem on the Library stairs improving accessibility for all;
- Negotiating cost sharing with MSAD75 to improve the Pertell recreational field and basketball court;
- Enhancing the waterfront by adding public restrooms (TIF funded);
- Adding to our welcoming presence with new signage (TIF funded);
- Created a Cemetery Advisory Committee to help us inventory and assess the condition of the many cemeteries in town;
- Established and updated many town policies covering employee credit card use, freedom of information access, and fraud prevention;

Bowdoinham continues to be a great place to live - sometimes our steps forward are noticed on a global scale - like last year - and sometimes they are smaller, like this year. But our steps are always forward. Thank you to our incredible town employees and volunteers - you are the key!

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Cunningham, Chair
Bowdoinham Select Board

Town Manager's Report**William Post, Town Manager**

William Post,
Town Manager

Introduction

It has been another busy year for your town employees and officials and I am proud to say that we continue moving forward with projects that will make Bowdoinham a better place to live, work and play. This past year the Public Works Department continued with the road improvement plan and rebuilt the Abbagadasset Road by removing trees, replacing culverts, improving drainage, adding gravel and pavement. In addition, the Town purchased a 2016 double axle dump/plow truck to replace a 2001 truck at the Public Works Department. This summer, if approved at the Town Meeting in June, the Public Works Department will continue the Town's road reconstruction program and work to prepare the Pork Point Road for paving. This work includes tree removal and trimming, drainage improvements, adding gravel to correct the road crown and shoulder work.

The Community and Economic Development Department, in conjunction with the Community Development Advisory Committee, has overseen the creation and installation of welcome signs and directional signs that were placed in various locations in town. In addition, the Town completed construction of a restroom facility at Maily Waterfront Park that includes three bathrooms for residents and visitors. The Harbor Master's building was also renovated to include a boat waste dumping station. Both of these projects were funded from the Tax Increment Financing District accounts. Later this summer or fall, construction of a skate park will begin at the Maily Waterfront Park. The skate park is a long awaited project that I inherited as Manager in 2011. I am excited that this project will be completed in 2016.

We welcomed new part-time deputy clerk/deputy tax collector/office assistant Melissa Halsey in 2015 and thanked Linda Jariz for her work for the Town.

If you are interested in watching Select Board, Planning Board and Board of Appeals meetings, you may do so by logging on to the Town's website and clicking on "View Meetings". This will take you to townhallstreams.com and you may watch meetings live, or previous meetings that were recorded. The microphone system was recently upgraded so that the sound quality for these meetings is much improved.

Annual Town Meeting

The 2016 Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bowdoinham Community School.

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 town meeting for final adoption.

Town Manager's Report**William Post, Town Manager
(continued)****Budget Highlights**

The FY17 municipal budget as proposed is significantly the same as the current year (fiscal year 2016) with the exception of the first two payments on loans approved at last year's annual town meeting for the new Public Works dump/plow truck and the reconstruction of Abbagadasset Road. The proposed expenditures for the municipal budget are 2.78% more than FY16, or \$43,960 with \$35,678 of that for the two new loan payments. Non-property tax revenues are expected to increase by \$43,360, or 6.22% due mostly to continued strong vehicle excise tax collections. The net increase in the municipal budget for FY17 is \$601. Unknown at this time is the effect the changes in the Homestead Exemption will have on the tax rate, although there will be more exempt value than the current year, so it is anticipated that this change will increase the tax rate slightly.

Wages & Benefits

This budget does not provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for employees. However, it does include a 3.0% allowance for wage increases based on performance evaluations for all employees. These merit increases will not be automatic and the exact wage increase will be determined by each employee's supervisor in conjunction with the Town Manager. Health insurance and other benefit costs have remained steady.

Undesignated Fund Balance

The Undesignated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$990,836 an increase of \$91,323 over the previous year. The Finance Advisory Committee and Select Board recommend the use of \$50,000 of undesignated fund balance to offset the amount needed from property taxes, the same as in FY16. The Select Board adopted a Fund Balance Policy recently that states that the Town should have a minimum of two months of expenses in the undesignated fund balance. In addition, in a separate town meeting article, the Town is asking the voters to use up to \$100,000 for the purpose of paying the 2009 Road Bond three years early, saving approximately \$7,000 in interest expense and allowing flexibility in future budgets.

Administration

The Administration budget shows a small increase of \$11,330, or 2.87%, and includes an additional nine hours per week for a part-time deputy clerk/deputy tax collector/office assistant. The Administration budget also includes \$1,200 more in training and \$2,400 for broadcasting and recording the Select Board, Planning Board and Board of Appeals meetings. This expense has been paid from a reserve account of the last two years.

Fire & Rescue Departments

The Fire and Rescue Department budget shows an overall decrease of \$4,663, or -4.59%. This is due to the consolidation of the Fire and EMS Department budgets and a realization in cost savings from combining the two departments.

Public Works

The Public Works budget shows an overall decrease of \$9,860 or -2.56%. This is caused by the relatively easy winter of 2015-16 resulting in the need for less sand and salt for next winter. In addition, heating costs and fuel costs have decreased. The replacement of the wheeler dump/plow truck with a new truck has reduced the winter vehicle maintenance.

Town Manager's Report
William Post, Town Manager
(continued)

Town Maintenance

The Town Maintenance budget shows an increase of \$7,500 or 9.07%. This increase is due to the purchase and installation of electronic door openers for the Town Office two entrances (front and rear) and the replacement of the rear door to ensure accessibility to the building and proper fire egress.

Planning, Community Development & Code Enforcement

The Planning, Community Development and Code Enforcement budget shows an increase of \$4,656, or 6.61%. New to the budget this year is \$2,300 in funding for "Community Development" which includes the Age-Friendly Programs that have been developed over the last three years.

Solid Waste & Recycling

The Solid Waste and Recycling budget shows a proposed increase of \$5,792, or 3.15% due to the increasing costs of single stream disposal contract and solid waste disposal costs.

Capital Plan

The budget asks the voters at town meeting to approve borrowing up to \$310,000 for reconstruction and paving of the Pork Point Road and \$150,000 to purchase a new dump/plow truck (fully equipped). These two projects will keep the Town on our road reconstruction and paving plan and continue the replacing the used plow trucks in the Public Works Department. The new vehicle is expected to have a service life of 12 – 14 years.

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 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.

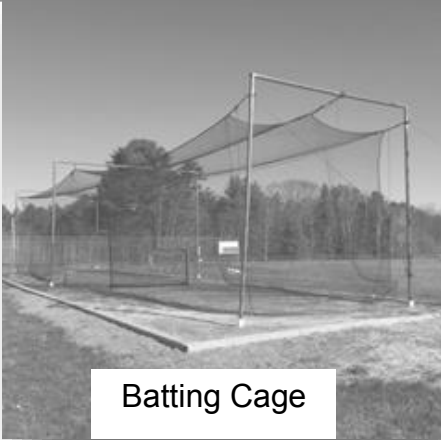
Respectfully submitted,

William S. Post

William S. Post
Town Manager

Recreation Department Report

Lisa West, Director



Batting Cage

Reaching out to all ages from pre-school to older residents while offering Community Connections, connecting you to surrounding programs & facilities within the district.

Continuous Rec. Communication Available on:

www.bowdoinham.com/recreation

Facebook page "Bowdoinham Recreation Dept."

On-Going Perks:

Family Swim Sundays at Bowdoin College Free for all SAD 75 residents

Children's Museum Free pass available throughout the year

Discounted Tickets for: Camden Snow Bowl, Mt Abram, Shawnee

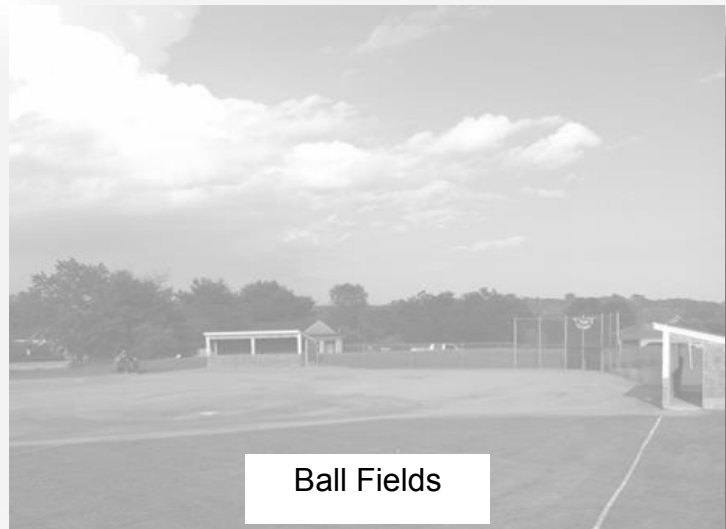
Peak, Sugarloaf, Red Claws Dec 5th game, Portland Pirates March 5th game, Funtown/Splashtown
Borrow: Cross Country Skis/Boots and Skates & Portable Pickle Ball available at town office.

Repairs Summer of 2015

- Tennis court cracks
- Several cracks on the basketball court
- Soccer goal repair. Our Public Works transferred the large soccer goal to the welder and back.
- A new net for this goal was donated by Dwight Blease.
- Basketball clock was repaired by Jeff the Electrician with donated time and supplies.

Pending Repairs listed by Priority:

- Batting cage restoration is underway and will be completed by spring 2016.
- Pertel Softball Field: Quote received and collaboration with school district pending.
- Bleachers: Quote received and being considered. Current bleachers are unsafe.
- Tennis Court: North entrance door was repaired by the SAD 75 crew but the Bham Rec Dept needs to replace a portion of fence. Quote received and pending.



Ball Fields

Full Restoration of the North Field:

Volunteer power alone is to thank for bringing middle and high school players the opportunity to play teams from all over New England. The restored baseball diamond has hosted nearly 20 games already. This may bring potential fundraising opportunities in the future.



Skate Park Coming Soon

Recreation Department Report

Lisa West, Director
(Continued)

Summary of Programs/Activities of 2015

- Pre-Kindergarten Meet & Greet
- Pre-School 0-5yrs old "Folk Fun for Little Ones" music program
- Basketball K-6th grade: 96 children with 20+ volunteers
- Baseball/Softball/T-ball K-7th Grade: 9 teams totaling 100 children with 18+ volunteer/coaches
- Kickball 4th-5th Grade: 16 Children with 2 volunteers
- Lost Valley 3rd grade-16yrs old: 23 children (30 this season) with 4 chaperones
- Soccer-Summer 10-14yrs old: 30 children with 1-2 volunteers
- Ice Skating Rink, Residents can borrow skates from the town office
- Adult Basketball & Pickleball
- Advisory Committee On Aging - See ACOA Calendar in Town Office.
- Hiking – Golf – Wellness Programs

The Walking, Biking & Paddling group, now designated as an ACE Team, (Active Community Environment) has been on hold. I will continue to work with the Planning Department as the comprehensive plan comes together.

Community Connections:

Family Swim/Topsham Recreation programs including Soccer & Little Dribblers/Cape Elizabeth Basketball League/Cathance Fitness Center/Silver Sneakers for older residents/MerrymeetingWheeler.org for Bicycling and X-Country ski Activities

Fundraising Efforts are continuous within every season including the Snack Shack use, basketball concession, increased "out of town" sponsorships and donation programs, discounted ticket sales, increased volunteer base to support additional programs.

Looking for Volunteers:

Cross-Country Ski Trail dragging or break trail, Coach K-2nd grade basketball, Tennis, Kayaking, Ice Skating & Ice Hockey after school programs.

The more volunteer expertise, the more opportunities for everyone ages 1-101.

Countless people helped make these programs possible in 2015. Parents and community members, Thank you.

5K CHICKEN RUN/WALK



All proceeds Benefit
Bowdoinham Community School



Winter Equipment Rental



Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue

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Fire Chief Arthur Frizzle

Deputy Chief Bob Frizzle

I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue. This past year has been another tremendous year of progress for the departments. The townspeople voted at our last Town Meeting to combine the Fire and EMS departments so as of July 2015 we officially became Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue. There are many commonalities such as training, written policies and budget items between the two agencies. Combining the two and placing them under the responsibility of the Fire Chief will help minimize duplication of efforts and maximize consistency throughout the organization.

On the EMS side Ann Davis will continue to fill the role of EMS Director. She is responsible for coordinating trainings as well as ensuring equipment needs are met and assisting with some of the day to day tasks. EMS membership has seen a steady decline since 2014 ultimately ending up with only two responders trying to cover all the calls for service. The combining of services has added five firefighter/EMTs to the response with another Firefighter/EMT scheduled to complete his training in June. This will allow us to provide more consistent and dependable services to the Bowdoinham Community. I am very pleased to become one of the newest members of EMS and look forward to the challenges that it brings.



Former Chief
Jack Tourtelotte

The Fire Department has remained quite active assisting with several community events such as lobster crate races, Chicken Run, Goblin parade and Polar Dip in addition to our annual trip to the Community School for fire prevention week and a presentation to some young residents and their parents at the Bowdoinham Public Library. We were also able to take advantage of training resources available through Maine Fire Training and Education such as the car fire simulator and the SCBA smoke trailer. Members put in a significant amount of their own time getting certifications in disciplines such as incident dispatcher, fire chaplain, incident safety officer, EMT and Firefighter I /II. All this in addition to responding to 186 calls for service shows our commitment to making Bowdoinham a great place to live and visit. We have also started a collaboration with the Village Lodge and the Committee on Aging. Although still in the development stages our plan is to make carbon monoxide and smoke detectors more accessible to our older residents either through discounts or free of charge. The hope is to have enough interest and monies eventually available to expand this to everybody, but we have to start small. We have also spoken with Corey at Bowdoinham Hardware and he is able to provide discounts to any resident looking to purchase smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as any items directly related to fire prevention and safety such as fire extinguishers.



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Fire Chief Arthur Frizzle

Deputy Chief Bob Frizzle



Sparky The Fire Dog Greeting some Kids

The Fire Department Auxiliary and the Fire Department Association continue their tremendous support of the department. This past year they covered 90 percent of the cost to install a supplemental heating system. Although our radiant floor heat works fine it is not efficient for short term use such as meetings. Atlas Contracting installed a heat pump system for heat and AC. This translates in to a considerable savings on heating as well as makes the facility much more comfortable for routine use such as trainings, Bowdoinham Committee on Aging events and a meeting area for local groups (or anybody that is interested in renting the space).

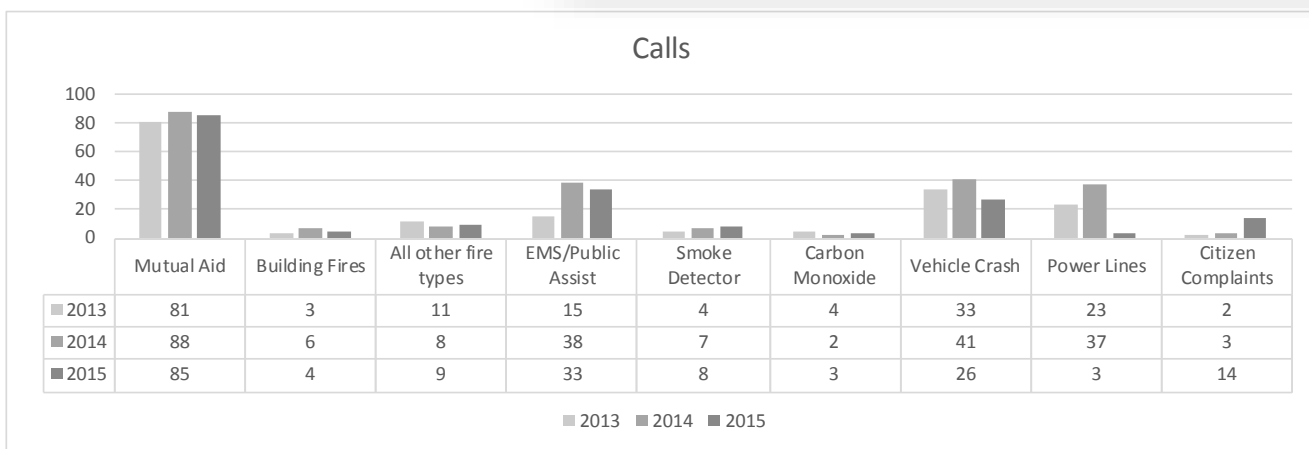
Once again I would like to thank the dedicated men and women that make up Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue. Their dedication and willingness to serve the community is what Bowdoinham is all about. I would also like to thank the townspeople for your continued support. As always a reminder from the members of your department, please install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test regularly and make sure your house number is clearly marked; we can't help you if we can't find you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Frizzle, Fire Chief



Sparky The Fire Dog with the Crew



Public Works Department**Chadd Mayo, Foreman**

The winter of 2014-2015 proved to be a long and difficult one for us here at the Public Works Department with 36 winter events and a total of 144 inches of snow. We had many long days and nights pushing our trucks and our personnel to their limits. We actually exceeded our budget for sand and salt. It takes the same amount of salt to clear the roads of snow and ice whether we get two inches of snow or two feet of snow, so the little storms don't seem that bad, but if we get a lot of them, they will eat away at the budget fairly quick.

For about a month and a half straight from the middle of January to the end of February, it seemed like it snowed every other day! At that point, the sidewalks unfortunately stayed covered in snow. We just could not find the time to do the snow removal from them as it seemed like just as one storm was done and gone, the next was already upon us. When it did stop snowing, and we did finally get to work on the sidewalks, it took us about a two weeks to load up all the snow and haul it off from those and the town parking lots.

The last few winters before this one I kept saying, "They can't get worse than last winter." But they do. Last winter was the WORST I have experienced in my 12 years with the town. As always, I would like to thank the crew here at the PW, as well as the contractor we have working with us. Last winter was a long, hard battle and they did an outstanding job! Thank you.

In the spring we did the same work as we do every spring; we cleaned up the sand from the winter off the village streets, put the ramp and docks into the water, and cleaned up the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Graded the gravel roads, and started work on some of the smaller gravel roads. The PW also did work on Brown's Point Road and Center's Point Road which was paid for from the bond CMP put on the roads from their power line upgrades. We softened the slopes of shoulders and added some gravel to reshape these roads.

When summer rolled around, the PW rebuilt the entire length of Abbagaddassett Road. The PW first went in and did all the ditch work, as well as replaced the culverts on the road to improve the water drainage. After that was completed, Crooker Construction was awarded the bid to do the reclaiming and paving work for the road. They reclaimed the old pavement then the PW hauled in gravel to reshape and build up the road base. After that was done, Crooker came back in and laid down 2 inches of pavement, 18 feet wide. That road should last a long time with all the hard work that went into it with the fresh gravel, and improved drainage.

The PW also did more work on the gravel roads in town this summer including Wallentine Road, Blanchard Cross Road, and Pratt Road. The PW did quite a bit of ditch work and added gravel to improve the road surfaces.

Last summer we replaced our 2001 International plow truck with a 2016 Freightliner. The old truck served the town well over the years from when we purchased it 'used' in 2007. The old truck was going to need a lot of work last summer to have it ready to plow snow in the winter. Most towns replace their trucks that they bought new every 10-12 years. At that point they have gotten a good amount of use out of the truck and the truck still holds a good amount of value. We also entered into a lease-purchase for a 2015 CAT 926M wheel loader. This is an addition to the equipment here at the PW. For the last five winters or so, the town has been renting a loader for the winter months to use for loading sand and salt into our trucks for spreading on the roads. The addition of the wheel loader will cost less, in the long run, than if the town were to continue renting one every winter. The yearly payments to own are about \$3,000 more than it would cost to rent for five months, after ten years it will be paid off, and we should get a life span of about 20 years.

As I'm writing this, looking back through my notes, I see that on this day one year ago last January 27, 2015 we were just getting started with a two day storm that dropped over two feet of snow. So far this has been an easy winter as far as big storms and storms that have a long duration. We have had a lot of small storms. Let's hope it stays that way and we get to enjoy an early spring and a nice summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chadd Mayo, Public Works Foreman

BOWDOINHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Chris Lajoie, Principal

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Dear Bowdoinham Community Members,

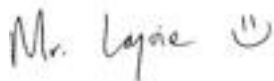
Once again it is a pleasure to provide you an update on the learning happening at our Community School. The past year has brought some exciting new opportunities for our students.

For the first time, our Arts Alive Electives program expanded to include second graders. We put on our first-ever school musical, *A Year With Frog and Toad – Kids!*, two packed houses in the gym. During April vacation we hosted our own homegrown Young Women's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Symposium, to foster girls' interests and aspirations in those fields. Our Art Teacher, Mrs. Goetting also organized two school-wide Art exhibits – one during the Harvest Supper, and another in May – showcasing a piece of art from every student. And following tradition, our fifth graders had the special experience of visiting Plymouth Plantation and Boston as part of their studies of Colonial America.

Amongst all these (and many more) meaningful opportunities outside of the traditional classroom, we have also worked hard to improve our everyday teaching. Specifically we have used lots of strategies to increase student engagement and independence in their learning. We are starting to see this work pay off. We see students who are happy and invested in their learning, and working to develop skills of persistence and critical thinking. Our students can talk about how the activity they are doing is connected to a learning goal. At the same time, our school scored well ahead of state and district averages in the 2015 state assessments of English Language Arts, Math, and Science. As a school we want to continue and even improve that level of success, while maintaining a balanced and enriching school experience for every single student. This year we saw a drastic increase in our percentage of students receiving free lunch, which means we are teaching ever more students who come from home situations where poverty or disruption could be factors.

None of our success would be possible without strong community partnerships, like we have with the Bowdoinham Food Pantry, the Recreation Department, the Merrymeeting Arts Center, and many others. The people of Bowdoinham have chosen again and again to invest in its future. I am fully aware of the financial commitment it takes to support our schools, ensuring that our kids are prepared for college, career, and citizenship. But it is the single most important investment we can make. As we seek to do an even better job while being ever more efficient with our budget, please know I am open to feedback or questions from the community. Would you like to visit our classrooms sometime?

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Lajoie
Principal



Bowdoinham Community School

Town Clerk Report
Pam Ross, Town Clerk

I would like to thank my elections workers, Leslie Barker, Nora Bishop, Elaine Diaz, Emilie Newell, and Linda Williams for their commitment and dedication for working on the two elections we had in 2016. Our Warden/Moderator Peter Sullivan is there for any election keeping things running smoothly. With all the things he does before and after the elections the Town and I thank him for his commitment. To our Moderator Robert Lenna a huge thank you goes out to you for each and every Town Meeting.

I would also like to thank all of the residents that registered their dog(s) for the 2015 year. In the Town of Bowdoinham we licensed 44 fully equipped, 357 neutered/spay, 1 kennels, and 6 service dogs. Dog licensing is an important part of combating the spread of rabies. The fee that you pay goes towards helping fund the Town's animal control program and the Animal Welfare Program. The tags your dog wears also acts as an ID for your dog if they ever get lost. Just remember all it takes to register your dog(s) is a current rabies certificate.

Pamela Ross, Town Clerk

Deaths 01-01-2015 to 12-31-2015		
Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death
Babb,Pamela S	65	09/22/2015
Berube,Paul Donald	74	09/16/2015
Bugenske,Mary D	78	08/30/2015
Cavendish,Elon	<1	03/14/2015
Chase,Thomas Parker	84	03/23/2015
Delyra,Michel C	63	06/30/2015
Gray,Josephine Marion	95	06/16/2015
Haley,Wilfred	85	05/10/2015
Hurley,Margaret Eason	64	05/30/2015
Hutter,Kenneth E.	58	05/04/2015
Lancaster,Carmalene E.	93	12/21/2015
McConathey,Richard William	64	07/01/2015
Parks,Ernest W Sr	78	09/03/2015
Potter,James C. Jr.	84	11/10/2015
Reese,Jenna Caroline	34	12/30/2015
Roland,Karin Barbro	88	12/09/2015
Skelton,Richard O.	61	11/22/2015
Whitney,Darrell E	72	12/06/2015
Total	18	

Town Meetings

June 9, 2015

There were 98 Registered Voters in attendance.
 (Town Meeting)

November 3, 2015

There were 579 Registered Voters (Annual Town Meeting)

Elections:

June 9, 2015

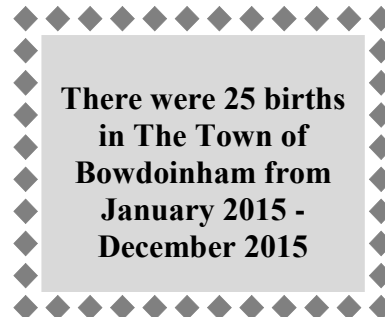
M.S.A.D. No 75 Budget Referendum Election
149 votes cast

November 3, 2015

State Referendum and Municipal Election
579 votes cast

Registered voters: 2258 (as of 12/31/2015)

D = 719 G = 79 R = 567 U = 909



Town Clerk Report
Pam Ross, Town Clerk

<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>NAMES</u>
January 16, 2015	Jason Paul Hodde & Corey David Linkel	July 18, 2015	Jeffrey Allan Whittaker & Ashlie Cameron Mitchell
April 07, 2015	Margaret Allan Merrill & Ryan Steven Morgan	August 01, 2015	Ryan Bruce Greene & Mikaela Irene Melcher
April 11, 2015	Britney Ann Beasley & Joshua William Bodinet	August 02, 2015	Patrick James Warren O'Brien & Ashley Nicole Miller
April 29, 2015	Stephen H Hunt & Emily Sarah Rea	August 08, 2015	Robert Alfred Boivin & Kelly Lee Davis
May 01, 2015	Tracey Lee Burnell & William Eugene Small	September 12, 2015	Sean Matthew Pooler & LeAnn Rebecca Nielson
May 16, 2015	Ashleigh Elizabeth Moore & Joshua Ryan Rollins	September 26, 2015	Hayley Margaret Barker & Joseph Roy Tourtelotte
May 31, 2015	Joseph Deveney McCluskey & LeAnndra Kimberly Cochrane	September 26, 2015	Marcus Dale Fenton & Kelsey Lauren Webber
June 13, 2015	Juanita Louise Gallagher & Michael Deane Jones	October 02, 2015	Susanne Margrethe Jenkins & Fitzgerald Huntington Jenkins
June 27, 2015	Lorrie Ann Frizzle & Dwain Jack Swindler	October 11, 2015	Henry Arthur Irons & Bambi Mae Osnoe
June 28, 2015	Frances Marie Driscoll & Jameson Joseph Bryant	November 02, 2015	Marie Lynn Tucker & Daniel Leo Deforge
July 02, 2015	Randall James Almy & Monica Grace Clifford	December 19, 2015	Susan Mary Adams & Brian Thomas
July 04, 2015	Jessica Lynn Walters & Donald Dean Weed	December 31, 2015	Max Walter Zachau & Carman Anne Serier

The Community Development Advisory Committee
Wendy Rose, Chair

The role of the CDAC is to advise the Select Board about community development strategies and activities. Working closely with Town Director of Economic Development, Nicole Briand, the Committee gives consideration to such things as business and economic development projects, town wide festivals, and ideas that will promote Bowdoinham as a wonderful place to live and work.

When looking over our work plan for 2015, the committee saw that many of our ongoing projects were moving toward fruition in the course of the year. One project that had been languishing, however, was the skatepark project whose funding had stalled for several years. We wondered, were there still children who were active skateboarders? Was there still a demand for a facility of this type? What would it take to close the funding gap and complete this dream that had started over 10 years ago?

The Community Development Advisory Committee

Wendy Rose, Chair

To test the need, a field trip to the Bath Skatepark was organized in March and 10 children participated. Seth Berry then volunteered to offer a skateboarding elective during May at the Community School. We were amazed when 50 children indicated they would like to take that elective. Not being able to borrow enough equipment for that number, Seth limited the class to Fifth Graders. Twelve children participated with half of them being girls. Over their 4 sessions, they learned about safety, developed new skills, and gained confidence. Several volunteers helped with this effort. The children helped to raise money for the park and marched in the Celebrate Bowdoinham parade with skateboards. A subsequent fall elective served another 12 children. Thanks to a grant that Principal Chris LaJoie obtained, new skateboards and safety equipment was available for the children to borrow during the elective.

Having seen that there was a demand and enthusiasm for the park, the CDAC worked throughout the year on closing the funding gap. Two family movie nights raised modest amounts through donations. A lively skateboarding activity at Celebrate Bowdoinham brought in further donations. A new crowd funding site was set up so that individuals could donate online at youcaring.com. The "Buy a Brick" mechanism was revived and brought in more funds. A very moving video was produced, thanks to Will Zell, which told the story of Matthew Parker and his family who were the originating sparks behind the idea of having a skatepark for the town. The video had its world premiere at the December Family Movie Night and is posted to the crowd funding site.

The fundraising effort got a major boost in the fall with the anonymous donation of \$10,000 which was given with the intention of stimulating matching donations. By Dec. 31, another \$10,000 was raised thanks to major gifts from Crooker Construction, generous individuals, and smaller fundraising efforts.

We are very close to closing the funding gap. We continue with fundraising calls to local businesses, a grant application to help with the fence, and individual solicitations. The current funding is adequate to start the process for accepting bids on the construction. My great hope is that we will be able to report a new skatepark in the next town report.

Our other projects did, indeed, come to fruition. After a lengthy design process that incorporated many ideas from the public and much work by our consultant Amy Wildes, new welcome signs and directional signs were installed throughout the fall of 2015. The new public restrooms were completed and include year-around amenities for folks enjoying the Maily Waterfront Park. Several town festivals provided activities for community members and out of town guests including the Ice and Smelt Festival, Open Studio Day, Open Farm Day, Celebrate Bowdoinham, and the Holiday Festival. Lynn Spiro's Cruise Ins are another great activity. A host of dedicated volunteers and many collaborators contribute to the success of these events, and our talented Economic Development Director, Nicole Briand, handles multitudes of details and exhaustive coordination to make them so enjoyable. The CDAC acts as a sounding board and helps with planning and evaluation.

A business survey of town businesses conducted in February had only two responses. Interest in business gatherings had dwindled, so we suspended them for the year. We did, however, sponsor a business workshop series in conjunction with Richmond and continued to profile businesses every other month in the Bowdoinham Newsletter as a way of supporting business activity. In addition, a major effort was made to get high speed internet service to parts of the town not currently served. This is currently under consideration by our town's internet provider but appears to be in limbo.

The Committee welcomes guests to its meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building and would love to have individuals volunteer to serve on the committee. Please let us know. Current members include Steve Bunn, Lee Parker, Brian Smith, Wendy Rose, Will Zell, and Bill Stanton.

Respectfully Submitted
Wendy Rose, Chairperson



Skateboarding Monkey

Animal Control Officer
Cliff Daigle, Animal Control Officer

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.

Fees

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

Programs in Operation

The following programs are still in operation:

- ◆ 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 Department and Local Fire Department on what to do with an animal they may encounter arriving first on scene

Call Type	2015	2014	2013
Service and Information Calls	653	721	736
Wildlife	87	87	73
Calls court summons	72	27	43
Dog bites/Cat bites in Town	9	11	16
Calls for cats	146	57	96

I believe that with education, together we can make a difference with the public in the Town of Bowdoinham.
 Clifford Daigle, *Animal Control Officer*

Planning Board
Nathan Drummond, Chair

The Bowdoinham Planning Board meets on the 4th Thursday of the month to review and approve Site Plan Review, Subdivision, Shoreland Zoning and Floodplain applications according to the provisions of the town's Land Use Ordinance. The public is welcome at all meetings.

The following applications were submitted and approved by the Planning Board in 2015:

- ◆ The Protective Covenants, Restrictions and Reservations for Riverview Estates Subdivision.
- ◆ Shoreland Zoning and Site Plan Review Tier II APPLICATION for the Town of Bowdoinham for a restroom facility at Maily Waterfront Park.
- ◆ Site Plan Review Tier II application for Maine Green Cross for an institutional use at 563 Ridge Road, approved in 2016.
- ◆ Shoreland Zoning Application for Nathan Drummond, Gabrielle Gosselin, Eleanor Groden and Frank Drummond who proposed to expand their agricultural fields within the Resource Protection District at 52 Center Point Road, Tax Map R08 Lots 012-B and 012-C.
- ◆ Setback Determination Application from Kim Desjardin to replace and expand a non-conforming single family dwelling that was damaged by fire at 630 Post Road, Tax Map R03 Lot 056-B.
- ◆ Setback Determination Application from Scott Gallant to replace and expand a portion of a non-conforming single family dwelling at 17 School Street, Tax Map U01 Lot 017
- ◆ Sit Plan Review Tier II Application from Paul Robert, Paul Robert Auto Body to operate an auto body repair shop in an existing detached garage at his property at 539 Bay Road, Tax Map R09 Lot 001-C.

The Planning Board also completed its annual review of the Land Use Ordinance, and has proposed updates for Floodplain Management, Shoreland Zoning, Farm Stands and Pools.

Respectfully,
 Nathan Drummond, Chairman

Recycling & Solid Waste Department**David Berry, Solid Waste Manager**

Life at the Recycling Barn has seen several changes this past year. Commodity prices for the recycled materials we sell have dropped, we have a new program in place to handle most paint products, and we have just finished installing equipment to make baling mixed paper faster and safer.

The drop in price for recycled materials has been especially noticeable with scrap metal, which provides a substantial portion of our revenue from the sale of recyclables. Lower prices for plastic, metal and glass also mean that the recycling company that receives and processes the Mixed Recyclables (commingled containers) portion of our recycling waste stream has raised the price for its service from \$5/ton to \$51/ton. For this reason I encourage residents who set out material for curbside pickup to be sure there is no mixed paper included in their Mixed Recyclables bag. If we bale mixed paper we can sell it, if it goes out with the Mixed Recyclables we have to pay to get rid of it. In general, despite the drop in commodity prices, all our various paper streams (cardboard, news, magazines, and mixed paper) are still producing revenue above what it costs the Town to handle them.

Late this fall the Recycling Barn began accepting, at no charge to residents, unwanted paint, both latex and oil-based, through the Paint-Care program. Paint-Care is a multi-state program organized by the paint industry to collect and recycle used paint, and is financed by a surcharge on every can of paint sold in participating states (a user-fee). The Town has accepted oil-based paints for many years, but the cost of disposal has been high. Now at no cost to the Town, Paint Care picks up all the latex and oil-based paint we collect. Certain specialty paints are not accepted by PaintCare, but we will continue to accept any and all paints as well as any other household hazardous waste. With this new program in place the Town can offer residents an increase in service which will be accompanied by a decrease in spending on Household Hazardous Waste disposal in the future.

With an eye toward making the baling of mixed paper more efficient, easier and safer for Barn staff, we have recently set up a hopper/chute system to deliver mixed paper directly into the baler. In the past we have shovelled the material out of our wooden pallet boxes, up into the baler. Not only was it time-consuming but all the uphill shovelling was physically somewhat difficult. With the new system we collect the mixed paper in large rollerbins which go up on the freight elevator to the third floor of the building. The paper is dumped out of the rollerbins into a hopper beneath the floor, from which it slides down a chute onto a table that is level with the front of the baler. The operator simply slides the paper directly into the baler (first removing any contaminant materials) and compresses it as needed to form a bale. When the bale is complete, the chute is pulled up out of the way, the table is set aside and the finished bale removed from the baler. We expect this new system will greatly reduce the time we spend baling mixed paper.

In closing, I'd especially like to thank the hardworking staff at the Barn for all they do to try and keep the place clean and organized, and to thank as well all the Town residents who make the effort to bring us clean, well-sorted materials.

Respectfully submitted,

David Berry, Solid Waste Manager

Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector
Nicole Briand, CEO/LPI
Darren Carey, Deputy CEO/Deputy LPI

The data presented below outlines the number of permits issued over the last three years. Once again this year the most popular question is in relation to Building Code and Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

Another question which is some what related to Building Codes is in relation to Certificates of Occupancy. The Town does not facilitate Certificates of Occupancy but alternatively issues a Certificate of Compliance. This certificate is outlined in the Land Use Ordinance under Article 11.B.4 and states

- A certificate of compliance shall be required and obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the occupancy or use of any building, structure or any portion thereof for which a building permit was obtained.
- Occupancy or use without the required certificate shall be deemed to be a violation of this Code and subject to enforcement action as provided in Article 12.C of this Ordinance.
- The purpose of the certificate of compliance is to ensure compliance with this ordinance and that the building, structure or any portion thereof was constructed as was permitted.



If you are planning a new project and are not sure if you need a permit please call me at the Town Office or e-mail me at dcarey@bowdoinham.com.

Through a permitting and inspection process, the CEO is able to determine and ensure that the development project is in compliance with all Local Ordinances and any State and Federal Regulations.

Darren Carey
 Deputy Code Enforcement
 Officer Deputy LPI

Year	Plumbing	Building Land Use	Total Fees Collected	Plumbing Permits	Building Permits	Land Use Permits
2014-2015	\$5,430.00	\$5,536.90	\$10,966.90	34	44	7
2013-2014	\$5,305.00	\$5,155.65	\$10,460.65	39	50	12
2012-2013	\$3,877.50	\$6,071.70	\$9,949.20	37	53	5

Planning Department
Nicole Briand

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

Thanks to a recent fundraising push, the **Skate Park** is on track to begin its final construction phase later this year. The skate park is designed, permits are in hand and the base of the park has been constructed. Now we're continuing our fundraising efforts through our buy-a-brick program, business sponsorships and grant opportunities.

The **Merrymeeting Trail** Initiative is excited to share news of their progress in 2015. The Merrymeeting Trail is a 25-mile planned rail-with-trail connecting Topsham, Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Gardiner; from the Kennebec River Rail Trail in Augusta to the Androscoggin River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path in Brunswick.

Planning Department Nicole Briand

It will be part of the greater Capital to Coast trail system stretching from Augusta to Bath, which recently received designation from the state as a Trail of Statewide Significance in 2014, we are one of only four trails in the state with that designation. Kennebec Estuary Land Trust has received two rounds of funding support from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation totaling \$112,830 for outreach, matching funds for trail construction, trail engineering, and necessary pre-engineering groundwork. The Town of Bowdoinham received \$20,000 to do so design work on the Bowdoinham to Richmond connection. The Board of Supervisors was created in 2015 and is now holding monthly meetings. For more information, please visit merrymeetingtrail.org or Like us on Facebook. We look forward to many more successes to report in 2016.

I continue to work with the **Planning Board**. I assist the Board in reviewing applications and applicants with putting together their application packages. This year was a relatively quiet year for the Planning Board, which allowed the Board time for their annual review of the Land Use Ordinance.

For more information, please contact me, Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or you can visit the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com) or Facebook page.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Briand
Director of Planning & Development



Restroom Holding Tank

Water District Trustees Report Donald Lamoreau, Chairman

The Bowdoinham Water District's mission is to provide its customers with a safe, high quality and reliable water supply that meets or exceeds all federal and state drinking water requirements. Our goal is to treat and distribute District water in the most efficient way, while maintaining and upgrading the system to meet future requirements. We are also committed to providing professional and courteous service to satisfy the diversified needs of our customers.

We would like to remind everyone to please report unusually wet areas to the District for investigation as potential leaks. Successful leak detection and pipe repair reduces the treatment and pumping costs associated with lost water and postpones the need to develop additional water sources of supply. The cost savings benefit not only all ratepayers, but all citizens through lower water costs for fire protection.

How to detect a leak in your toilet: Remove the cover on the toilet tank and carefully set it aside so it can't be accidentally knocked over and cracked. Remove any "in-tank" bowl cleaners that color the water and begin the test with clear water in the tank as well as in the bowl. You will need some food coloring. Now put enough food coloring in the tank water to give the water a deep color. Let it set over night and make sure nobody uses the toilet. In the morning if you find any of the dyed water is now in the toilet bowl – your toilet is leaking. A properly operating toilet will store water in the tank indefinitely without any water running into the bowl. A small leak in your tank can add up to a lot of water in 3 months and increase your water bill.

The Water District Trustees are Donald Lamoreau (Chairman), Brant Miller (Treasurer), David Reinheimer, Stephen Cox, and Gordon Johnson. The Superintendent is Arthur McLean and the Office Manager is Robin Verow.

Sincerely,
Donald Lamoreau

Local Health Officer

Rebecca Miller, RN,MPH - Local Health Officer

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 on various seasonal health topics of interest and resources in our community. You can also go to http://sagcounty.com/ema_pages_75_area.html for downloadable resources and information about the local health officers. Here are some common health related interest and resources:

Mold

Mold is often a problem for many homeowners and tenants. Mold generally is not considered poisonous. If an individual has an existing respiratory illness such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) or asthma, mold could make their symptoms worse. If your home has a mold problem, for more information, call 1-800-821-5821 or go to

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



Browntail Moth Nest

Browntail Moth

The browntail moth is an insect of forest and human health concern which was accidentally introduced into Somerville, Massachusetts from Europe in 1897. By 1913, the insect had spread to all of the New England states and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Larval feeding causes reduction of growth and occasional mortality of valued trees and shrubs. While feeding damage may cause some concern, the primary concern is the impact on humans from the browntail moth is the result of contact with poisonous hairs found on the caterpillars. Contact of these hairs with human skin causes a rash similar to poison ivy that can be severe.

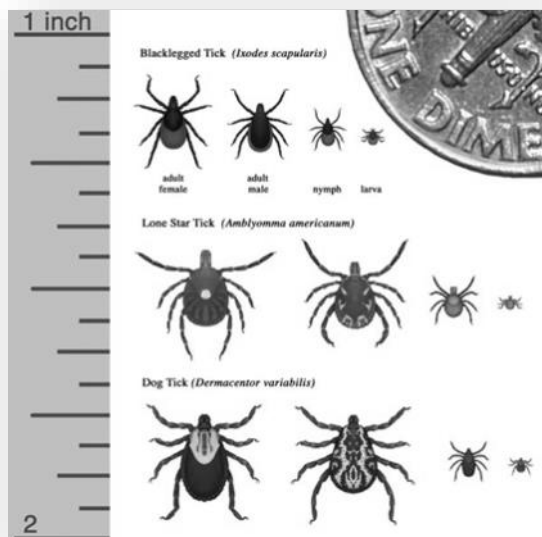
Ticks

Due to the heavy snow cover this past winter, it is suspected that there may be an abundance of ticks this year. In Maine, cases of Lyme disease cases have continued to increase each year for the past decade. If you or family members develop flu like symptoms, rashes, or new onset joint pain, talk to your doctor about testing for Lyme Disease. For more information, go to <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/index.shtml> or call 1-800-821-5821. Dogs are also highly susceptible to Lyme disease although cats do not seem to be at risk.

If you would like to know more information about how to have your well water tested, go to <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/standard.htm>

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 at 666-5531.

Rebecca Miller, Local Public Health Officer





Bowdoinham Public Library Report

Kate Cutko, Librarian

The library continues to be a vibrant, busy place in the center of our village. During 2015 we handed a card to our 1000th patron. That card has a barcode on it, and is made of plastic, but it isn't completely different from the paper cards handed out in past decades. That card continues to be the gateway to quality resources; great books, films, magazines and other resources. We will always continue the tradition of purchasing quality fiction and non-fiction for our patrons, and borrowing other resources from other Maine libraries at patrons' request. The circulation statistics have been level over the past 4 years, between 4000-6000 print materials circulated per year. In contrast, the circulation of audio books and e-books through our library's subscription with InfoNet/Overdrive, has increased exponentially. 175 items were borrowed electronically by Bowdoinham patrons in 2013, while this past year showed 2,783 items borrowed. So it appears there are group of patrons who are getting a great value from the library's collection of electronic materials, but never enter the building!



Story Time at The Gazebo

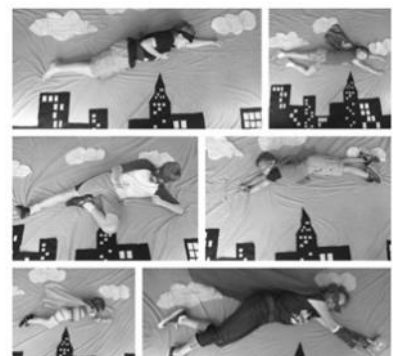
This year marked a fruitful collaboration with Bowdoinham's Advisory Committee on Aging. A grant was secured from AARP which allowed a comprehensive needs assessment of the library and its services, as experienced by older adults in town. Thank you to the many residents who shared their thoughts about the library, its physical plant and its programming. We heard the messages loud and clear. We heard that you love your library as a strong resource for the town and a focal point of community activity and involvement. Secondly, the library's space needs to become more accessible to citizens of all ages. The library responded to the feedback by using the grant funding to offer a series of technology workshops for seniors, increasing its collection of audio books and large print titles, and designed a space for quiet reading in the adjoining room. Together with the town, the library improved the lighting for the main room of the library and we will continue to discuss ways to make this second floor more accessible. You also shared your opinions about the library hours, asking for more consistency (see below).

The library's active volunteers, including the Friends of the Library and dozens of other residents have again been successful at raising funds for the library's operating expenses and added to its endowment. We are thankful that the residents of Bowdoinham continue to support our Plant Sale (42 years and running!), our Book Sales, our Wreath and Poinsettia Sale and the "Treasures from the Library Attic" sale. These fundraisers bring needed funds, but they also bring people together in service to an institution in which they are personally invested.

The library continues to offer children's story time each week, a full summer reading program for kids of all ages, and two monthly adult book groups. We offer free internet via Wi-Fi and on public desktop computers. Please come in for a visit. Watch for new library hours, beginning June 1st:

Tuesdays	10am-2pm
Wednesdays	2pm-6pm
Thursdays	10am-2pm
Fridays	2pm-6pm
Saturdays	10am-2pm

Sincerely,
Kate Cutko, Library Director



Super Heros Flying High

Advisory Committee on Aging
*Recognized by the World Health Organization as a member
of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities
Member AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities*

To the Selectboard and Residents of Bowdoinham:

The Advisory Committee on Aging (ACOA) is a volunteer board appointed by the Selectboard to advise the Town of Bowdoinham about making the community more aging friendly and to sponsor programming that will help older residents of Bowdoinham thrive in the community.

The mission of the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACOA) is to provide services and advocacy that enable older residents of Bowdoinham to live in their homes for as long as possible as well as provide programs geared to keeping older adults active and engaged in the community. The following Bowdoinham residents served on the Advisory Committee on Aging in 2015:

Theresa Turgeon, Acting Chair
 Gracia Woodward, Secretary
 George Christopher
 Robert Curtis
 Martha Cushing

Tom DeForest
 Rachel Evans
 Linda Jariz
 Patricia Melander
 Kathy Pszczolkowski

Dick Rose
 Joan Smith
 Joanne Savoie



Collage workshop

In 2014, the Bowdoinham residents who served as ACOA members, with the help of 44 volunteers, contributed 1253 volunteer hours to make Bowdoinham an even better place to grow older.

ACOA-Sponsored Activities and Programs, 2014

ACOA-Sponsored Activities with Volunteer Facilitators	Participants
Bridge and Cribbage lessons	22
Exercise and Recreation Programs: Golfing, Indoor Walking, Hiking Group, Tai Chi, Exercise with	61
Movie Afternoons	14
Day Trips	43
Crafting Group	18
<i>Let's Talk about Aging</i> group	19
Summer Fun: Summer Picnic, Scavenger Hunt	34
Winter Holiday Party	17
Special Events and Workshops: AARP Safe Driving Class, Collage, Facebook for Seniors, Genealogy, Internet Safety, Matter of Balance, Photography, Wine Making, Wood Carving,	97
Lunch with Lynn (Town Landing, Lynn Spiro)	23
Village Seniors Luncheon Speakers	69
Celebrate Bowdoinham Tent & Photography Contest	73
Wellness Fair	68



Tool Table

This year, ACOA continued to sponsor activities, programs and services for residents of Bowdoinham.

The ACOA-sponsored **Shipmates Senior Center** offered social opportunities tailored for people age 60 and older. Ongoing activities included cribbage, a crafting group, day trips, special workshops, and a monthly movie discussion group. Special events included a collage workshop, wood carving demonstration and wine-making class. Izzy Drehobel, a senior at Mt Ararat HS completed her Capstone with ACOA. One of her projects was to work on the collage workshop.

Advisory Committee on Aging

Recognized by the World Health Organization as a member of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Among new programs started by the Shipmates in 2015 were monthly blood pressure checks and a discussion group, "Let's Talk about Aging".

The **Safety and Accessibility** group continued to work with the Select Board and the Town Manager to increase accessibility. The Town of Bowdoinham made several changes in 2015. Wide paths that can accommodate a wheelchair or walker and accessible picnic benches have been added to Maily Waterfront Park. The Town installed an additional railing down the middle of the library steps and added heated treads to melt the ice and snow on those stairs steps. Other changes were made to improve access to the Coombs Municipal Building at the ramp entrance.



The mailing crew sent 750 surveys to Bowdoinham residents age 60+



ACOA's "tool table" is a display of tools to help with everyday activities that can be challenging, such as opening jars, tying shoelaces, or reaching for a seatbelt. It has been featured on both the AARP and WHO Age Friendly World website. The Safety and Accessibility group is working with the Bowdoinham Public Library to create a way for library patrons to borrow the devices to try at home.

ACOA also continues to offer **physical and recreational opportunities**. Several new programs were offered—golfing, a hiking group, and Exercise with Kathy, a DVD exercise class.

Exercise Class

The **Second Annual Aging (Well)ness Fair** was attended by 68 visitors this year—an increase of 27%. Sixteen social service and health organizations shared information and provided demonstrations. Donations were accepted for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. Twenty-eight pounds of food and \$28.80 were donated.

For the second year, ACOA had a tent at **Celebrate Bowdoinham**. World-famous fortune teller *Madam B* told the fortunes of people from 4 months to 84+ years. Bingo was enjoyed by people of all ages. Everyone was a winner, with or without a fortune to guide them while they played!

Fourteen people entered the "Bowdoinham: A Great Place to Be" photo contest. Visitors to the tent voted for their favorite picture. All of the photos were gorgeous and clearly showed some of the many reasons Bowdoinham is a great place to live.



Exercise Class

As part of the Aging Well(ness) Fair, AARP offered a Safe Driving Class that was attended by 21 people. Participants were reminded of some safe driving habits, learned ways to adjust their cars and shared hints and tips to make them safer drivers.

ACOA was awarded a grant from AARP to work with the Bowdoinham Public Library on its age-friendly initiative. Part of the grant money was to conduct a needs assessment of older residents to find out what they believed the strengths of the library were and to explore what people thought the library could do to be more aging friendly. As a result of the collaboration with the library (using money from the AARP grant), the library has been able to add more large print and audio books to their collection and is offering a series of technology classes specifically geared to older residents.

The accomplishments of this past year are due to the dedication and expertise of the members of the Advisory Committee on Aging, to the support given to the committee by the Select Board, and to the work of many talented and enthusiastic volunteers. ACOA is also grateful for the collaboration of so many local organizations

and social service providers who work to make Bowdoinham a highly desirable place to grow old. Whether it is the Select Board or a Town department that works with ACOA to make sure that residents are comfortable and safe participating in programs or a local organization that works with ACOA to expand the programs available to older residents, Bowdoinham's menu of opportunities for older residents is the envy of many communities.



Madame B



AARP Safe Driving Class

Harbor Master Annual Report
John McMullen, Harbor Master

In 2015 I continued to offer the free US Coast Guard Safety Inspections at the town boat ramp. This is a courtesy examination of boats to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations. Please contact me if you would like to schedule one for your boat.

Aids to Navigation floats marking the channel across Merrymeeting Bay are normally in position from the latter part of May through mid to late September.

Once again during the 2015 boating season there was an increase in paddle craft on the river and bay. When paddling, always assume that powerboats do not see you. I suggest you be more obvious by wearing bright noticeable colors. Place reflective tape on the tips of your paddles and always have a white light ready for use during periods of poor visibility. Did you know that the State of Maine requires paddlers to have not only a life jacket on board but also a signaling device? A whistle attached to your life jacket is a good idea.



**Maily Waterfront Park
Restroom Facility**

Unsafe boating observations on the water last summer included:

- A. Boaters not using navigation lights after sunset and prior to sunrise.
- B. Watercraft being operated at a speed greater than headway speed while in the **WATER SAFETY ZONE**. The water safety zone is the water area within 200 feet of shoreline. (State Law)

Make safety your foremost concern whenever you are on the water. Sign-up for a U.S. Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary boating course.

Reminders:

- 1. Always check the weather before going boating.
- 2. Always notify a friend or family member who could report your delay/non-return.
- 3. Always wear your life jacket (mandatory age 10 and under in Maine).

For anyone interested in a mooring in the town mooring field please be advised there is space available. Contact me for details. Have a safe and fun boating season.

John McMullen
Harbor Master

	2015	2014	2013
Number of Moorings	24	24	21
Registered Boats	300	272	272

Department of Community & Economic Development

Nicole Briand

The Department of Community and Economic Development is funded through two TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts. The first was approved at Town Meeting in June 2000; the funds for this district come from property taxes on Northeast Pipeline properties located in Bowdoinham. The second was approved at Town Meeting in June 2014; the funds for this district come from the property taxes from a portion of Central Maine Power Company's properties located in Bowdoinham.



New Signage

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 **Summer Concert Series** continues to bring great music to Maily Waterfront Park. In 2015, we added two concerts to the schedule and moved the concerts back to Sundays. This year the Town will partner with Watersong Music to re-energize the Concert Series. We look forward to the new and exciting things Earl Bigelow of Watersong Music will be bringing to the series.

In 2015 the Town hosted its second **Open Studio Day** on May 2nd. We had 10 artists open their studios for us to explore and another 9 artists join one of our two group locations. Thank you to all the artists, crafters and woodworkers who joined the event: Bill Stanton, Kate Cutko, Jane Page-Conway,



Open Studio Day

Lobster Buoy Birdhouses, Catmint Garden & Gallery, Steven Thomas Bunn Furnituremaker, Bloom, Scott Libby Woodworking, Morphee Creations, Watersong Music, Merrymeeting Arts Center, Mortimer LaPointe Woodworks, H. Monique Designs, Fun Fascinators for Fabulour Females, Salt Wood Design, Winding Rose Studio, Project Project, Delilah Pottery, Jeffrey Lipton, Matt Ahlers and Stephanie Austen.

Our fourth annual **Open Farm Day** was held on Sunday, July 19th. We had ten farms open for tours then enjoyed a BBQ featuring food from our Bowdoinham farms and live music by Intergalactic Yurt Band. I would like to extend a special Thank You to our participating farms: Apple Creek Farm, Campo di Fiori, Stonecipher Farm, Blue Bell Farm, Fairwinds Farm, Gruff Acres Farm, Life Force Farm, Havenridge, Harvest Tide Organics and Six River Farm for opening their farms to us and making this event possible.

Once again, **Celebrate Bowdoinham** was a wonderful community day filled with fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. As always, Celebrated included our Bowdoinham's favorites: the Silent Auction, the KenDucky Derby, the lobster crate races, the coin scramble and the Library Book Sale. The music played while the vendors, local businesses and organizations shared their crafts with us, until the fireworks lit of the night's sky, thanks to our fireworks sponsors: AV Systems of Maine, Sitalines, Ray's Electrical Service, Bilodeau Insurance Agency, Five County Credit Union, Androscoggin Bank, Main Street Fuel, Village Lodge #26, Doug Tourtelotte Excavation, Christian & Robinson Plumbing, Winding Rose Studio and The Bank of Maine.

Department of Community & Economic Development

Nicole Briand

Celebrate Bowdoinham would not be possible without all of our volunteers! Thank you to: Annie Davis & Diana Mosher for organizing the parade, Adelaida Gaviria for organizing Bowdoinham's Best, Susan Brown for organizing the Pie Contest, Merrymeeting Arts Center for running the "Kids Art Tent," Bowdoinham Fire Department for running the lobster crate races and rounding up the ducks, the Mount Ararat Cheering squad for supervising all the kids activities, and all of the businesses who donated to the Silent Auction. Thank you to everyone who helped make Celebrate Bowdoinham a success!

The 4th Annual **Holiday Festival** took place on December 4th & 5th. We had 3 craft fairs featuring local artists: Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale, Christmas Open House, Community School Holiday Craft Fair, and Pottery Studio Open House. In addition to the craft fairs, we had the annual Tree Lighting, Polar Bear Dip, and Horse Wagon Rides.

The Town now has **Public Restrooms** at Maily Waterfront Park! The restroom facility has three unisex handicap accessible restrooms that are completely automated with automatic toilets, sinks, hand dryers, lights and locks. The restrooms are heated and will be open year-round. Winter hours are 6am to 8pm. In addition to the new restrooms, we've had the old restroom in the Harbormaster's Building converted to a Dumping Station for boats. The Dumping Station will be open in Summer 2016.

With the **Signage Plan** complete the Town hired Welch Signage to create and install the Welcome and Directional signs that were designed by Amy Files, wilderbydesign. Over the summer the first phase of the Signage Project was completed with the installation of the Welcome Signs. The second phase of the Signage Project, nine Directional Signs were installed in December.

The Bowdoinham News comes out six times per year, the 1st of January, March, May, July, September and November. For more information on how to submit an article or advertise in The Bowdoinham News, please contact Nicole Briand.

I continue to work with the Community Development Advisory Committee on programs and projects to strengthen local businesses. The Committee continues to focus its efforts through developing the **Buy Local Buy Bowdoinham Campaign** and providing resources for businesses through the **Business Meetings** and **Business Workshops**.

For more information about any of these events or projects, please contact me, Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or you can visit the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com) or Facebook page.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Briand
Director of Planning & Development



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COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC
 COMMISSIONER MAX DAWSON
 District 2 – Bath and Bowdoinham

Citizens of Bowdoinham,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of Bowdoinham as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. After completing nine years on the Board, I remain totally committed to insuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward in this tenuous economic climate, which for us is accentuated by issues related to the funding of Two Bridges Regional Jail, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities and remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2016-17 budget process. While our reserves cannot subsidize all of the unavoidable increases in operating and capital costs, we continue to seek other savings to reduce the impact on our citizens. The overall budgetary increase for FY 2015-16 was **0.7%**.

During 2015, the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following: **The County** converted to a protected self-funded health insurance plan which has the potential to control the soaring costs associated with this benefit in the future. **Administration** restructured its staffing to include the services of a part-time human resources specialist at no additional cost, and reviewed and revised various financial policies in an effort to institute strong checks, balances and financial accountability. **Probate Court** was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also processed passport applications and continued to back-scan records into an electronic database. **Deeds** continued its efforts to make all documents available for viewing at sagadahocdeedsme.com by contracting with a company that specializes in this work to complete a substantial portion of this project. They also stayed busy handling increased recordings due to the improved housing market. The **Emergency Management Agency** continued to assist with the planning and implementation of regional training, working with local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements, and working closely with area emergency responders and public health agencies, including the **Sagadahoc County Board of Health**. The **Communications Center** filled all departmental vacancies during the past year and also made significant equipment upgrades. Director Brodie Hinckley was named as the State's "Communications Director of the Year". The **District Attorney's Office** handled a high volume of court cases and added a second full-time ADA to its Sagadahoc staff. It also implemented a new court process known as the "Unified Criminal Docket", which is designed to reduce costs.

In 2015, the **Sheriff's Office** saw a decrease of approximately 6.5% in the number of calls when compared with 2014, from 5,576 to 5,207. The **Patrol Division** and **Detective Divisions** are currently at full staffing levels. The S.O. continues to work collaboratively with various task forces to solve our most serious crimes. The **Transport Division** handled in excess of 800 transports last year and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of approximately 2,214 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County, saving over \$40,000 in labor costs. The **Civil Division** continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

In order that I may represent constituents effectively, it is important that I am aware of your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 751-5000. And I encourage interested persons to attend Board of Commissioners' meetings, which are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Me. (For details, call 443-8202 or check our web site: www.sagcounty.com.)

Respectfully,
 Lawrence M. "Max" Dawson, Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners



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January 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve District 55 as your state representative. After a long first session, I feel energized and ready for the new challenges that are ahead of me in the 2016 legislative session.

As many of you may already know, I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This committee deals with many issues such as the Highway Fund, bridge and road maintenance, and overseeing the Maine Turnpike Authority. Over the course of this session we will be dealing with a few varying topics. They range from the change in motor vehicle laws to investigating sources of funding for our roads and bridges that desperately need repair.

While I was meeting with people in the community last summer, the one concern that was expressed by the vast majority of our neighbors was reforming our broken and abused welfare system. It was with great frustration that all of our welfare reform attempts were defeated by a small margin of votes in the House, but I can assure you, it continues to be a top priority of mine, as you all have requested.

To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your thoughts and comments. Please call me anytime at **666-3075** or email at **Brian.Hobart@legislature.maine.gov** to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Hobart".

Brian Hobart
State Representative

127th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 23



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Dear Bowdoinham Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of our communities and the state.

Despite what you may have read in the papers, we accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature. We passed a biennial budget that gave Maine families a tax cut, eliminated the income tax on military pensions, and restructured portions of our welfare system to ensure more money is available to those that are truly in need. To that end, we increased funding for nursing homes and put additional dollars into programs to reduce or eliminate the waiting list for individuals with disabilities who require services.

As Senate Chair of the Marine Resources Committee, I was proud to represent our fishing interests in the Legislature. With the marine industry being such an integral part of our region, I was pleased to chair my first choice committee. I have enjoyed working on behalf of the men and women who work so hard to promote and preserve this vital industry. I attended a number of meetings dealing with current marine issues across the state and I am pleased that so many citizens are taking an active role in the preservation and betterment of our coastal livelihood.

One of my priorities as your Senator has been supporting our small businesses within the district. We know that these businesses are the backbone of our communities; providing jobs and the tax dollars to keep this state moving forward. I have visited numerous local small businesses and have encouraged people to continue to shop locally.

The best way to know all sides of an issue is to reach out to everyone in my communities for their input so I have held constituent meetings in most of my towns and plan to continue that practice during the next session. As always, you can contact me by email at linda.baker@legislature.maine.gov, 729-8381 or during session at 287-1505 if you have questions, comments, or if you need assistance navigating our state's bureaucracy. To keep up with Senate news, please visit my Senate Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BakerForMaine.

With Warm Regards,

Linda Baker
 State Senator, District 23

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March 7, 2016

It continues to be a privilege and honor to serve as Superintendent of Schools of M.S.A.D. No. 75. The M.S.A.D. No. 75 Board of Directors must certainly be the most dedicated and hard-working school board in the State! Among those are Julie Booty and Susan Brown, both residents of Bowdoinham..

In addition to regular Board meetings, members of the Board are involved in various committees throughout the year. These include the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee, the work of which includes adoption of a new K-6 math program and the Finance Committee responsible for developing the budget for FY 16, and currently beginning the FY 17 budget process. The Facilities Committee prioritized and approved projects this past year that included creating an additional instructional space inside the Learning Commons of Harpswell Community School and also approved a major Energy Performance project. The Policy Committee revised and adopted numerous policies that guide the District. The Committee conducted a complete review and revision of personnel policies, charter school student participation in extracurricular activities; and Committee members are currently reviewing facility use of buildings and grounds. The Negotiations Committee reached three-year contractual agreements with two of the four bargaining units and is currently negotiating with the Teachers Association. The Superintendent Evaluation Committee utilizes a comprehensive process that involves goals and performance review.

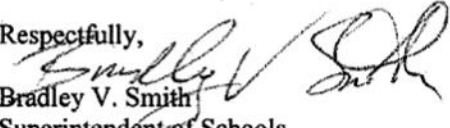
If that weren't enough Board members are also involved in several committees that include teachers, administrators and community members. Two State initiatives seek to improve student learning by changing the way teachers are evaluated, and raising the standards of learning to require students to demonstrate proficiency in order to receive a diploma. Both initiatives are important, subject to the political dynamics in our state and nation, and are "moving targets" that continue to change. Teacher and Principal Evaluation (PEPG) requirements are currently under consideration for change, based upon the new Every Student Succeeds Act that returns some authority for educational decisions back to the States from the federal government. The Proficiency-Based Diploma requirements continue to be a source of conflict that includes rigorous learning standards in Maine, and yet another change in our State-required assessment. Three years ago school districts used the NECAP assessment. Last year we switched to SmarterBalanced Assessment and this spring will shift again to yet another State assessment! Students in Grades 3-8 will take an assessment developed by Measured Progress. We will return to the SAT, administered to students during their third year of high school.

Perhaps the biggest news, however, is the high school project. Over the past year, the District has followed the State process for school construction projects, completing the Educational Specifications, a New vs. Renovation Study, and held numerous forums in our communities. The first Straw Vote, held on January 21, 2016, resulted in an 85-0 vote in unanimous support of remaining on the current campus. District officials and the architectural firm of PDT (Portland Design Team) are currently engaged in space allocation determinations. Updates on the project are available through the District or any school website, as well as Facebook and Twitter.

There is exciting and important work underway in our schools. However, we cannot forget that we do this work while teaching and supporting the nearly 2,500 students who come to school each day. Helping students acquire important knowledge and life skills is more demanding than ever; and we are so fortunate to have such dedicated and talented teachers, support staff, and administrators in our schools.

On behalf of the students and staff of M.S.A.D. No. 75, please know how grateful we are to have communities that value the importance of education through their involvement and support!

Respectfully,


Bradley V. Smith
Superintendent of Schools

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United States Senate

Dear Friends of Bowdoinham:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school. Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



ANGUS S. KING, JR
UNITED STATES SENATOR

CONGRESSWOMAN
CHELLIE PINGREE

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EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It's an honor to represent you in Congress. Thank you for the chance to update you on my work there and in Maine.

Like many here at home, I find the current partisan environment in Washington and Congress to be very frustrating. Attempts to take away people's health care, weaken environmental protections, and stoke controversy have been put ahead of more meaningful work to create jobs, help people through tough times, and give our children a better future.

Still, I have tried to find opportunities to work on issues where my colleagues across the aisle and I can find agreement. As a member of the minority party, I'm very proud that these efforts have earned several legislative victories that benefit the people of our state.

One of the most significant was passage of a Farm Bill containing many reforms I introduced to help the kind of small, diversified, family farms that we have here in Maine. These included more funding to help these farms meet the growing demand for healthy local food, as well as better insurance to fit their needs and helping SNAP recipients use benefits at farmers markets.

Another bill I introduced was signed into law, initiating a study of the York River to see if it is a good candidate for the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers program. The classification would help protect this important natural resource while potentially bringing more visitors to the area and an increased amount of federal investment for its conservation. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I've worked to secure other investments for the state as well, including \$20 million to replace a crumbling, unhealthy and outdated tribal school in Washington County.

But not all the work I do is from Washington. My offices in Portland and Waterville assist hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal agencies and programs—veterans benefits, Social Security, and passports among them. If you have a problem where I might be of assistance, I encourage you to call (207) 774-5019. My staff and I welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Again, it's a pleasure to represent you in Congress. Please keep in touch.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chellie R." followed by a long horizontal line.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

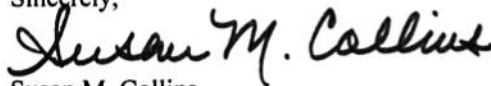
As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Bowdoinham and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Office, 207-780-3575, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Outstanding 2015 Real Estate Taxes**As Of 06/30/2015**

NAME	DUE	NAME	DUE
ALLEN,WILLIAM H JR	1,053.00	GUSTAFSON,PAUL E	1,096.88
ALLYN,JENNIFER L. & CHRISTOPHER T.	2,470.00	GUSTAFSON,PAUL E & KIM P	2,015.00
ALMY,P ARTHUR & DAVIS S SR	1,381.25	HALEY,EDWARD G	1,283.75
ASHEY,ROXANNE D.	1,867.13	HALSEY,IAN	1,758.25
ATWATER,ELIZABETH	1,251.25	HALSEY,SEAN	468.00
ATWOOD,LARRY E ATWOOD,BENJAMIN & R BLAINE	1,792.38	HARRIS,DAVID	1,431.63
AUSTIN,BEDINA J.	1,222.00	HEATH,GEORGE MRS	2,210.00
AVERY,JEFFREY A	1,278.88	HENRY,CAROLYN	1,807.00
BAMFORD,JAMES J	497.25	HERARD,CARL R & THERESA R	1,706.25
BERRY,KENNETH	3,844.75	HEWETT, REBECCA & SALLY	253.50
BLASINGAME,DONALD & CLARA	1,616.88	HIGGINS,ROBERT P & ROBIN L	1,025.38
BLODGETT,LANCE H	1,028.63	HUNT,MARIE E	849.88
BOIS,MICHAEL J	667.88	HUNTER PROPERTIES LLC	4,580.88
BOUCHER,DENISE MARIE	68.25	JENKINS,FITZGERALD H	2,902.25
BOWLEY,THARON B & BARBARA A	2,486.25	KANE,ROBERT E II	1,972.75
BRAWN,CHRISTOPHER	1,345.50	KELLETT,RAYMOND M & ANNE R	2,060.50
BRILLANT,KATHRYN J	1,184.63	KRECHKIN,ALEXEJ A JR	1,737.13
BRYER,SUSAN	290.88	LA BELLE,STEPHANIE L	4,387.50
BURBANK,ROBERT G (devises)	1,173.25	LAMBERT,STEVEN R & MARTHA H	666.25
BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	69.88	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S & CHRISTINE	1,961.38
CARLSON,DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	1,194.38	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S & CHRISTINE	2,741.38
CARON,SARAH.E	1,425.13	LIBBY HOLDINGS LLC C/O/ SCOTT LIBBY	3,696.88
CHACE,MICHAEL A	2,013.38	LIBBY, KAREN J.	2,052.38
CLANCEY, JOSEPH P.	1,847.63	LLOYD,JOANE K	557.38
CONGLETON,KARIN A	923.00	ESTATE OF LORD,LAWRENCE S	653.25
CROOKER,RANDY N	905.13	MACDONALD,BONNIE A	2,835.63
CURRAN,CYNTHIA MARIE	3,272.75	MaCLEOD,JAMES C. & BERHANU, JAIME M.	607.75
CUTLER,ALAN F	1,212.25	MAILLY,MARY	1,612.00
DAVIS,ROBERT C & KELLY L	248.63	MALOY,SHAWN	893.75
DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	2,063.75	MARION,ALEX & MARIA	472.88
DESPRES,MARK SR.	1,171.63	MARTONFFY,DENES (EAGLE LLC)	929.50
DEVICES OF CURRAN,ROBERT J.	342.88	MCGOWAN,BRIAN B	1,074.13
DICKEY,DARRYL	2,583.75	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	518.38
DIEMER,JAMES W & LINDA R	505.38	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	542.75
DRISCOLL,ROBERT DRISCOLL,MARY (IN POSSESSION)	2,032.88	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	526.50
ENGLAND, LINDA L.	1,501.50	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	516.75
FARRIS,CHRISTY L	7,349.88	MCKENNA,DANIEL R. & CATHY L.	212.88
FITZGERALD,JOHN & MALTAIS,RICHARD	750.75	MCKINNEY,GWENDY L SEIGARS,TINA L	498.88
FRIZZLE,OLA ELIZABETH	988.00	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	4,650.75
FROST,MARGOT D.	3,089.13	MINET,HARRY J	871.00
GARLAND, LORI A (HILL)	300.63	MORGAN,MAURICE E & LINDA M	520.00
GARLAND,ARTHUR N & MARJORIE J	1,144.00	MORTIMER,ANGIE L.	627.25
GAUTHIER,SUZANNE	901.88	MULLDUNE,DWAYNE, SHANE & DARCY	882.38
GRAY, STEVEN J.	1,140.75	NEIMAN, MARC T. NEIMAN, RUSSELL C.	1,075.75
		NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE C/O SPRINT	472.88

Outstanding 2015 Real Estate Taxes As Of 06/30/2015

NAME	DUE	NAME	DUE
NORTON, RONALD A.	2,140.13	SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	117.00
PATTERSON, DENNIS & PAMELA	1,070.88	SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	8.13
PEPIN, TIMOTHY W	203.13	SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	13.00
PERTEL, MARCIA J	2,627.63	SKELTON, DAVID C KELLOGG, LIA T	1,885.00
PICURRO, MATTHEW H.	1,779.38	SKELTON, DAVID C KELLOGG, LIA T	138.13
POPADAK, BERNARD R. JR.	754.00	SKIPPER, RODNEY S	1,506.38
REA, JAMES C. & JULIA Z, REA	640.25	ST JEAN, DAVID O & SUSAN A	1,428.38
RENDA, DOROTHY T. JOHNSON, THOMAS C	874.25	ST JEAN, RAYMOND D	810.88
RICHARDS, LOLA HAYES	1,563.25	STANLEY, DONALD G	1,880.13
RIDEOUT, MARK A	4,449.25	STEHLE, ALBERT	576.88
ROBERT, PAUL R & CHRISTIE A	2,119.00	STEHLE, ALBERT E	1,586.00
RUSSELL, BRADLEY E & MARY J	4,239.63	STEVENS, RUTH K	6,448.00
RUTH G. VENO LIVING TRUST	2,652.00	SWITZER, RHONDA J.	1,033.50
SHIVES, JAMES M.	6,641.00	TALBOT, KATHLEEN BIANCA	1,456.00
SHOINETTE, FRED S	1,854.13	TOMKO, KATHERINE	1,896.38
SIEGLER, RAYMOND J JR BERNIER, SHIRLEY J	906.75	TOUCHTON, JOHN (life estate)	1,457.63
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	8.13	TRUDELL, PETER J	1,301.63
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	539.50	TRUDELL, PETER J	365.63
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	601.25	U.S. CELLULAR	728.00
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	637.00	VAILLANCOURT, MURIEL D MCAVOY, JASON	778.38
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	710.13	VALLEY, JAMES D & JOLEEN M	487.50
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	588.25	DANIEL A VENO REVOCABLE TRUST	1,639.63
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	588.25	WALSH, STEVEN M.	953.88
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	580.13	WEAVER, MATTHEW T & JENNIFER A	2,639.00
SK ENTERPRISES LLP	575.25	WEST, ELIZABETH A	2,798.25
SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	117.00		
SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	8.13		
SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	13.00		
			<u>204,996.96</u>

2015 and Prior Delinquent Personal Property as of 06/30/2015

YEAR	NAME	DUE	YEAR	NAME	DUE
2013	BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	102.68	2015	BURRELL, RONALD	69.88
2015	BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	113.75	2014	DIRECTV, LLC.	649.88
2014	BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	107.80	2015	DIRECTV, LLC.	656.50
2011	BEAULIEU, JASON	26.64	2012	DOWNEAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	119.88
2012	BEAULIEU, JASON	28.12	2012	EAGLE ATM (C/O DELL HOLMAN)	88.80
2014	BEAULIEU, JASON	30.80	2013	EAGLE ATM (C/O DELL HOLMAN)	24.16
2013	BEAULIEU, JASON	28.69	2015	EARL BIGELOW	47.13
2015	BERTULLI, ROBERT	81.25	2015	FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	53.63
2014	BERTULLI, ROBERT	89.32	2014	HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	20.02
			2015	HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	16.25

2015 and Prior Delinquent Personal Property as of 06/30/2015

YEAR	NAME	DUE	YEAR	NAME	DUE
2010	HILLTOP LOG HOMES INC	666.00	2005	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	91.54
2010	HITZ,PAUL M A	66.60	2009	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	69.56
2009	HITZ,PAUL M A	66.60	2012	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	72.52
2014	HITZ,PAUL M A	77.00	2004	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	88.78
2013	HITZ,PAUL M A	73.99	2006	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	54.56
2015	HITZ,PAUL M A	81.25	2015	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	86.13
2011	HITZ,PAUL M A	68.08	2011	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	71.04
2012	HITZ,PAUL M A	69.56	2007	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	71.76
2015	HOOPER,STEVEN	341.25	2013	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	77.01
2014	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	61.60	2015	SCOTT LIBBY WOODWORKING LLC	89.38
2015	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	65.00	2015	SKELTON,DAVID C & KELLOGG,LIA T	182.00
2013	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	58.89	2014	SKELTON,DAVID C & KELLOGG,LIA T	180.18
2015	LEIGHTON,RICHARD	24.38	2015	SKOLFIELD,ANDREW	437.13
2014	LEIGHTON,RICHARD	23.10	2015	SPIRO,LYNN	173.88
2013	LEIGHTON,RICHARD	22.65	2014	SPIRO,LYNN	164.78
2011	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	224.96	2012	STEEN,DAVID S	38.48
2010	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	219.04	2012	STILLWELL'S AUTO REPAIR INC	176.12
2013	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	181.20	2013	STILLWELL'S AUTO REPAIR INC	169.12
2012	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	170.20	2015	TAURUY SYSTEMS	11.38
2014	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	190.96	2009	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	94.72
2015	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	201.50	2010	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	93.24
2014	NORTON INSURANCE AGENCY INC	24.64	2011	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	81.40
2013	NORTON INSURANCE AGENCY INC	24.16	2014	ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	237.16
2008	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	73.95	2015	ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	289.25
2010	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	71.04			

8,603.90

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Tax Year 2010, 2011,2012, 2013 & 2014 as of 06/30/2015

YEAR	NAME	DUE	YEAR	NAME	DUE
2013	ATWATER,ELIZABETH	1,193.26	2014	CROOKER,RANDY N	857.78
2014	ATWATER,ELIZABETH	1,201.20	2011	CUTLER,ALAN F	627.52
2012	ATWATER,ELIZABETH (HEIRS)	369.88	2012	CUTLER,ALAN F	1,253.56
2014	ATWOOD,LARRY E	1,296.74	2013	CUTLER,ALAN F	1,132.65
2014	BAMFORD,JAMES J	46.85	2014	CUTLER,ALAN F	1,150.38
2014	BRAWN,CHRISTOPHER	1,133.53	2011	DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	341.48
2010	BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	211.64	2012	DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	1,889.96
2011	BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	211.64	2013	DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	1,920.83
2012	BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	74.00	2014	DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	1,955.80
2013	BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	69.87	2014	DESPRES,MARK SR.	1,110.34
2014	BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	66.22	2014	ENGLAND, LINDA L.	762.26
2013	CARLSON,DENISE M ET AL	1,110.12	2014	GAUTHIER,SUZANNE	854.70
2014	CARLSON,DENISE M ET AL	1,131.90	2012	GRIATZKY,STEVEN M	87.32
2014	CHACE,MICHAEL A	1,908.06	2013	GRIATZKY,STEVEN M	88.55

Lien Breakdown**Tax Year 2010, 2011,2012, 2013 & 2014 as of 06/30/2015**

YEAR	NAME	DUE	YEAR	NAME	DUE
2014	GRIATZKY,STEVEN M	90.86	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	7.70
2014	GUSTAFSON,PAUL E	1,041.04	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	547.60
2014	GUSTAFSON,PAUL E & KIM P	1,615.07	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	559.00
2014	HALSEY,IAN	1,193.50	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	569.80
2014	HALSEY,SEAN	471.24	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	580.16
2014	HARRIS,DAVID	1,650.88	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	591.62
2014	HERARD,CARL R & THERESA R	1,173.30	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	603.68
2014	KANE,ROBERT E II	1,633.72	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	646.76
2014	KELLETT,RAYMOND M & ANNE R	1,952.72	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	659.27
2012	KERINA,THOMAS K & JEFFREY M	102.12	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	672.98
2014	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S & CHRISTINE	1,602.48	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	535.76
2014	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S & CHRISTINE	1,627.18	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	546.77
2014	LORD,ALBERT (PERS REP)	619.08	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	557.48
2011	MAILLY,MARY	330.00	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	491.36
2012	MAILLY,MARY	1,475.56	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	501.92
2013	MAILLY,MARY	1,502.01	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	511.28
2014	MAILLY,MARY	1,532.30	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	535.76
2013	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	479.91	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	546.77
2014	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	489.72	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	557.48
2014	MCKOSH,KEVIN & JOELLEN	84.70	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	528.36
2014	MECHANICS SAVINGS BANK	2,382.38	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	538.62
2014	MORGAN,MAURICE E & LINDA M	492.80	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	549.78
2014	MULLDUNE,DWAYNE & SHANE	836.22	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	523.92
2011	MULLDUNE,WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	544.89	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	534.54
2012	MULLDUNE,WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	803.64	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	545.16
2013	MULLDUNE,WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	820.05	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	109.54
2014	NORTON, RONALD A.	1,816.24	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	112.42
2014	PATTERSON,DENNIS & PAMELA	1,014.86	2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	11.84
2014	RICHARDS,LOLA HAYES	1,481.48	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	12.00
2014	RIDEOUT,MARK A	1,646.59	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	12.32
2014	ROBERT,PAUL R & CHRISTIE A	1,334.83	2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	7.69
2014	RUTH G. VENO LIVING TRUST	2,513.28	2014	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	7.70
2014	SHORETTE,FRED S	1,579.97	2014	SKIPPER,RODNEY S	677.03
2014	SIEGLER,RAYMOND J JR	859.32	2014	STANLEY, DONALD G	1,328.64
2012	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	7.40	2014	TALBOT,KATHLEEN BIANCA	1,379.84
2013	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	7.69			

79,969.62

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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, 2015, as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions

Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Funds

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.

Qualified Opinion on the Governmental 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.

Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) which is the responsibility of management, is represented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedure applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

SMITH & ASSOCIATES, CPAs
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Yarmouth, Maine
August 31, 2015

The audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,072,980
Investments	633,554
Accounts Receivable	63,900
Taxes Receivable	164,121
Tax Liens Receivable	80,142
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,295,923</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>3,310,620</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ <u>3,310,620</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,854
Accrued Expenses	62,152
Escrow Deposits	21,575
Non Current Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	199,914
Due in More Than One Year	<u>1,181,704</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>1,473,199</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ <u>0</u>
Net Position (Deficit)	
<i>Net Investment in Capital Assets</i>	\$ (85,695)
<i>Restricted for</i>	
Tax Increment Financing District	24,464
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>1,898,652</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>1,837,421</u>

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

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u> Charges for Services	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Primary Government</u> Governmental Activities
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$ 520,411	\$ 37,013	\$ 0	\$ (483,398)
Public Works and Maintenance	444,289	1,790	106,725	(335,774)
Solid Waste	174,479	93,710	0	(80,769)
Public Safety	99,754	8,269	0	(91,485)
Culture and Recreation	44,991	41,188	31,051	27,248
Public Health and Welfare	71,416	32,983	6,895	(31,538)
Education	2,659,520	12	0	(2,659,508)
Contingency	3,407	0	0	(3,407)
County Tax and Overlay	446,642	0	0	(446,642)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	43,165	0	0	(43,165)
Depreciation - Unallocated	<u>101,398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(101,398)</u>
Total Primary Government	\$ 4,609,472	\$ 214,965	\$ 144,671	\$ (4,249,836)
General Revenues				
Property and Other Taxes				\$ 4,350,181
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Special Programs				219,404
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				17,353
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments				(19,827)
Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments				<u>29,821</u>
Total General Revenues				\$ 4,596,932
Changes in Net Position				\$ 347,096
Net Position – July 1, 2014				<u>1,490,325</u>
Net Position – June 30, 2015				<u><u>\$ 1,837,421</u></u>

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

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Permanent Funds</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,044,534	\$ 0	\$ 28,446	\$ 1,072,980
Investments	0	633,554	0	633,554
Taxes Receivable	164,121	0	0	164,121
Tax Liens Receivable	80,142	0	0	80,142
Accounts Receivable	63,900	0	0	63,900
Due From Other Funds	<u>14,782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,789</u>	<u>175,571</u>
Total Assets	\$ 1,367,479	\$ 633,554	\$ 189,235	\$ 2,190,268
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,367,479</u>	<u>\$ 633,554</u>	<u>\$ 189,235</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,268</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,854	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,854
Accrued Expenses	20,648	0	0	20,648
Escrow Deposits	21,575	0	0	21,575
Due to Other Funds	<u>160,789</u>	<u>14,782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>175,571</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 210,866</u>	<u>\$ 14,782</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 225,648</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unavailable Revenue – Property Taxes	<u>\$ 165,777</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 165,777</u>
Fund Balance				
<i>Reserved, Reported In</i>				
<i>Nonspendable</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<i>Restricted</i>				
Tax Increment Financing District	0	0	24,464	24,464
<i>Committed</i>				
Capital Project Funds	0	0	106,644	106,644
<i>Unreserved, Reported In</i>				
<i>Assigned</i>				
Appropriated from Surplus to Reduce Taxes in FY 2015/16	50,000	0	0	50,000
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	58,127	58,127
Permanent Funds	0	618,772	0	618,772
<i>Unassigned</i>				
General Fund	<u>940,836</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>940,836</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 990,836</u>	<u>\$ 618,772</u>	<u>\$ 189,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,798,843</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,367,479</u>	<u>\$ 633,554</u>	<u>\$ 189,235</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,268</u>

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015**

Total Fund Balances – Total Governmental Funds	\$1,798,843
 Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position is Different Because	
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are Not Current Financial Resources and Therefore are Not Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	1,295,923
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.	(20,360)
Unavailable Property Tax Revenues are Not Available to Pay for Current Period Expenditures and Therefore, are Deferred Inflows of Resources.	165,777
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	\$ 199,914
Due in More Than One Year	1,181,704
Accrued Compensated Absence Pay	<u>21,144</u>
	<u>(1,402,762)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,837,421</u>

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TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 4,369,024	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,369,024
Intergovernmental	265,722	0	26,500	292,222
Licenses, Permits and Fees	45,142	0	71,853	116,995
Charges for Services	119,021	200	0	119,221
Investment Income	2,841	14,510	2	17,353
Realized Gains	0	29,821	0	29,821
Unrealized Gains	0	(19,827)	0	(19,827)
Miscellaneous	<u>1,621</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>48,433</u>	<u>50,602</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,803,371</u>	<u>\$ 25,252</u>	<u>\$ 146,788</u>	<u>\$ 4,975,411</u>
Expenditures				
<i>Current</i>				
General Government	\$ 451,973	\$ 0	\$ 77,148	\$ 529,121
Public Works and Maintenance	483,044	9,684	5,295	498,023
Solid Waste	173,969	0	0	173,969
Public Safety	104,022	79	0	104,101
Culture and Recreation	30,302	787	13,902	44,991
Public Health and Welfare	39,500	5,313	26,603	71,416
Education	2,658,358	1,162	0	2,659,520
Contingency	3,407	0	0	3,407
Debt Service	244,055	0	0	244,055
County Tax and Overlay	446,642	0	0	446,642
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,347</u>	<u>4,347</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,635,272</u>	<u>\$ 17,025</u>	<u>\$ 127,295</u>	<u>\$ 4,779,592</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 168,099	\$ 8,227	\$ 19,493	\$ 195,819
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In (Out)	<u>(76,776)</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>82,776</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 91,323	\$ 2,227	\$ 102,269	\$ 195,819
Fund Balance – July 1, 2014	<u>899,513</u>	<u>616,545</u>	<u>86,966</u>	<u>\$ 1,603,024</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 990,836</u>	<u>\$ 618,772</u>	<u>\$ 189,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,798,843</u>

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**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, 2015**

Net Change in Fund Balance – Total Governmental Funds	\$195,819
 Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position 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.	69,011
Depreciation Expense on Capital Assets is Reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position, But They Do Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources and Therefore, Depreciation Expense is Not Reported as Expenditure in Governmental Funds.	(101,398)
The Issuance of Long-Term Debt (e.g. Bonds 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 Position. 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.	197,911
Some Property Tax Will Not be Collected for Several Months After the Town's Fiscal Year End; They are Not Considered Current Financial Resources in the Governmental Funds. This Amount is the Net Effect of the Differences.	(18,843)
Accrued Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt is Reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position, But Does Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources; Therefore, Accrued Interest Expense is not Reported as Expenditures in Governmental Funds.	<u>4,596</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 347,096</u>

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**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 4,267,743	\$ 4,267,743	\$ 4,369,024	\$ 101,281
Intergovernmental	243,722	243,722	265,722	22,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees	44,900	44,900	45,142	242
Charges for Services	129,900	129,900	119,021	(10,879)
Investment Income	3,000	3,000	2,841	(159)
Miscellaneous	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>(379)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,691,265</u>	<u>\$ 4,691,265</u>	<u>\$ 4,803,371</u>	<u>\$ 112,106</u>
Expenditures				
<i>Current</i>				
General Government	\$ 453,210	\$ 453,210	\$ 451,973	\$ 1,237
Public Works and Maintenance	490,831	490,831	483,044	7,787
Solid Waste	177,982	177,982	173,969	4,013
Public Safety	110,388	110,388	104,022	6,366
Culture and Recreation	45,402	45,402	30,302	15,100
Public Health and Welfare	39,500	39,500	39,500	0
Education	2,658,358	2,658,358	2,658,358	0
Contingency	10,000	10,000	3,407	6,593
Debt Service	244,057	244,057	244,055	2
County Tax and Overlay	<u>459,761</u>	<u>459,761</u>	<u>446,642</u>	<u>13,119</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,689,489</u>	<u>\$ 4,689,489</u>	<u>\$ 4,635,272</u>	<u>\$ 54,217</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,776</u>	<u>\$ 1,776</u>	<u>\$ 168,099</u>	<u>\$ 166,323</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Transfers Out	<u>(82,776)</u>	<u>(82,776)</u>	<u>(82,776)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (76,776)</u>	<u>\$ (76,776)</u>	<u>\$ (76,776)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (75,000)</u>	<u>\$ (75,000)</u>	<u>\$ 91,323</u>	<u>\$ 166,323</u>
Fund Balance – July 1, 2014	<u>899,513</u>	<u>899,513</u>	<u>899,513</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 824,513</u>	<u>\$ 824,513</u>	<u>\$ 990,836</u>	<u>\$ 166,323</u>

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverages during the fiscal year and no significant settlements that exceeded insurance coverage.

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, 2015, the Town's share was 5.52% (or \$392,062) of the County's outstanding debt of \$7,102,567.

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, 2015, the Town's share was 12.04% (or \$1,156,130) of the District's outstanding debt of \$9,602,407.

NOTE 10 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING/DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

During 2002, the Town of Bowdoinham was given approval for the creation of the Natural Gas 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 increment tax levied upon the District's captured assessed value over a twenty-year period.

Article #4 of the Annual Town Meeting on June 10, 2014, approved a new district to be known as the Town of Bowdoinham CMP/Riverfront Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District. This district would consist of 110.07 acres located in two distinct tracts, one near Main Street and the other near Brown Point Road. The development program for the District proposes to provide financial support to a number of Town economic development projects and programs. The percentage of new taxes to be captured by the Town of the 20-year program is 100% for years 1-20.

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

Previously, the Town implemented the following 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 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 be 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.

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

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.

The Town of Bowdoinham has the responsibility for committing fund balance amounts and likewise would be required to modify or rescind those commitments.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned, and unassigned resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use committed or assigned resources first, then unassigned resources as they are needed. The General Fund unassigned fund balance total of \$940,836 represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. As per Exhibit III, a summary of the nature and purpose of these reserves by fund type at June 30, 2015 follows.

<i>Restricted</i>		<i>Assigned</i>	
Special Revenues		Permanent Funds	
Tax Increment Financing District	\$ 24,464	Cemetery Funds	
		Noble Maxwell	\$ 354,505
		Village Cemetery	46,874
		Ridge	30,827
		Charles B. Randall	23,001
		Sara Miles	9,833
		Eliza Mustard	2,124
		Browns Point	25
		Cemetery Funds Total	<u>\$ 467,189</u>
		Trust Funds	
		Worthy Poor	\$ 58,635
		Commemorative Trust	40,777
		Anniversary Trusts	7,727
		Trust Fund Total	<u>\$ 107,139</u>
		Other Funds	
		Bowdoinham Community School Scholarship	\$ 14,630
		Viola Coombs	7,625
		Volunteer Fire Dept	7,089
		Lewis Fulton-Prize Trust	5,388
		Lancaster Bishop School	3,403
		Franklin K. Jack	2,552
		Dussault	2,339
		Carrie Rideout	1,418
		Other Funds Total	<u>\$ 44,444</u>
		Total Permanent Funds	<u>\$ 618,772</u>
		<i>Unassigned</i>	
		General Fund	<u>\$ 940,836</u>
<i>Committed</i>			
Capital Projects Funds			
CMP Road Damage	\$ 66,558		
Skateboard Park	19,732		
Electronic Equipment Reserve	5,995		
Fire Department	5,620		
Waterfront Reserve	5,049		
Coombs Septic	3,182		
Solid Waste Hazardous	505		
Recreational	3		
Total	<u>\$ 106,644</u>		
<i>Assigned</i>			
General Fund			
Appropriated from Surplus to Reduce			
Taxes in FY 2015/16	\$ 50,000		
<i>Assigned</i>			
Special Revenues			
Merrymeeting Trail	\$ 20,000		
Celebrate Bowdoinham	12,134		
Health Reimbursement Arrangement	8,714		
Home Heating for Needy Families	4,104		
EMS Donations	3,864		
Bottle Funds Community Projects	3,091		
Comprehensive Plan Reserve	3,011		
World Health Organization	1,709		
Ace Team	1,500		
Total	<u>\$ 58,127</u>		

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**PROPOSED BUDGETS
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2016-2017**

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2016
Summary

ARTICLE # DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>6</u>	Administration	395,306	406,636	11,330	2.87%
<u>7</u>	General Services	30,000	29,000	(1,000)	-3.33%
<u>8</u>	Debt Services	251,787	286,991	35,204	13.98%
<u>9</u>	Fire & Rescue Department	101,657	96,994	(4,663)	-4.59%
<u>10</u>	Town Facilities Maintenance	82,735	90,235	7,500	9.07%
<u>11</u>	Animal Control/Harbor Master	17,517	17,517	0	0.00%
<u>12</u>	Public Works	385,457	375,597	(9,860)	-2.56%
<u>13</u>	Solid Waste & Recycling	183,644	189,436	5,792	3.15%
<u>14</u>	Recreation	45,762	45,762	0	0.00%
<u>15</u>	Planning, Community Devel. & Codes	70,451	75,107	4,656	6.61%
<u>16</u>	Contingency	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
<u>17</u>	Agency Requests	10,000	5,000	(5,000)	-50.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,582,315	1,626,276	43,960	2.78%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017

Administration Budget

Article # 6 Department Item	<u>FY 16 Budget</u>	<u>FY 17 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Personnel</u>				
Town Manager Salary	81,800	81,800	0	0.00%
Administrative Personnel	87,343	89,583	2,240	2.56%
Allowance for Merit Wage Increases	<u>0</u>	<u>5,141</u>	<u>5,141</u>	<u>3.00%</u>
Subtotal:	169,143	176,524	7,381	4.36%
<u>Support & Benefits</u>				
FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	12,939	13,504	565	4.36%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>44,536</u>	<u>46,110</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>3.53%</u>
Subtotal:	57,475	59,614	2,139	3.72%
Subtotal Personnel Svcs Budget:	226,618	236,139	9,520	4.20%
<u>Professional Services</u>				
Legal Expense	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues	3,350	3,475	125	3.73%
Municipal Audit Services	6,100	6,500	400	6.56%
Mapping Services	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Assessing Services	<u>17,340</u>	<u>18,132</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>4.57%</u>
Subtotal:	34,090	35,407	1,317	3.86%
<u>Boards & Stipends</u>				
Selectmen's Stipend	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
Election Stipends	1,750	1,750	0	0.00%
Health Officer	750	750	0	0.00%
Cemetery Sexton	550	550	0	0.00%
FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	<u>731</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	10,281	10,281	0	0.00%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Printing & Publications	2,500	2,700	200	8.00%
Training (7 staff)	4,800	6,000	1,200	25.00%
Election Expenses	4,000	3,500	(500)	-12.50%
Miscellaneous Expense	500	300	(200)	-40.00%
Payroll Service Expense	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Mileage Reimbursement	2,100	2,300	200	9.52%
Office Supplies	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Postage & Bulk Mail	4,897	5,000	103	2.10%
Website Maintenance/Updates	0	500	500 N/A	
Registry of Deeds	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%
Meeting Broadcast/Recording	0	2,400	2,400 N/A	
Ordinance Enforcement	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	-50.00%
Subtotal:	31,897	35,300	3,403	10.67%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 Administration Budget

Article # 6 Department Item	<u>FY 16 Budget</u>	<u>FY 17 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Equipment Maint./Repair</u>				
Equip. Replace/Repair/Computer Maint	9,000	8,000	(1,000)	-11.11%
Software Licenses	8,900	9,191	291	3.27%
Postage Meter-Lease/Purchase	1,250	1,250	0	0.00%
Copier Lease/Maint. Agreement	<u>6,395</u>	<u>6,395</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	25,545	24,836	(709)	-2.78%
<u>Risk Management</u>				
Public Officials Liability	5,227	4,975	(252)	-4.82%
Employee Bonding	500	500	0	0.00%
Worker's Comp	23,938	21,794	(2,144)	-8.96%
Unemployment	3,449	2,000	(1,449)	-42.01%
General Liability	7,730	7,579	(151)	-1.95%
Vehicle Insurance	8,000	10,120	2,120	26.50%
Fire Dept Ins.	<u>9,431</u>	<u>9,806</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>3.98%</u>
Subtotal:	58,275	56,774	(1,501)	-2.58%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity	2,600	2,300	(300)	-11.54%
Heating Expense	2,400	2,000	(400)	-16.67%
Water Service	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Telephone Expense	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	8,600	7,900	(700)	-8.14%
Total Administrative Budget:	395,306	406,636	11,330	2.87%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2016 Fire & Rescue Budget

ARTICLE # 9 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Administration</u>				
Fire Chief Salary	15,683	15,683	0	0.00%
EMS Chief	5,304	2,500	(2,804)	-52.87%
Fire Volunteers	16,600	16,600	0	0.00%
Resuce Volunteers	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-11.11%</u>
Subtotal:	42,087	38,783	(3,304)	-7.85%
FICA	3,220	2,661	(559)	-17.35%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	3,220	2,661	(559)	-17.35%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2016

Fire & Rescue Budget

ARTICLE # 9 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Operating Expense</u>				
Training	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Mileage Reimburse	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Office Supplies	500	600	100	20.00%
Physicals/Innoculations	2,000	2,200	200	10.00%
Fire Suppression Equipment	7,500	7,500	0	0.00%
Equipment Testing	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Radio Purchase & Repair	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Turnout Gear replacement	5,500	5,500	0	0.00%
Building Maintenance	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
Print/Publications/Train (Rescue)	2,400	2,000	(400)	-16.67%
Equipment (Rescue)	4,300	4,300	0	0.00%
Mileage (Rescue)	900	0	(900)	-100.00%
License/Memberships (Rescue)	650	650	0	0.00%
Protective Clothing (Rescue)	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	42,550	41,550	(1,000)	-2.35%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity	2,000	2,200	200	10.00%
Heating Expense	3,500	3,000	(500)	-14.29%
Water Service	300	300	0	0.00%
Telephone	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	7,300	7,000	(300)	-4.11%
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>				
Diesel	2,800	2,500	(300)	-10.71%
Vehicle Maintenance/Parts & Repair	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,500</u>	800	<u>21.62%</u>
Subtotal:	6,500	7,000	500	7.69%
Fire & Rescue Department Budget:	101,657	96,994	-4,663	-4.59%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017

Planning, Community Development & Codes Budget

ARTICLE # 15 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Personnel				
Planner (35%)	18,480	18,480	0	0.00%
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	24,375	24,375	0	0.00%
Allowance for Merit Wage Increase		1,286	1,286	3.00%
FICA	3,278	3,377	98	3.00%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>18,028</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>5.39%</u>
Subtotal:	64,161	66,517	2,356	3.67%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 Planning/Codes Budget

ARTICLE #15 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Operating Expenses				
Telephone	540	540	0	0.00%
Print/Publications/Training	1,000	1,500	500	50.00%
Enforcement	250	250	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	500	500	0	0.00%
Mileage	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Postage	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	3,790	4,290	500	13.19%
Planning Expenses				
Comprehensive Plan	1,000	500	(500)	-50.00%
Planning/Appeals	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	2,500	2,000	(500)	-20.00%
Community Development				
Programs & Events	0	1,500	1,500 N/A	
Postage, Printing, advertising	0	500	500 N/A	
Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300 N/A</u>	
Subtotal:	0	2,300	2,300 N/A	
Total Planning Budget	70,451	75,107	4,656	6.61%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 Solid Waste & Recycling Budget

ARTICLE # 13 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Personnel</u>				
Recycling Personnel	40,595	40,595	0	0.00%
Recycling Director	20,316	20,316	0	0.00%
Allowance for Merit Wage Increases		1,827	1,827	3.00%
FICA	4,660	4,799	140	3.00%
Health & Retirement benefits	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	70,771	72,738	1,967	2.78%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Misc. Expense	2,850	3,500	650	22.81%
Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	3,000	2,000	(1,000)	-33.33%
Recycling Barn Lease	15,298	15,298	0	0.00%
Gas/Oil/Propane	1,800	1,100	(700)	-38.89%
Building Upgrades/Engineering	4,000	1,500	(2,500)	-62.50%
Building Maintenance - General	<u>800</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>50.00%</u>
Sub-total	27,748	24,598	(3,150)	-11.35%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 Solid Waste & Recycling Budget

ARTICLE # 13				
DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity & Telephone	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
Sub-total	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
<u>Recycling & Disposal Expenses</u>				
Single Stream Contract	500	2,500	2,000	400.00%
General Disposal	4,500	5,500	1,000	22.22%
Curbside Pickup Contract	60,000	65,000	5,000	8.33%
Trash Disposal	18,025	17,000	(1,025)	-5.69%
Hazardous Waste	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Sub-total	84,025	91,000	6,975	8.30%
Solid Waste & Recycling Budget:	183,644	189,436	5,792	3.15%

Note: The Solid Waste and Recycling Department receives revenue in the amount of \$91,000 (included in the Revenue budget). The net cost to taxpayers for this department is \$98,436.

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 Recreation Budget

ARTICLE # 14				
DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST.</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
REC DIRECTOR	18,218	17,014	(1,204)	-6.61%
ALLOWANCE FOR MERIT WAGE INCREASE		510	510	3.00%
FICA	1,394	1,341	(53)	-3.81%
HEALTH/RETIREMENT	0	0	0	
	19,612	18,865	(747)	-3.81%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
MISC. EXPENSE	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%
POSTAGE	0	300	300	N/A
FOOD SERVICE EXPENSE	4,000	3,000	(1,000)	-25.00%
RECREATION ADVERTISING	350	350	0	0.00%
RECREATION FACILITIES	6,000	8,000	2,000	33.33%
OPERATING EXPENSES	12,150	13,450	1,300	10.70%
ATHLETIC PROGRAM				
PROGRAM EXPENSES	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
ATHLETIC PROGRAM EXPENSE	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
ACTIVITIES PROGRAM				
ACTIVITIES	8,000	7,447	(553)	-6.91%
ACTIVITIES EXPENSE	8,000	7,447	(553)	-6.91%
RECREATION BUDGET:	45,762	45,762	0	0.00%

Note: The Recreation Department is budgeted to receive \$19,500 in revenue. The net cost of the department to taxpayers is \$26,262.

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 ACO/Harbor Master Budget

ARTICLE # 11 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>				
ACO Salary	8,277	8,277	0	0.00%
Harbor Master salary	1,836	1,836	0	0.00%
FICA	<u>774</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Sub-total	10,887	10,887	0	0.00%
<u>ACO</u>				
Pager/Phone	840	840	0	0.00%
Mileage Reimbursement	500	500	0	0.00%
Impound Fees	3,750	3,750	0	0.00%
Feral Cat/Disposal	150	150	0	0.00%
Supplies & Equip./Training	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Sub-total	5,690	5,690	0	0.00%
<u>HARBOR MASTER</u>				
Training & Membership	375	375	0	0.00%
Supplies & Equip	400	400	0	0.00%
Telephone	<u>165</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Sub-total	940	940	0	0.00%
Animal Control/Harbor Budget:	17,517	17,517	0	0.00%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017 Public Works Budget

ARTICLE # 12 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Public Works Foreman	40,969	40,969	0	0.00%
PW Personnel	58,813	58,813	0	0.00%
Allowance for Merit Wage Increase		<u>2,993</u>	2,993	<u>3.00%</u>
Subtotal:	99,782	102,775	2,993	3.00%
FICA	9,193	9,422	229	2.49%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>43,998</u>	<u>47,166</u>	<u>3,168</u>	<u>7.20%</u>
Subtotal:	53,191	56,588	3,397	6.39%
<u>Operating Expense</u>				
Printing/Pubs/Training	600	600	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance	8,000	10,000	2,000	25.00%
Vehicle Replacement Fund	0	0	0	
Tools/Equip/Radios/Uniforms	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Cemetery Maintenance	3,000	0	(3,000)	-100.00%
Engineering/Site Survey	0	5,000	5,000	N/A
Building Maintenance	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-25.00%</u>
Subtotal:	19,100	22,600	3,500	18.32%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017
Public Works Budget

ARTICLE # 12 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Utilities</u>				
Electricity	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33.33%
Heating	4,000	3,250	(750)	-18.75%
Telephone/Internet/trash	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	8,000	6,750	(1,250)	-15.63%
<u>Highway Maintenance</u>				
Mow/Grade/Culvert	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Ditching/Gravel	17,000	17,000	0	0.00%
Signage	700	700	0	0.00%
Paving/Surf mant	10,000	7,000	(3,000)	-30.00%
Gas/Diesel	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-11.11%</u>
Subtotal:	40,700	36,700	(4,000)	-9.83%
<u>Snow & Ice Removal</u>				
Plowing & Sanding Contract(s)	15,300	15,800	500	3.27%
PW Overtime	20,384	20,384	0	0.00%
Road Salt and Sand	80,000	70,000	(10,000)	-12.50%
Front-end Loader Rental (for winter)	0	0	0	
Front-end Loader Lease/Purchase	moved to Debt Service Budget	0		
Diesel	18,000	15,000	(3,000)	-16.67%
Winter Vehicle& Equip. Main.	<u>31,000</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>-6.45%</u>
Subtotal:	164,684	150,184	(14,500)	-8.80%
Total Public Works Budget:	385,457	375,597	(9,860)	-2.56%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017
Town Facilities Maintenance Budget

Article # 10 Department Item	<u>FY 16 Budget</u>	<u>FY 17 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>TOWN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE</u>				
Custodial & Supplies	4,000	4,500	500	12.50%
Town Hall / Office Maint & Repair	9,000	8,000	(1,000)	-11.11%
Town Hall/Office Capital Improvements	0	7,000	7,000	
Waterfront Maintenance/Parks	5,000	5,500	500	10.00%
Hydrant Rental	55,235	55,235	0	0.00%
Street & Facility Lighting	9,000	9,500	500	5.56%
Memorial Day	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Town Facilities Maintenance Budget:	82,735	90,235	7,500	9.07%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2016
General Services & Debt Service Budget

ARTICLE # 7& 8 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET</u>				
General Assistance	7,000	6,000	(1,000)	-14.29%
Library Appropriation	19,500	19,500	0	0.00%
Snowbirds Appropriation	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Ambulance Contract	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
General Services Budget:	30,000	29,000	(1,000)	-3.33%
<u>DEBT SERVICE BUDGET</u>				
2008 Pleasant & Ridge Rd Bond (10 yr - 3.7%)	43,336	43,336	0	0.00%
2009 Road Bond (10 yr - 3.9%)	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
2011 Road, PW Truck Bond (10yr - 2.13%)	64,400	64,400	0	0.00%
2011 Fire Truck Bond (15 yr - 2.13%)	17,067	17,067	0	0.00%
2012 Millay Road, PW Trackless Bond (10yr - 3.09%)	33,124	34,148	1,024	3.09%
2013 Lease/Purchase Backhoe (10yr - 3.2%)	10,524	10,524	0	0.00%
2015 Lease/Purchase Loader (10 yr - 2.5%)	15,000	15,489	489	3.26%
2016 Abbagadasset Road Bond (10 yr - 3.52%)	0	12,576	12,576	N/A
2016 PW Truck Bond (7 yr - 3.28%)	0	21,352	21,352	N/A
Interest Expense	<u>38,336</u>	<u>38,099</u>	<u>(237)</u>	<u>-0.62%</u>
Debt Service Budget:	251,787	286,991	35,204	13.98%
Total General & Debt Services Budget	281,787	315,991	34,204	12.14%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017
Contingency Budget

ARTICLE # 16 & 17 DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
<u>Contingency</u>				
Contingency	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Contingency Budget:	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
<u>Organization Requests</u>				
BCDI	5,000	0	-5,000	-100.00%
Merrymeeting Arts Center	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00%
Organization Requests Budget:	10,000	5,000	-5,000	100.00%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2017

TIF Budget

PIPELINE TIF

ARTICLE # DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Staff				
Econ. Development Director	20,355	20,355	0	0.00%
Allowance for Merit Wage Increase	0	611	611	
FICA	1,557	1,604	47	3.00%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>9,112</u>	<u>9,308</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>2.15%</u>
Subtotal	31,024	31,878	854	2.75%
Operating				
Print/Publications/Training	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Website/Phone/Maint.	1,600	1,750	150	9.38%
Office Equip./Supplies/Computer	1,000	1,500	500	50.00%
Concert Series	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Printing/Advertise/Postage	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Dues/ Memberships	750	1,000	250	33.33%
Celebrate	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
Newsletter	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
Capital Projects	<u>17,271</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>(1,271)</u>	<u>-7.36%</u>
Subtotal	43,121	42,750	(371)	-0.86%
Pipeline TIF Budget Total	74,145	74,628	483	0.65%

CMP/RIVERFRONT TIF

DEPARTMENT ITEM	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Staff				
Econ. Development Director	13,965	13,965	0	0.00%
FICA	1,068	1,068	(0)	-0.03%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>4,967</u>	<u>4,967</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal	20,000	20,000	(0)	0.00%
Operating				
Projects & Events	<u>371,608</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>(21,608)</u>	<u>-5.81%</u>
Subtotal	371,608	350,000	(21,608)	-5.81%
CMP/Riverfront TIF Budget Total	391,608	370,000	(21,608)	-5.52%

Bowdoinham FY 2017 Revenue Budget

	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Tax Collector's Revenue				
Excise - Boat	5,200	5,200	0	0.00%
Excise - Airplane	50	50	0	0.00%
Excise - Auto	445,000	490,000	45,000	10.11%
DMV Agent	10,500	10,200	(300)	-2.86%
Veterans Reimbursement	2,900	3,300	400	13.79%
Interest - Taxes	<u>14,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	1,000	7.14%
Total Tax Collectors Revenue	477,650	523,750	46,100	9.65%
Treasurer's Revenue				
Local Road	34,872	35,232	360	1.03%
Snowmobile	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
General Assistance	3,500	4,200	700	20.00%
State Park Fees	2,850	2,850	0	0.00%
Tree Growth Reimb	<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,600</u>	100	1.05%
Total Treasurer's Revenue	51,822	52,982	1,160	2.24%
Local Revenue				
Plumbing Fees	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Building Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Ordinance/Fines	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.00%
Rec. Advertising	500	1,000	500	100.00%
Rec. Fundraising	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33.33%
Rec. Food Service	6,000	5,000	(1,000)	-16.67%
Rec. Registration	11,000	10,500	(500)	-4.55%
Rec. Sponsor	<u>2,500</u>	2,000	(500)	-20.00%
Total Local Revenue	32,500	30,000	(2,500)	-7.69%

Bowdoinham FY 2017
Revenue Budget
(continued)

	<u>FY 16 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 17 REQUEST</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
Other Revenue				
General Disposal	5,500	6,000	500	9.09%
Solid Waste	68,000	70,000	2,000	2.94%
Hazardous Waste	0	0	0	
Recycling	19,000	15,000	(4,000)	-21.05%
Public Works Recycling	750	750	0	0.00%
Mooring Fees	600	600	0	0.00%
Rentals	7,800	7,000	(800)	-10.26%
Trust Transfers	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%
Fire Station Rental	500	500	0	0.00%
Franchise	13,500	14,000	500	3.70%
Lien Fees	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Investment	2,500	3,300	800	32.00%
EMS Donations	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Fire Donations	<u>1,300</u>	1,000	(300)	-23.08%
Total Other Revenue	133,450	132,150	(1,300)	-0.97%
Town Clerk Revenue				
IF & W Agent	1,300	1,200	(100)	-7.69%
Dog Agent	1,200	1,100	(100)	-8.33%
Late Dog	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Vital Statistics	2,000	2,100	100	5.00%
Misc. Revenue	<u>2,000</u>	2,000	0	0.00%
Total Town Clerk Revenue	7,500	7,400	(100)	-1.33%
Subtotal Non Property Tax Revenue	702,922	746,282	43,360	6.17%
Undesignated Fund Balance Transfers				
Undesignated FB	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
Total Undesignated FB Revenue	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
Total Non Property Tax Rev	752,922	796,282	43,360	5.76%
Property Tax Related Revenues				
Homestead Reimbursement	64,350	64,350	0	0.00%
Municipal Revenue Sharing	121,306	126,596	5,290	4.36%
BETE Reimbursement	140	134	(6)	-4.29%
Total Property Tax Related Revenue	185,796	191,080	5,284	2.84%
Total Non Property Tax Rev	752,922	796,282	43,360	5.76%
Total All Revenues	938,718	987,362	48,644	5.18%

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Sagadahoc, ss

State of Maine

To: Melissa Halsey, 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 Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**, then and there to act on Article 1 as set out below.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Bowdoinham Community School** in said town on **Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on Articles 2 through 39 as set out below:

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

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 2: Shall an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Add Provisions Relating to Farm Stands and Pools" be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Add, Revise and Clarify Provisions Relating to Shoreland Zoning and Floodplain Management" be enacted?

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize the issuance of general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 to be used for the paving, reconstruction and maintenance of town roads 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 10, 2016 is \$968,828.
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 \$310,000.
4. Total of Paragraphs 1-3: \$1,278,828
5. The anticipated interest rate on the bond is 3.16%. Assuming the issuance of \$310,000 of bond with level principal payments over a 10 year term and an estimated interest rate of 3.160%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$56,389, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid of \$366,389.

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.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the issuance of general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to be used for the purpose of purchasing a public works truck equipped with snow removal equipment, 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
(IF ARTICLE 4 IS APPROVED)

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 10, 2016 is \$968,828.
2. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham authorized, but un-issued, is \$310,000.
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 \$150,000.
4. Total of Paragraphs 1-3: \$1,428,828
5. The anticipated interest rate on the bond is 3.16%. Assuming the issuance of \$150,000 of bond with level principal payments over a 10 year term and an estimated interest rate of 3.16%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$27,709, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid of \$177,709.

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 unanimous recommendations of the Select Board and the Finance Advisory Committee.)

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$406,636.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$29,000.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$286,991.00

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES
(continued)

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$96,994.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Town Facilities Maintenance Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$90,235.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Animal Control and Harbor Master Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$17,517.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$375,597.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$189,436.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$45,762.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$75,107.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$8,000.00

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Merrymeeting Arts Center.

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend \$5,000.00.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$732,067 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 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$746,282.00 from the Estimated Revenues Account (Non-Property Tax Revenues) to be applied to reduce the 2017 tax rate?

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

FUND BALANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to be applied to reduce the 2017 tax rate?

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

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of paying the 2009 Road Bond?

EXPLANATION: By authorizing this amount, the Town will pay the 2009 Road Bond three years early and save approximately \$7,038 in interest costs. As of May 10, 2016, the balance of the Undesignated Fund Balance is \$940,836 and is estimated to be \$1,002,432 on June 30, 2016.

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

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate a contingent amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of completing construction of a Skate Park?

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

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to fix the fifteenth day of October 2016 and the fifteenth day of April 2017 when all 2017 real estate and personal property taxes shall be due and payable in semi-annual installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at 7.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 24: 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 25: 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 26: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2017 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2016, who pay the total amount of 2017 taxes by monthly payments from July 2016 to June 30, 2017; who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town authorize the payment of any overdrafts that may occur in the Town's 2016 budget to be paid out of the fund balance?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend funds from various reserve funds, as they deem necessary, in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which said funds were established?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 29: 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 30: To see if the Town will authorize the following actions on behalf of the town: (1) to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board 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 Select Board 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 31: 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 32: 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 33: 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 34: To see if the Town will authorize the 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 ambulance service, banking, road maintenance, snow removal, curbside recycling and rubbish disposal.

ARTICLE 35: 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 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 37: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to collect Solid Waste Management User Fees for Fiscal Year 2017 at the rate of \$2.50 per bag.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to approve the recommendations of the Select Board 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.

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board's recommendation is for a \$150.00 fee per year, per truck for trucks with up to and including six (6) wheels; a fee of \$250.00 per year, per truck for trucks with more than six (6) wheels. Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 39: 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.


Given unto our hands the 10th day of May, 2016.

Town of Bowdoinham
Select Board



Wendy Cunningham, Chair

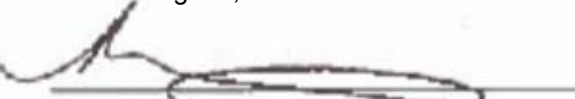
Witness to All:



M. Theresa Turgeon, Vice-Chair



William S. Post, Town Manager



Peter Lewis

Douglas Tourtelotte



Thomas Walling

ATTEST: A true copy of the 2016 Town Meeting Warrant as certified to me by the Municipal Officers of Bowdoinham on this tenth day of May A.D., 2016.

Pamela Ross



Town Clerk

