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Town Meeting

June 14, 2023 at 7:00pm

Bowdoinham Community School

23 Cemetery Road, Bowdoinham, ME, 04008



Town Hall Painting by Sarah Stapler

Incorporated September 18, 1762

17th Town in the State of Maine

Settled in 1725

Total Area of 22,176 Acres

Estimated Population– 3,016 (2020 Census Data)

Town Meeting - Select Board - Town Manager - Form of Government

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Dedication

Robert O. Lenna



Bob calling the Duck Race at Celebrate Bowdoinham!

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to Robert O. Lenna, a long- time resident who served the town as town meeting moderator for many years.

If you have been to Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting anytime over the last 33 years you will be very familiar with Robert "Bob" Lenna in his role of town meeting moderator which he did almost 50 times during that period! Bob moderated these meetings through thick and thin. There were low controversial years, highly controversial years, and everything in between. Bob showed up, always in suit and tie, to guide us through the work of approving (or not) the warrant articles. One June, during the pandemic, the venue for the Town Meeting was the baseball field. Bob showed up in the usual suit and tie – and had to admit defeat to the June heatwave when the suitcoat came off!

Bob always moderated meetings with grace, humor and equanimity. He guided us through the process of discussing and voting on the town warrant articles; ever reminding us to address our comments to him. He taught us the proper format and rules to follow when making a motion and calling for a vote. And he let us know when we were out of step. He kept us respectful and meetings orderly. For his patience with us and his professional dedication we will be ever grateful.

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday	11:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday	8:30am - 4:00pm

BOWDOINHAM SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

Tuesdays	12pm - 6pm
Thursdays	8am - 4pm
Saturdays	8am - 4pm

MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS—2023-2024

Independence Day	Tuesday	07/04/2023	Christmas	Monday	12/25/2023
Labor Day	Monday	09/04/2023	New Year's Day	Monday	01/01/2024
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday	10/09/2023	MLK, Jr. Day	Monday	01/15/2024
Veterans Day	Friday	11/10/2023	Presidents' Day	Monday	02/19/2024
Thanksgiving	Thursday	11/23/2023	Patriots Day	Monday	04/15/2024
Thanksgiving	Friday	11/24/2023	Memorial Day	Monday	05/27/2024
Christmas Eve	Friday	12/22/2023	Juneteenth	Wednesday	06/19/2024

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Bowdoinham Town Office	666-5531
Bowdoinham Web Site	www.bowdoinham.com
Bowdoinham Solid Waste & Recycling	666-3228
Animal Control	522-8816
Public Works.....	666-3503
Bowdoinham Fire Station	666-3505
Bowdoinham Community School.....	666-5546
Mount Ararat High School.....	729-2951
Mount Ararat Middle School.....	729-2950
MSAD 75	729-9961
Bowdoinham Post Office	666-3465
Bowdoinham Public Library.....	666-8405
Police, Fire, Ambulance (Emergency Only)	911
County Sheriff's Dept. (Non Emergency)	443-8201
State Police.....	1-800-452-4664
Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center	1-800-423-2900
Maine Legislative Internet Web Site:	www.legislature.maine.gov

Directory Town Departments

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- Town of Bowdoinham
- Bowdoinham Recreation Dept.
- Town of Bowdoinham Solid Waste Dept
- Bowdoinham Fire/Rescue
- Age-Friendly Bowdoinham

Animal Control
Contact: Cliff Daigle
Phone: 207-522-8816

Assessing
Contact: Cindy Namer, CMA
Email: assessing@bowdoinham.com
Office Hours: Mondays

Code Enforcement
Contact: Matthew James
Email: ceo@bowdoinham.com

Planning & Development
Contact: Yvette Meunier
Email: planning@bowdoinham.com

Emergency Management
Contact: Arthur Frizzle
Hours: By Appointment
Email: afrizzle@bowdoinham.com
Phone: 207-666-3505 (leave message)

Fire & Rescue
Contact: Arthur Frizzle, Fire Chief
Email: afrizzle@bowdoinham.com
Phone: 207-666-3505 (leave message)

General Assistance
Contact: Kelly Hodson
Email: deputytreasurer@bowdoinham.com
Hours: By Appointment

Harbor Master
Contact: John McMullen
Email: jmcmullen@bowdoinham.com

Health Officer
Contact: Susan Hobart

Public Works
Contact: Tobey Frizzle
Email: pworks@bowdoinham.com
Phone: 207-666-3503

Recreation & Age-Friendly
Contact: Jason Lamoreau
Email: recreation@bowdoinham.com &
age-friendly@bowdoinham.com
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday – 12-4pm

Solid Waste and Recycling
Contact: Bryan Benson, Director
Email: recycling@bowdoinham.com
Hours: Tuesdays 12-6pm, Thursdays 8am-4pm
and Saturdays 8am-4pm
Phone: 207-666-3228

Town Clerk
Contact: Tina Magno
Email: townclerk@bowdoinham.com

Town Manager
Contact: Nicole Briand
Email: townmanager@bowdoinham.com



Directory **Boards & Committees**

Advisory Committee on Age-Friendly Bowdoinham

Members: Ann Hartzler, Barbara Rollins, Debra Smith, George Oliver, Grace McCarthy, Karen Mayo, Peggy Muir, Mary Kelley, and Maureen Booth
Contact: Jason Lamoreau
Email: age-friendly@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: Second Monday of the Month at 1:30pm

Board of Appeals

Members: David Jones, Ed Friedman, Sylvia Hultman, William Bryan
Contact: Tina Magno
Email: townclerk@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: As Needed

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Members: Linda Temply, Elaine Diaz, Nina Mendall, Peter Mendall, Patrick O'Hanlon
Contact: Tobey Frizzle
Email: pworks@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: First Monday of Month at 4:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee

Members: Ian McConnell, Jean deBellefeuille, John Scribner, Laleah Parker, Wendy Rose
Contact: Yvette Meunier, Director of Planning & Development
Email: planning@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: First Tuesday of the Month from 6:30pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Members: David Asmussen, Jan Marks, Joanne Joy, Kimberly Bedard, Laura Arnold, Peggy Christian, Patrick O'Hanlon, Robert Schott, William, Jason Lamoreau
Contact: Yvette Meunier, Director of Planning & Development
Email: planning@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm

Finance Advisory Committee

Members: David Engler, George Christopher, Jeff Lauder, Nina Mendall, Thomas Walling
Contact: Nicole Briand, Town Manager

Planning Board

Members: Justin Schlawin, Nathan Drummond, Reeve Wood, Richard Joyce, Tracy Krueger, William Shippen
Contact: Matthew James, Code Enforcement Officer
Email: ceo@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: Fourth Thursday of the Month at 6:00pm

Select Board

Members: Allen Acker, Debra Smith, Mark Favreau, Peter Lewis, Peter Feeney
Contact: Nicole Briand, Town Manager
Email: townmanager@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month at 6:30pm

Town Hall Committee

Members: Bradford Foley, Elizabeth Steen, Paul Baines, Rachelle Tome, Sarah Stapler
Contact: Nicole Briand, Town Manager
Email: townmanager@bowdoinham.com
Schedule: Fourth Tuesdays of the Month at 4:30pm

Thank you for your service!

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their contributions to our boards and committees. If you are interested in being more involved and making an impact in our community, please consider volunteering to serve on a board or committee. Those interested can contact Nicole Briand, Town Manager at townmanger@bowdoinham.com.

Town Manager Nicole Briand

To the Citizens of Bowdoinham:

It's been another busy year in Bowdoinham.

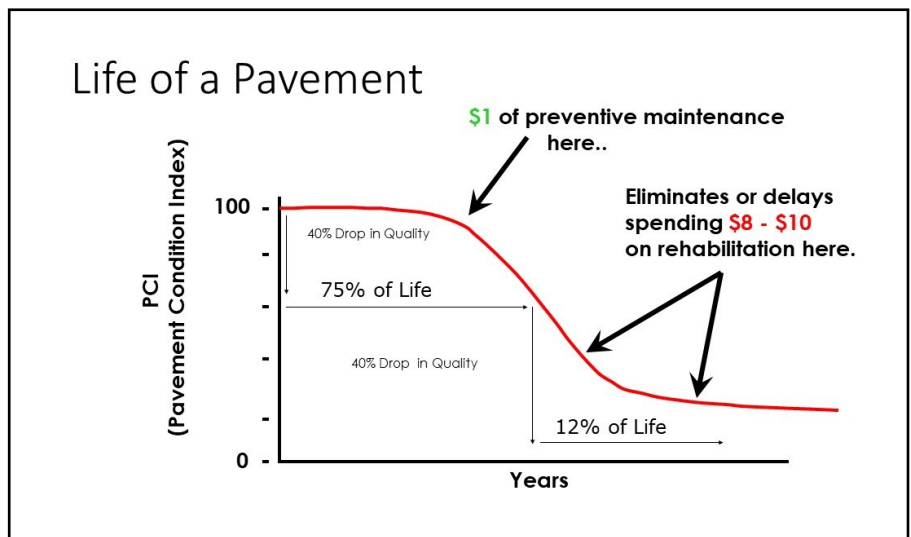
Road Projects

The paving for section 2 (middle section) of Carding Machine Road was completed with the road bond that was approved in 2021. The Mallon Brook culvert on Dingley Road was replaced with funding from a \$125,000 Stream Crossing Grant from Maine Department of Environmental Protection and a \$250,000 bond approved in 2021. A portion of Fisher Road was repaired with a portion of the 2022 road bond. The remainder of 2021 and 2022 road bonds will be used to pave “the culvert portion” of Dingley Road, Center St, Cemetery Rd, and lower Ridge Rd this summer. At this year's Town Meeting, voters will be asked to approve \$350,000 to the Public Works Reserve and up to a \$1,000,000 road bond for paving.

The \$350,000 will be used to complete ¼ width shim paving to address rutting on Browns Point Rd, Fisher Road, and section 4 of Ridge Road (Richmond end) this summer. This proposal, while not ideal, will be a “band aid” for these roads until a full shim can be completed 2025 and 2026. To complete the full shim at this time would be \$600,000. Given the deteriorating state of several of our roads, we have created an aggressive-year road plan to catch up on our road maintenance. Our goal is to implement a pavement preservation road plan.

A planned network strategy of treating pavements in good condition to maximize their useful life as cost effective as possible. The road bond is planned to complete the surface paving on Pork Point Rd, Dingley Rd, Carding Machine Rd (section 2), Wildes Rd and Abbagadasset Rd in 2024. These roads received their 2” base pavement within the last eight years, and they need to receive their 1.25” surface coat; the surface coat is recommended within three years of the base pavement.

We are asking for voter approval this year, so that we can bid this project over the winter for paving in Spring/Summer 2024. We believe this schedule provides the Town with better bid prices compared to bidding in the summer for fall work.



The third part of our plan is to be able to maintain our road shoulder and ditches to keep the water away from the road base. To accomplish this goal, the Town is proposing to purchase an excavator to clear ditch lines and regrade ditches, as necessary. With 30 miles of roads, the Town should be maintaining 10 miles of shoulders a year. Given the current state of many miles of our ditch lines, we need to clear trees and brush before we can regrade ditches.

Town Manager (continued)

Town Hall

The Town Hall Committee was formed in 2021 for the preservation and rehabilitation of Town Hall. In 2022, the Committee completed a survey to gather feedback from the public. The Committee started looking for funding opportunities and discussed building improvements such as: new flooring, roof and foundation, improved heating/cooling, lights and electrical service, interior and exterior paint. Thanks to funding from Bowdoinham Historical Society, the Town was able to hire Preservation Timber Framing to complete a study on the building, which we just received in April of 2023. Unfortunately, we learned that the building needs much more structural work to both the roof system and foundation/floor system than planned, and the decision has been made to close the building. The estimated cost for the preservation of Town Hall is \$1,400,000 based on the following estimates from Preservation Timber Framing.

The Committee asked the Select Board for a bond to address the structural work that is necessary to preserve the building:

- Sitework and drainage - \$100,000
- Jack up building - \$80,000
- Concrete below grade - \$70,000
- Foundation above grade - \$60,000
- Remove existing floor and covering - \$37,000
- Replace sills and undercarriage beams - \$153,600
- New sub floor and finish floor - \$92,000
- Stabilize bell tower - \$22,000
- Add additional shear blocking to bell tower - \$30,000
- Truss and upper timber frame repair - \$148,600
- Roof framing - \$220,000

With the goal of continuing the fundraising and volunteer efforts for the non-essential work:

- Exterior siding, trim and window - \$216,700
- Blown in Cellulose Insulation - \$17,500
- Interior Plaster Repairs - \$19,000
- Interior Painting - \$18,000
- Electrical upgrades - \$44,000
- Plumbing upgrades - \$33,000
- Heating and Cooling - \$78,000

Village Cemetery

The Town is working with Pine Tree Engineering to improve the drainage and stabilize the steep bank along the rear of the cemetery. The bank stabilization is going to be a significant project that could take many years to complete.

Recycling

The Town has hired Barton & Loguidice to complete two facility studies, one on the Recycling Barn and a second for at Public Works. We expect to have those studies completed in June. Until a decision can be made regarding a facility, the Town will continue to operate its temporary operation at Public Works. Our goal is to develop a program that meets the needs of the community as outlined by the Solid Waste Committee.

Town Manager *(continued)*

Waterfront Project

The revised project was rebid over the past winter, as the bids we received in the summer of 2022 were significantly over budget. In February, the project was awarded to Bedard Excavation for \$478,750. This first phase of construction (including the paddle put-in) and is planned for this summer.

The approved funding for the project is \$629,836:

- Boating Facilities - \$150,000 - \$75,000 grant & \$75,000 match.
- MDOT SHIP - \$479,836 - \$239,918 grant & \$239,918 match.

This funding will cover:

- Docks and ADA Float - \$40,000 Estimated
- Construction - \$478,750 for Bedard Contract
- Engineering - \$48,916 for Pine Tree Engineering Contract

After receiving approval at Town Meeting 2022, we applied for a Land and Water Conservation grant for the second phase of construction. In March, the State submitted our application for federal approval.

Town Office Improvements

Several improvements have been underway at the Town Office. Public Works converted the back storage room into an office for the Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor and built shelving for our file rooms. This has allowed our Recreation Director/Age-Friendly Coordinator to finally move out of the “kitchen” back into the old recreation office! Our Town Clerk has been working hard to reorganize our file rooms and documents, which we hope to have complete in the next year.

With our America Rescue (ARPA) Funds, the Town has nearly completed the Meeting Room Technology project. We’ve installed a camera, microphones, and TV (second one to come) so that we can now host hybrid meetings (people join in person and via zoom). We appreciate your patience as we learn the new system and continue to work out the kinks.

Next year, we hope to:

- repair our chimney, as it currently is wrapped in chicken wire,
- install heat pumps, for cooling and supplemental heat, to reduce our energy costs,
- install new locks at the Town Office for security purposes; and
- update our phone system, which is currently over 20 years old.

Energy Efficiency

In the spring of 2022, the Select Board signed a deal with the Nexamp Community Solar Farm to provide solar power to five town-owned buildings. With no up-front costs, the switch to solar power is expected to save the town 15% on its annual electricity costs. We expect the Madison solar farm project will begin generating electricity in June 2023.

The Town received a \$37,991 Community Resilience Partnership Community Action grant for two lighting conversion projects with Affinity: streetlights and the John C. Coombs Building. We expect both projects to be completed this summer. We also received funding from Efficiency Maine to help fund two heat pumps for the Planning & Development office and the Assessing and Codes office.

Town Manager (continued)

Ambulance Service

As you may have heard, the Town explored several options for ambulance service for next fiscal year, July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. We have talked with Gardiner, Richmond, Topsham, Lisbon, North East Mobile and Sagadahoc County. In the end, the only provider willing to offer us a contract was North East Mobile Health Services. Lisbon Emergency, Inc. is now our mutual aid provider, as the Town of Topsham is no longer able to cover us.

Ambulance service is in the spotlight at the State level due to the many challenges these services are facing from funding, to staffing, to hospital intake. Hopefully, over the next several years changes will be made at the State and County levels to support this essential service and our ambulance service options will evolve.

Revaluation

The Town approved \$100,000 from the undesignated fund at last year's Town Meeting. However, due to the high number of municipalities currently contracted, our revaluation is now scheduled for 2026. To address our certified ratio, the Select Board has decided to conduct a partial revaluation this year.

Our Certified Ratio Declaration Form from the State, which has Bowdoinham at 77%,. Increasing land values by 20% for our partial revaluation, would create an additional \$30,316,484 in land value. This partial revaluation will allow the Town to declare a Certified Ratio of 100%, allowing those receiving the homestead exemption to get the full \$25,000 exemption.

Staffing

We've had four new employees join our team this past year:

- Jason Lamoreau, Recreation Director and Age-Friendly Coordinator
- Yvette Meunier, Planning & Development Director
- Matt James, Code Enforcement Office and Local Plumbing Inspector
- Carrie Hawks, Assistant Town Clerk

And we've had two people join us on a temporary basis to fill vacant positions (Thank You!):

- Cindy Namer, Assessor's Agent
- Linda Jariz, Assistance Town Clerk

All of our office staff (except for me) and all of the public works staff have only been with the Town for three years or less! New staff have been busy with training and our "veterans" at 2-3 years are settling in. We've been using this opportunity to reorganize and develop and streamline our processes. We appreciate your patience and look forward to working with you!

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 townmanager@bowdoinham.com. In closing, I would like to thank the municipal employees for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank all of the Town's volunteers for your dedication to make your community a better place.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Briand

Nicole Briand,
Town Manager

Fire & Rescue **Arthur Frizzle**

It is my privilege to once again submit the annual report for Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue.

Family is an integral part of the fire service. Many times father and son or brother and sister work side by side in keeping their communities safe. The Douglass family has deep roots in Bowdoinham and the fire department. Grandfather Hartley was a long-time member, his son Rodney retired as a Deputy Chief and Rodney's son and daughter Jason and Marie were both members through their early years before moving on to start their own families and careers. Sadly, Jason passed away unexpectedly in July of 2022. Three generations of firefighters that were dedicated to protecting the safety of Bowdoinham and our residents. His passing is a profound loss for the family and one that is felt just as deeply by his extended family at Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue.

In 2022 the fire department handled 149 calls for assistance and EMS had 250.

We started in January with a fire that significantly changed the look of downtown Bowdoinham forever. The historic building at 15 Main Street was built in the early 1800's and was home to six families that lost everything. The fire originated in the downstairs laundry room and quickly spread throughout the building. Firefighters attempted to control the blaze, but the building became unstable and the floors unable to bear the weight of the crew forcing us to fight the fire from outside. Due to the extensive damage, fire that was still actively burning and an anticipated blizzard with heavy winds on its way it was determined that the safest option was to knock the building down. Once the building was on the ground crews were able to fully extinguish the fire and in the end nobody, occupants or firefighters, were injured.

We ended the year with a vehicle that struck a tree and burst into flames. The occupants, a mother and her 2-month-old child, were trapped in the vehicle. Several motorists and residents helped to pull the mother from the driver's seat and Bowdoinham firefighters were able to access the rear of the van and extract the child unharmed. This certainly could have been a much different ending if not for the quick thinking and selflessness of all those involved.

During most of the summer the fire department was relocated to the Public Works facility on Pond Road. We did this while the driveway was being regraded and resurfaced which will hopefully help move the rain water to drainage areas instead of back into the truck bays. At the request of the contractor we held off for nearly two months before allowing any traffic or fire trucks back onto the freshly paved surface. This allowed time for the pavement to setup and cure properly. We took advantage of the vacant truck bays to seal our floors and add safety lines to assist when backing in. Those driving by the station may have also noticed that our Fire Department sign and the signboard by the Post Road have both been removed. The elements finally took their toll and we decided it was time to replace them. Unfortunately timing and mother nature didn't fully cooperate so it is a work in progress that we will be completed in early spring.

Bowdoinham is fortunate to have a dedicated group of men and women that are willing to volunteer their time to support our community. The reality is that volunteers, especially in public safety, are quickly becoming a thing of the past. The time commitment alone is enough to give pause, add to that initial and continuing training requirements as well as calls at all times of the day or night and the prospects drop considerably. We are slowly seeing our membership dwindle while our call volume continues to rise. If you are interested in volunteering with a fantastic group of people, consider joining us. We meet every Monday evening, stop by the station and see what we are all about.

As always, thank you for your continued support and thank you to the men and women that work hard to keep Bowdoinham safe.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Arthur Frizzle

Planning & Development Department Yvette Meunier

The department processes applications that need to go before the Planning Board. Most commonly, that includes subdivision projects and commercial projects that may have adverse impacts to natural resources or neighbors. Due to the limited zoning in Bowdoinham, most commercial uses can occur anywhere, if they meet the applicable performance standards for site plan approval. This setup requires a lot of Planning Board oversight to prevent conflicts between new commercial and existing residential uses. This year the staff guided applicants and assisted the Planning Board in processing four site plan permit applications and a subdivision application. The Planning Board also performed their annual review of the Land Use Ordinance.



Staff support the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC), which is working to update the 2014 Comprehensive Plan, and assist with the implementation of the plan's recommendations. In 2022 the CPC hired facilitator Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions who facilitated two public meetings and the collection of survey data to produce an updated vision of what the community wants to honor about its past, and plan for in the future. The feedback gathered from the community has resulted in two additional subcommittees devoting more focus on supporting an age friendly and resilient community.

In 2022, the CPC completed resiliency self-assessments and held a public forum to discuss findings and prioritize future priority actions to address natural hazards and climate change impacts in order to join the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future's Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) program. Through the CRP the Town of Bowdoinham applied for and received a Community Action Grant to replace 47 streetlights and 68 lighting fixtures in the Bowdoinham Town Office with LEDs, saving the town an estimated \$9,000 in annual electricity costs.

Community and Economic Development work is funded through two TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts. The first was approved at the Town Meeting in June 2000, then amended at the Town Meeting in June 2019; 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. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) has been working on amending the CMP TIF for another 10 years which will be considered during the 2023 Town Meeting.

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.

CDAC continues to work on programs and projects to strengthen local businesses. In 2022 the Committee upgraded and maintained the Cathance Meadow Trails; enhanced the online business directory, and researched non-motorized paddle put-in locations closer to the bay; and created new residential and business informational packets. The Committee continues to work closely with CPC to update the Comprehensive Plan with a continued focus on supporting existing and future businesses and community groups.

Planning & Development Department (continued)

The Merrymeeting Trail is a 25-mile planned trail and bikeway connecting Topsham, Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Gardiner, running along the unused Lower Road rail corridor and linking the Kennebec River Rail Trail in Augusta to the Androscoggin River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path in Brunswick. In 2022, the Merrymeeting Trail Board of Supervisors submitted a request to Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to consider temporary use of the rail corridor as a trail. MDOT has created a Rail Corridor Use Advisory Council which is currently considering this request, with a recommendation expected in late Summer 2023.

Department staff support the project with marketing, communications, and outreach work as the trail concept makes these major strides of progress.

In 2022 work continued on the implementation of the Waterfront Master Plan, which was approved at Town Meeting 2019. The town issued a request for bids this spring for a portion of the project. Unfortunately, bids were high due to the supply chain and labor uncertainty, and thus were all rejected. The town will pursue bids for an amended project in early 2023. Additionally, the town applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund a large portion of the project. The grant award announcement is anticipated in 2023. The initial buildout work will also include an ADA compliant non-motorized boat launch facility and associated access and shoreline stabilization work which are being funded the Maine Boating Facilities Fund through the Bureau of Parks and Lands, and the Maine Small Harbor Improvement Program through the Department of Transportation, with matching funds coming from the TIF district will include.

The Summer Concert Series and Celebrate Bowdoinham were both held in 2022.

As the pandemic loosened up the Holiday Festival resulted in more in-person events. Activities included Santa's annual fire truck ride, the Guild of Artisans show and sale, a holiday wreath workshop to benefit the Bowdoinham Library, pony parade, the Merrymeeting Arts Holiday Fair, the Church of Nazarene's Victorian Christmas, a cookie decorating party at the Merrymeeting Food Pantry, the Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair, and a dance party at Watersong Music.

We are happy to announce that the Open Farm Day & Art Trail was back after a brief hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As always, The Bowdoinham News issues six volumes per year in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

For more information on The Bowdoinham News or information related to the Planning & Development department, please contact Yvette Meunier Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531, or planning@bowdoinham.com, or you can visit the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com) or Facebook page.

My sincere thanks to Jennifer Curtis, the former Director of Planning and Development and the committee volunteers which have worked extremely hard in 2022 to shepherd the community's vision for the future. I look forward to seeing through the many town improvements slated for the upcoming years and advancing new initiatives too.

Respectfully Submitted, Yvette Meunier
Director of Planning & Development



Public Works
Tobey Frizzle, Foreman

The Public works Department is responsible for the winter maintenance of 45.61 miles of road that are plowed and treated. A mile is measured by the center line and therefore, the total mileage that is plowed and treated is 91.22 miles. It takes approximately 2 to 2.5 hours to plow each route one time.

The winter of 2022-23 has been decent. There has only been a few storms that have been difficult. With the early spring-like weather, it has made our gravel roads a mess with potholes, rutting and mud. The crew have been working hard to minimize the inconvenience that this causes.

This construction season public works will be completing the shoulder work on Dingley Road and road-side tree/brush cutting, to prepare for ditch and shoulder work on other town ways.

We will continue to work on our town's cemeteries and road improvement projects.

I would like to thank the citizens of Bowdoinham for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Tobey Frizzle
Public Works Foreman

Solid Waste & Recycling
Bryan Benson

Greetings Bowdoinham Residents,

The Solid Waste and Recycling Department is pleased to offer a variety of services to town residents and businesses. These services include single source recycling located at our 121 Pond Rd. facility on the back side of Public Works.

We also manage several other items for recycling. Many of these items require special handling and/or disposal. These items include: Light bulbs containing Mercury such as Fluorescent bulbs, Architectural paints, Scrap metals, Electronic devices and Freon-containing appliances.

Twice a year we hold a Bulky Waste Collection day where residents can dispose of large item such as mattresses, chairs, couches, construction debris and other large items.

New this year we added Christmas tree recycling and have teamed up with Hobart farms for food waste disposal which is used in the manufacturing process of compost.

Earth day roadside clean up was a success thanks to the many volunteers that donated their time.

Residents can keep up to date by monitoring the town's website and following us on our Facebook page.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Bowdoinham for their continued support and to thank the hard-working staff for making this program work during these ever-changing times in the recycling industry.

Respectfully Submitted. Bryan Benson
Solid Waste Director

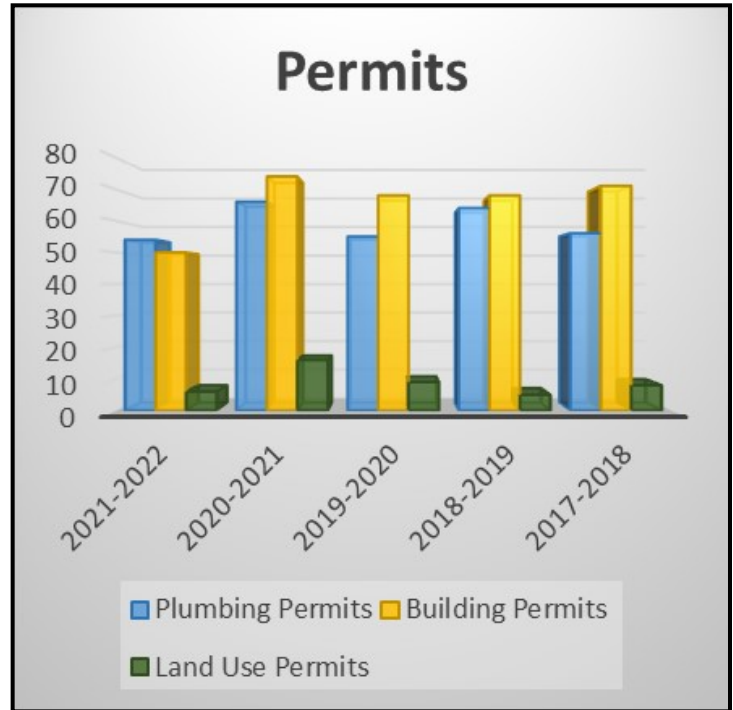
Code Enforcement Officer
Darren Carey & Matthew James

The Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector is responsible for the permitting of land use projects, internal plumbing, subsurface wastewater disposal systems and construction projects. Along with the permitting of projects, it is the responsibility of the CEO/LPI to perform inspections. These inspections are to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local rules, laws and ordinances.

Another duty of the CEO is to investigate complaints and report violations. The main goal of the department is to seek voluntary compliance with the Land Use Ordinance.

The CEO issued a total of fifty (50) building permits down from seventy-four (74) the previous year. There was a total of fourteen (14) Single-Family dwellings permitted. The CEO is also responsible for issuing Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain, and Land Use permits.

The LPI issued a total of fifty-four (54) plumbing permits.



Year	Total Fees Collected	Plumbing Permits	Building Permits	Land Use Permits
2021-2022	\$14,478	54	50	6
2020-2021	\$16,689	66	74	16
2019-2020	\$15,689	55	68	9
2018-2019	\$19,747	64	68	5
2017-2018	\$20,063	56	71	8

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

Health Officer
Susan Hobart, R.N.

Covid has become less of a threat with vaccinations and treatment options available; however, we must continue to be vigilant. Many safety protocols are here to stay for the protection of us all. Other health enforcement issues were resolved without the Town's involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hobart, R.N.

Vital Statistics Tina Magno

In Loving Memory of our Bowdoinham Friends and Family

Decedent Name	Date of Death	Decedent Name	Date of Death
Christina Julia Tome	March 4th	Donald W Dulac	August 20th
Deborah Ann Dunhar	March 9th	Betty D Weaver	September 1st
Gabriel John Mullet	March 15th	Gladys Lebron Reyes	September 16th
Jeanne C Cimmino	March 27th	Penny S Fox	October 13th
David Allen II Veinott	April 1st	Samuel B Tome	October 23rd
David Dwight Hutchins	April 19th	Edna M Seeley	November 4th
Esther E Dean	May 1st	Glendon Winston Tremblay	November 4th
Thomas Cochrane	May 15th	Paul Andrew Scherzer	November 11th
Linda S Rice	June 4th	Elaine N Trubee	November 26th
Stephen Daniel Dolan	June 13th	Kathryn P Conley	December 20th
Stephen Frederick Van Cour	July 3rd	Donald C Dunn	December 20th
Total Deaths 2022		22	

There were 27 births in 2022

Congratulations to our Bowdoinham Newlyweds!

Party A Current Name	Party B Current Name	Date of Marriage
Donna Marie Megquier	Valarie Jean Huff	February 1st
Holly Allen Wadman	John IV Gwozdz	February 12th
Kelsy Loris Ouellette	Jaxon Nicholas Richard	February 20th
Rhonda Irene Real	Matthew Cornell Hopkins	February 24th
Elia Rose Atkinson	Eric Benjamin Oliver	May 21st
Kasey Rebecca Almy	Francis J III Reese	May 27th
Heather Pearson Seymour	Kyle Aaron Downs	June 18th
Rachel Channing Eramo	Kenneth M Jr Chase	June 23rd
Morgan R Harrington	James L Bradley	June 23rd
Clare Justi Stansberry	Michael Francis Ben-Zvi	June 28th
Terri Marie Bell	Christopher Philip Rose	July 15th
Roxie Ann Dumont	Frederick W Snowdeal	July 16th
Emma Marie Schneider	Matthew C Holloway	July 16th
Katelyn E Doughty	Seamus M Fitzpatrick	July 30th
Amand Louise Patchell	Corey Joseph Lent	July 30th
Madeline Grace Winston	Braden Todd Curtis	August 8th
Pamela Lynne Karr	Colt Frederick Carter	October 15th
Marilyn K Mandich	Alexander C Poliakoff	December 10th
Total Marriages		18

Town Clerk
Tina Magno

2022, was a very busy year, I have finished updating our voter list for the Town of Bowdoinham.

I have organized all our Marriage, Death and Birth records from 2017 and before. We are constantly organizing all the records and materials we have here in the office and hope to have records readily available to our Town.

I would like to give a very much appreciated thank you to the dedicated, knowledgeable, and so helpful Election Clerks who took the time to come and help during some busy times during these Elections. You make it so effortless and as smooth as possible, and I cannot thank you enough. *Leslie Barker, Kirsten Coker, Caroline Hawks, Donald Lamoreau, Robert Lamoreau, Linda Williams, Elaine Diaz, Lynne Smith, Stephen Smith, Rachel Wildes, Karen Mayo, Thomas Walling, Wendy Rose, Leanna Swilley, and Jason Hodde.* Thank you to the Town Staff for all your efforts in helping Elections run smoothly in the office.

A sincere thank you to Public Works, Tobey Frizzle, Brian Benson, Brittany Bodinet and Thomas Egan for your hard work with the set-up and break down of all the Election equipment. You all are amazing. I couldn't do what I do without you, and you don't get enough praise for all you do!!

Thank you to Rachelle Tome, our New Warden, who came on in June as a Deputy Warden and took over the Warden position in November. Her patience, friendliness and knowledge of the area has made for an easy transition into the new role. We still had Nora Bishop in the Warden role, but she has stepped down to the Deputy Warden this year and plans to move on to just volunteering in future Elections. Nora's knowledge of all things Elections and of this community has given me a wealth of knowledge and helped me as each Election time has come around. All her dedication and support to the Town and me during Elections was very valuable.

Maine Voting system has issued an Inactive Voter list, I have sent letters out to those addresses and voters.

Dog Information has been updated in our records. Anyone who no longer has a dog, or has a new dog, we would still love to hear about your information to have for our records.

2023, my main goal is to make sure our office is updated with all the correct information we can get from our customers. We may at times be asking for Birthdates, Phone numbers and Addresses. This is to help us run smoothly in case any errors are found or issues need taken care of. We will do our best to make sure you are informed and updated as much as possible on all future Town meetings and Elections.

Thank you all again for such a great year and all the wonderful comments on how much you have enjoyed coming back into the Town Office. We hope to make it even better in the coming years!

Sincerely,
Tina L. Magno, Town Clerk

Maine District Budget Meeting
May 19, 2022 – Maine School Administration
District 75 Budget Referendum
23 Articles on the Meeting Agenda
Board voted on Article 13: Yes 55 / No 22
Article 14: Yes 69 / No 3
Article 15:..... Yes 54 / No 20
Article 16:..... Yes 55 / No 19
Bowdoinham in attendance was under 10

June Election
June 14, 2022– Primary Election
Democratic Votes 188
Republican Votes 102
Improvement Bond Referendum Vote – Yes 279/
No 62
Budget Referendum Vote..... Yes 268/ No 69

Town Meeting
June 15, 2022 – Special Town Meeting
52 Articles on the Meeting Agenda
252 Voters attended the Meeting out of 2626 voters as of 06/14/2022
Articles voted on:
Article 8: Yes 131 / No 116 / 1 Blank
Article 13:..... Yes 48 / No 45 / 0 Blanks
Article 31:..... Yes 56 / No 5 / 0 Blanks

Elections
November 8, 2022 – General Election
Total Number of Ballots Cast 1791 In person/
Absentee
UOCAVA Voters 10
Total for Bowdoinham – 1801

Cemetery Sexton Frank Connors

Greetings, good citizens of Bowdoinham,

Another year has passed, and I can tell you I believe your cemeteries are in good hands! Bowdoinham has some 60 cemeteries (plus or minus) and her townspeople are lucky, and should be proud, there is a healthy nucleus of residents willing to support this unique and wonderful resource. Bowdoinham is still one of only a few towns in Maine with an active Cemetery Sexton, plus a hard working Supervisory Committee to oversee cemetery activities. Bowdoinham is also VERY fortunate to have a Public Works Director and department, that always seems ready, willing, and capable of spending time mowing and maintaining many of these yards.

This past year, your Sexton and the Cemetery Advisory Committee has spent lots of time reviewing and upgrading the Town's Cemetery Superintendence policy, a document that has had no comprehensive reviews since 1999. At this writing, the revisions have gone to our Selectmen and are awaiting approval.

Last year, we supervised some 26 burials in Bowdoinham, and I'm please to advise you that more than 350 veteran's graves, in 36 cemeteries, were marked with flags for Memorial Day. You should know we've created an alphabetized list of local veterans, we update it each year, and if you know of a veteran buried in our town NOT receiving a flag, contact me or the Town Office, and we'll fix it.

This year, with policy reviews behind us and the Pandemic on the wane, it is our hope to spend even more time restoring our cemeteries. If you'd like to help by becoming a Cemetery Keeper, or common laborer looking for VERY rewarding projects, just call me with your questions, offers, and comments. I'm always just a few minutes away.

Thank you for the privilege of serving our Town of Bowdoinham.
Frank Connors

Harbor Master John McMullen

As the Cathance River and Merrymeeting Bay waterways become more crowded, boaters need to learn to watch their wakes. With excessive speed in such close quarters our wakes threaten the safety of the many paddlers using the river and potential damage to shoreline docks and plant life. The Cathance River is approximately 400-450 feet wide at its widest point during high tide, and less at low. Maine State Boating Law requires a boat to operate at headway speed within 200 feet of any shoreline. Although a good percentage of powerboats do abide (and thank you to those of you who do) by this requirement a need for improvement remains. So please, when boating on the Cathance - **"SLOW NO WAKE"**. It's for a reason.

The town harbor has space for anyone interested in installing a mooring. Contact me for details.

Make safety your foremost concern whenever you are on the water. Sign up for a boater's safety course with the US Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Animal Control Officer
Cliff Daigle

A few friendly reminders:

- All dogs 6 months and older must have a license in the State of Maine and they must have a current State of Maine Rabies Certificate.
- If a dog is spayed or neutered, bring that certificate with you when you register them.
- All dogs kept outside must be provided with proper shelter. This means the shelter must have four walls, a roof, and be waterproof.
- If chained, the dog's chain must be at least five times the size of the dog.

Programs in Operation during 2022:

- Rabies prevention program
- Interactive program with the community policing in the area
- Emergency program for animals of Bowdoinham
- Animal Response Team
- EMH Program for animals in danger of storms/disaster
- Animal Food Program with area Food Bank and Shelter for the Town's people in need
- Train with Sheriff and Fire Departments on what to do with animals they may encounter and how to get the Animal Response Team out to help

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

Cliff Daigle, Animal Control Officer



Harbor Master
(continued)

Reminders:

- Always check the weather and water temperature before going boating
- Always notify someone who can report your delay/non-return
- Always wear your life jacket (mandatory age 10 and under in Maine)
- Tie up time on the dock is limited to 2 hours. If your vessel is disabled or there is a critical need beyond 2 hours, contact the harbor master.
- In case of emergency, please put owner information on dinghies tied up at the dinghy dock.
- There is a charge for spaces on the kayak racks which are reserved for the season. Do not put your kayak in an empty space on the rack unless you have rented the space through the town office.

To ensure your boat is safe from bow to stern get your free Vessel Safety Check. It could save your life and the lives of your loved ones. Call the harbor master for an appointment.

If you have any questions, or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me by email at jmcmullen@bowdoinham.com.

John McMullen
Harbor Master

Recreation & Age-Friendly Jason Lamoreau

The Recreation Department's Mission Statement:

*To reach all residents from pre-school to teens to adults of all ages
to connect you with Wellness and Community based opportunities.*

I would like to introduce myself to those who do not already know me. My name is Jason Lamoreau and I am the newly appointed Recreation Director and Older Adult Services Coordinator. I am a life-long Bowdoinham Resident along with my wife Crystal and our four children ranging from elementary school to college aged. I am also a volunteer Fire Fighter and EMT in Bowdoinham. I am excited to take on this new role and interact with other Residents of Bowdoinham. My first mission was to bring our Recreation activities, registrations, facility reservations, scheduling, communication, snack shack sales (and more) online. This was accomplished in January 2023 with the new Recreation website www.BowdoinhamRec.com. We are now fully integrated online and available for registrations 24 hours a day!

Many of our programs and collaborations extend beyond Bowdoinham. The Recreation Dept serves residents by developing programs, continuing annual expectations and informing you of surrounding community programs and events.

Summary of Programs/Activities of 2022-23

Basketball: K-6th grade 70 children/20+ volunteers to coach, keep the book and run the clock. K, 1st and 2nd is our "Little Dribblers" program with high school level players and coaches that focuses on drills/skills to prepare for team play. Many 3-6th graders go on to play an extended season with the Ararat Youth Basketball League travel teams. Teams include a combination of players from every town in our district.

Baseball/Softball/T-ball: K-7th grade 7 teams/105 children/15+ volunteer coaches, volunteer umpers, field support, snack shack coordinator and countless parent involvement. We also hosted the Maine 9U Cal Ripken Baseball State Championship this year! Many players go on to play an extended season in the all-stars in our Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth League. Teams include a combination of players from every town in our district.

Celebrate Bowdoinham: Recreation Field and New Trail/Picnic Area Activities

Cross Country Running: 1st-5th grades 2023 marks our first year with our own team as part of the Coastal Running League.

Lost Valley: 3rd – 7th grade Bowdoinham students participate in Friday night skiing and snowboarding lessons (along with other district schools) in Jan/Feb. Other residents can get discounted lift tickets.

Earth Day: Bowdoinham Boy Scouts and Recreation Dept supporters.

Winter Activities: Ice Skating Rink/X-County Ski Trails were groomed/Sledding hill at the rec fields. Free Lending: Cross Country Skis/Boots and Skates available at town office. Family Swim Sundays at Bowdoin College free for all.

Adult Pickleball: Specific scheduled times in the school gymnasium then moves to the basketball court.

Adult Volleyball: Indoors in the Community School Gym winter/ Rec fields summer.

Adult Walking: Outdoor walking trails year round

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham: See town Calendar on the website for activities

Committees: Ferrier Scholarship, Safety Committee for the Town of Bowdoinham, Advisory Committee for Age-Friendly Bowdoinham.

Fundraising Efforts Continuous within every season including the Snack Shack use, increased "out of town" sponsorships, homerun fence banners to reduce program registration fees. Basketball concession, discounted ticket sales.

Looking for Volunteers to Support Additional Programs:

Walking/Running Group for 2nd-5th grade
Instructors K-2nd grade basketball/Youth
Tennis/Kayaking/Archery
The more volunteer expertise, the more opportunities for everyone ages 1-101.

Committee for Age-Friendly Bowdoinham **Maureen Booth & Margaret Muir Co-chairs**

This past year has seen the full resumption of Age Friendly activities following a slowdown during the pandemic and an expansion of our efforts in several important areas.

Any report on the Committee's progress must begin with the arrival of Jason Lamoreau as the Town's Older Adults Services Coordinator. Jason is a lifetime resident of Bowdoinham and already has assumed a critical role in initiating ideas, managing projects and serving as a critical liaison to the community.

Scheduled Activities

On a weekly basis, the Committee sponsors the following activities:

- **Bridge:** an average number of 11 participants meets Wednesday mornings at the Fire House. This past year the Club also offered a series of classes for beginners.
- **Cribbage:** an average of 7 residents meet on Thursday mornings at the Merrymeeting Hall to play cribbage.
- **Yoga:** under the Instruction of Anita Goller, yoga classes occur each Tuesday afternoons upstairs at the Merrymeeting Hall. On average, there are 9 participants.
- **Line Dancing:** George Oliver has led 6-8 dancers each Tuesday evening upstairs in Merrymeeting Hall and at the Farmers' Market during the summer months.

Since October 2022, the Committee has held monthly luncheons where an average of 40 residents come together for a home-cooked meal and social interaction. A special shout-out to Judy Hardin, Leslie Anderson and Deb Smith for planning, shopping for and preparing delicious meals and to the many others who help set up and do kitchen duty.

Programs and Events

Mind Your Health. In collaboration with the Richmond Area Health Center, the Committee sponsored a six-part series on understanding the connection between our physical and mental health.

Winter kits. The Committee distributed over 50 kits to older adults and those at risk for use in a power outage or emergency. Items for the kit were funded through donations by Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue, Home Depot, the Food Pantry and grants from the Maine Center on Aging and Home Care of Maine.

Medical Equipment Loan Program. Working with Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue, the Committee helps to oversee a loan program that provides medical equipment and adaptive devices to residents on a short and long term basis. If you have equipment you no longer use or need, please call the Town Office,

Tax Prep: The Committee joined with CASH Maine, a collaborative of volunteer organizations, to help residents prepare their taxes. A second session was held 4/10.

Rides in Neighbors' Cars, a volunteer-led independent program since 2015, has offered non-emergency transportation to residents age 60 and older and people with disabilities who are unable to drive on a short term or permanent basis. In 2022, the program provided 358 rides accounting for 628 volunteer hours and 10,393 miles.

Sand Brigade. Each winter, the Town provides a large pile of sand at the Waterfront for residents to access. The Sand Bucket Brigade, run by Fire House volunteers, will deliver a 5-gallon bucket of sand to residents unable to access their own.

The Handy Brigade is run by volunteers of the Village Lodge Masonic Hall to help older residents in Town with simple home repairs or chores.

Committee for Age-Friendly Bowdoinham *(continued)*

Major Committee Accomplishments

- Received a Lifelong Community Fellowship award and grant through the Maine Center on Aging to assist the Committee in its efforts to better serve at-risk residents.
- Received a grant from Home Care for Maine to help fund winter emergency kits.
- Conducted Listening Sessions with Town leaders whose work brings them into close contact with older and isolated residents. We learned that there is a general lack of awareness about available services and insufficient coordination across services.
- Developed a working relationship with the Comprehensive Planning Committee to add an age friendly section to the 2024-2034 Comprehensive Plan.
- Re-designed the Town's Age Friendly Website for easier access..
- Updated the Resource Directory of local services and resources to assist residents access assistance and care.

Future Opportunities and Challenges

The increase in the number of older residents in Town was borne out in the 2020 Census where we learned that nearly one out of every 3 residents in Bowdoinham is 60 years of age and older.

Although often we just focus on the personal and societal challenges of aging, older adults make significant contributions to the social and civic life of Bowdoinham through their leadership, skills, mentorship, volunteerism and willingness to play vital roles in sustaining programs, events, and opportunities for residents of all ages. Think of the extensive involvement of volunteers in the operation of the Food Pantry, Library, Rides in Neighbors' Cars, Arts Center, and Town Committees and then think of those same programs without the help of older volunteers. Our economic base also depends on the taxes and spending of older adults.

Along with the benefits accruing to our community from our older residents, investments also are needed to assure that Bowdoinham is a place where people can live and thrive as they age. Through its work, the Committee advocates for private and public investments in key areas such as affordable housing, in-home supports, wellness and prevention services, safe walkways and crosswalks and access to buildings, open spaces and programs. Outreach and assistance to at-risk and isolated individuals especially in times of emergency.

Creating an age friendly community is not about developing special and separate solutions that look at the needs of our older residents apart from everyone else. The Committee's vision is to foster an environment where all ages can live, work, learn and play safely, without barriers and with equal access. That means whether you are pushing a stroller, using a rollator or temporarily infirmed, the life, resources, buildings, and open spaces of Bowdoinham are open to you to the fullest extent possible. An Age-friendly Bowdoinham makes us a Town of choice for all generations - a great place to live, raise a family and stay as you age. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer to serve on the Committee or work on one of its projects, please contact Jason Lamoreau at the Town Office.

Meeting Schedule:

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30pm
at the Coombs Town Office building.

Cemetery Advisory Committee
Elaine Diaz, Vice Chair / Nina Mendall, Chair

2022 saw these projects in the works:

- Regular care and oversight of twelve of Bowdoinham’s cemeteries on a continuous basis under the caring direction of Tobey Frizzle, Foreman Bowdoinham Public Works.
- Continued finetuning of the document named Policy for Superintendence and Management of Bowdoinham Cemeteries which will spell out the responsibilities of the Select Board, Town Manager, Public Works Foreman, Sexton and members of the Cemetery Advisory Committee both in accordance with Maine statutes as well as Bowdoinham’s own respect for their 60+ named cemeteries and plots.
- Continued codifying the 80+ reported sites of burials, building from historic references, to recommend exact names for each cemetery, exact locations with GPS coordinates (former member Linda Williams spent many hours building this database) and what level of care can be afforded each site. Our starting place was the 1977 maps and names listed in the Bowdoinham Historical Society website.
- Continued evaluation of cemeteries to outline needed upkeep—Linda Temple and Elaine Diaz are zealous in this effort. Both Linda and Elaine work with volunteer keepers, recruiting keepers and attending to their upkeep needs.
- Storage of the Cemetery Committee documents and supplies have been moved to the Public Works facility. This will greatly assist access for historical documents, records, maps and supplies in one central location.
- Survey of tall monuments and obelisks at the two largest cemeteries to evaluate endangered stones. One monument in the Ridge Road Cemetery was saved from imminent collapse and 16 more have been identified in the Village Burying Ground and the Ridge Road Cemetery for stabilization in 2023.
- The Committee invites any interested parties to join in stone cleaning and landscaping efforts this coming 2023 summer and autumn. We will have stone cleaning training sessions, so please watch for announcements. We welcome all assistance in the honoring of our beloved ancestors.

Nina Mendall, Chair
Bowdoinham Cemetery Advisory Committee

M. Elaine Diaz, Vice Chair
Term Expires: 06/30/2025

Patrick James O’Hanlon
Term Expires: 06/30/2024

Cassandra Hensley
Term Expires: 06/30/2025

Linda Temple, Co-Volunteer Coordinator
Term Expires: 06/30/2024

Nina Mendall, Chair
Term Expires: 06/30/2024

Linda Williams, Secretary
Term Expires: 06/30/2024

Peter J. Mendall
Term Expires: 06/30/2024

Contact Tobey Frizzle, Public Works Foreman
pworks@bowdoinham.com
207-666-3503

Meeting Schedule:

The Cemetery Advisory Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 4:00pm in either the Kendall Room or the Graduate Room at the Coombs Town Office building.

Community Development Advisory Committee **Wendy Rose, Chair 2022 / Jean de Bellefeuille, Chair 2023**

The Community Development Advisory Committee provides advice to the Select Board regarding community development (initiatives) and activities. Primary guidance for the committee is the town Comprehensive Plan with specific details coming through the Town Planner, Jennifer Curtis. (At the end of the year 2022, Jennifer left her position for another opportunity. We look forward to working with Yvette Meunier.)

The projects the committee addressed in 2022:

Paddle Put-In

CDAC researched a possible access to Merrymeeting Bay for non-powered boat launching that is significantly closer than the town boat launch at Philip Maily Park. It is about 3 miles from the park launch to the bay, while from the proposed put-in on the Abagadasset River, the distance is less than a mile. (Our initial investigation started in the Autumn of 2021 and identified several favorable spots.)

CDAC communicated with CMP for sites on CMP property. CMP was amenable to paddle put-in use. The committee then contacted owners of abutting property with the majority responding negatively.

The committee plans to research alternatives to the Abagadasset option at a future date. (We have also asked the Comprehensive Planning Committee to include the development of an Open Space Plan in the new Comprehensive Planning document due in 2024.)

Solar Source for municipal electricity

After a great deal of research, public meetings, and informational articles, CDAC recommended a Power Purchase Agreement with ReVision Energy to provide solar electricity for the town's electric needs. The final decision of the Select Board was to reject this proposal with a vote of 2 yes, 3 no. The Select Board chose another source for solar power which was to go in effect in November, 2022.

Waterfront Park, Trail Building

The 20 acre Waterfront Park property is a special focus of the CDAC. The projected installment of a new paddle put-in for 2022 had to be postponed because of the extreme increase in bids for the work. Instead, we turned our attention to upgrading the trails throughout the property. With assistance from Dr. Ellie Grodin, our team worked on identifying and eliminating brown tail moth infestations before the nests hatched. We then had a volunteer workday grooming and marking three trails throughout the parcel. Many thanks to the Public Works Department for helping with the trails and to our team of volunteers who did the work. In addition, Hillary Olson built two new benches for the Cathance River Trails, which have been installed.

Business Directory

CDAC addressed the Business Directory that had been established in 2018 and only sporadically maintained. The committee evaluated the listings, contacted the business owners to validate and update their listings, updated those listings, deleted those no longer doing business and authored the document "SOP Bowdoinham Business Directory", which contains procedures and instructions to maintain the Business Directory. The committee expedited some improvements to the business categories, generated a business directory export program and trimmed the directory. There are approximately 80 businesses in the directory.

Meeting Schedule:

The Community Development Advisory Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Coombs Town Office building.

Community Development Advisory Committee (continued)

CMP TIF

CDAC will be proposing a vote to extend the CMP TIF for the final 10 years that is allowed during Town Meeting, 2023. Articles and public meetings throughout the spring explained the reasons for this extension.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The action items identified as belonging to CDAC were reviewed and the open items will carry into 2023. This is a partial list:

- Attract complimentary businesses into town
- Support existing businesses and community groups
- Identify and publish resources and education for starting and running a business
- Research and provide recommendations on town infrastructure
- Update plans for TIF funds
- Support Waterfront Development
- Research PFAS and report findings

New Resident and New Business packets

50 welcome packets for new businesses and 50 packets for new residents have been assembled and are ready to be used in the town office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean de Bellefeuille, Chair
CDAC members: Ian McConnell, Lee Parker, Wendy Rose, John Scribner

Town Hall Committee Paul Baines, Chair

Bowdoinham's Town Hall holds many special memories for our community. From school plays, Prize Speaking competitions sponsored by the Toastmasters, Miss Bowdoinham pageants, variety shows and dances. Many local folks have used the Town Hall for family celebrations such as weddings, anniversaries and birthdays.

Town Hall Committee members have been meeting through the winter to determine next steps for improving and restoring the building. We're looking forward to a report in March from Preservation Timber Framing.

Preserving the Town Hall will be a community efforts, through fundraising, volunteering for work projects and supporting Town initiatives. Let us know if you'd like to help and we'll add your name to our list. Just contact the Town Office. In the meantime, you can help by buying a Town Hall 2023 calendar or note cards. Donations are also gladly accepted. Funds can be sent directly to the Town of Bowdoinham and earmarked for the Town Hall.

Meeting Schedule:

The Town Hall Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm
at the Coombs Town Office building.

Comprehensive Planning Committee **Joanne Joy, Chair**

The Vision for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, which sets the overall intention of the 10-year guidance document, was completed and approved following two public meetings and the collection of surveys. Craig Freshly of Good Group Decisions facilitated the vision process for the 2024 plan as he did for the 2014 version. The Vision is shared here as it is a key document for all the goals, and recommendations in the plan.

Vision

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

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

Bowdoinham is a place where small businesses thrive. Farmers, artisans, and local entrepreneurs feel welcome and supported here. Environmentally friendly practices are especially welcome. In Bowdoinham, rugged individualism is not at odds with a strong sense of community.

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

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

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

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

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

Comprehensive Planning Committee (continued)

Housing has received a lot of attention this year. Topics have included income and ages of our community members in order to inform the entire plan and are central to the issues of housing.

- Housing for older community members – about 1/3 of all community members are currently ages 60-69 and many want to stay in Bowdoinham as they grow older.
- Housing for younger individuals and families – the Bowdoinham Community School reports the earliest grades are some of the largest groups of students ever!
- Discussions about a Historic District continue.
- Following two community conversations hosted by BCDI and the CPC, increased density in the Village I and II districts are prioritized, and changes for some land use ordinances will be proposed to support the increased density. Bowdoinham Water District assured the committee that there is abundant water and options for developers to connect along the existing pipelines.
- It is also important to look at the land use ordinances for the Agricultural/Residential District to support farming, open spaces, emerging housing needs, as well as businesses.

Additional concerns are being discussed by two ad hoc committees 1) assuring Bowdoinham provides for an Age Friendly Community, and 2) is Bowdoinham linked to the resources that support health and public health in the age of weather extremes, increased insect borne disease and other public health topics.

Thanks go to Jennifer Curtis for her support through December of 2022, and a big welcome to Yvette Meunier for stepping into those shoes to support the final year of the planning for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan efforts and committee. Yvette joined Bowdoinham as the Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Bowdoinham in February, and the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) and process is just one topic on her plate along with all her other responsibilities.

Learn more, share more, and add your voice to the Comprehensive Plan.
Joanne Joy, Chair

Plan for the Future, Respect the Past

Committee Members:

Joanne Joy, Chair	David Asmussen, Co-Chair	
Laura Arnold	Kimberly Bedard	Peggy Christian
Jan Marks	Robert Schott	William Stanton
Fred King	Jason Lamoreau	

Meeting Schedule:

The Comprehensive Planning Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Coombs Town Office building.

Planning Board **Nathan Drummond, Chair**

After a very busy 2021, 2022 was a less busy year for the Bowdoinham Planning Board. The volunteer board reviewed 5 applications and drafted a range of changes to the Land Use Ordinance. We were helped ably by Town Planner Jen Curtis and CEO Darren Carey. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has been involved with the Planning Board this year for their patience, grace and stamina as we worked through some particularly challenging meetings. I would also like to note that the Planning Board currently has two vacancies that it are in need of filling.

In 2022 the Planning Board reviewed and approved the following applications:

- Subdivision Amendment Review by Southworth Investments LLC in regard to a 3 lot subdivision at 241 Carding Machine Road
- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by Harvest Tide Organics for a Vegetable Washing and Storage Facility at 304 Pork Point Rd
- Site Plan Review Tier 1 Application by the Town of Bowdoinham for changes to parking and utilities at the Town Office site at 13 School St.

In 2022 the Planning Board reviewed and denied approval for the following application:

- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by Scott Gallant for a business to include both indoor cultivation and commercial sales of adult use marijuana at 17 School St.

In addition, in 2022 the Planning Board reviewed the following applications that were not approved within the calendar year:

- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by David Dyer for a campground at 1360 River Rd. (application is pending, awaiting further materials and review by the Planning Board)

Also, in 2022 the Planning Board drafted, heard comment on, and approved several proposed changes to the Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance including:

- Amended uses for the Shoreland Zoning General Development District I
- New definitions and performance standards covering Solar Energy Systems
- Amended language to include reference to the town's Walkable Village Plan in Site Plan Review performance standards
- New Application and Licensing Fees for Liquor Licenses.
- New definitions, performance standards and dimensional requirements allowing for Accessory Dwelling Units in the Residential/Agricultural District.

All of these proposed changes were approved by voters at the town meeting in June, with the exception of the proposed amendments related to Accessory Dwelling Units, which were not included on the warrant per vote of the Board of Selectman.

Finally, in 2022 the Planning Board drafted and adopted several small changes to its by-laws.

Sincerely,

Nathan Drummond, Chair

Meeting Schedule:

The Planning Boards meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00pm
at the Coombs Town Office building.

Board of Appeals
David A. Jones, Chair

After several years of not having to meet, the Board of Appeals did meet in the fall of 2022 to consider an appeal of a Planning Board decision and to elect new officers. We are one person short of full membership and have requested the Select Board fill that spot and identify alternate board members.

David A. Jones, Chair
Board of Appeals

Water District
Donald Lamoreau, Chair

The Bowdoinham Water District's mission is to provide its customers with a safe, high quality and reliable drinking 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 requirement. 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 the rate payers, but all citizens through lower water costs for fire protections. In 2022 we have found two major leaks that have lowered pumping costs.

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 and in the bowl. You will need some food coloring. Put enough food coloring in the tank water to give the water a deep color. Let is set over night and make sure no one uses the toilet. In the morning if you find any of the dyed water in the toilet bowl, your toilet is leaking. A properly operating toilet will store water in the tank indefinitely with out any water running into the bowl. A small leak in your tank can add up to a lot of water in three months and increase your water bill.

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

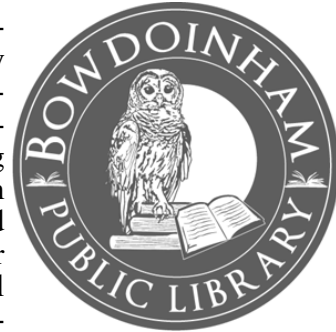
Sincerely,
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Bowdoinham Public Library

Kate Cutko



The Bowdoinham Public Library is in its 113th year providing the citizens of the town resources and experiences striving every day to fulfill its mission.

The human element of our library is sometimes overlooked when we capture or quantify library statistics and track library usage. The importance of our library as a place of gathering and of community is very important to our citizens, as we learned in Comprehensive Planning meetings and other surveys of Bowdoinham people. We continue to support ways to increase accessibility to our beloved Coombs Building. Efforts to build a ground-level library entrance continue.

The two monthly book groups have held strong levels of participation over many years and members speak of the importance of those groups in their community connections and social satisfaction. (Allow us one more expression of thanks and congratulations to Joanne Savoie for her 20 years of leadership of the Loose Ladies Book Group!) The weekly Storytime is another time to gather our youngest library patrons. In the summer we gather on Saturdays during the Farmer's Market, and the rest of the year we gather at the library on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Research shows that those toddlers who were introduced to the library as preschoolers, more often return to library usage as teens and adults.

The library received a large grant from the American Library Association to build a "Civic Imagination Station". In this national pilot program we partnered with local theater artist and arts educator, Dana Legaweic, to implement an arts-based project designed to help forge deeper connections between users, library resources, our larger community, and one an-

other. With grant funding, Dana and library staff have begun archiving, restoring, collecting and celebrating Bowdoinham Stories in a project entitled "Story Bridges". Over the next years you will discover long-ago-recorded voices and collect fresh ones too. Watch our website and Instagram account @storybridgesbhm.

We are thankful to the town for its annual financial support of our library as we (library staff and volunteers) continue to "pull our own oar" in fundraising. Through our annual fundraisers, we generate a high percentage of our operating budget. In November 2022 we opened a used bookstore "Merryreading Books", in the lower level of Merrymeeting Hall. We are currently trying to evaluate the long-term viability of this venture, comparing the volunteer investment of hours of staffing the store to the income generated from selling used books at \$1 or \$3 a piece in a small town. We thank the Historical Society for the generous offer of the space, and those who have shopped at Merryreading Books. Please help spread the word. Yes, we accept one box of donated books per visit! Please come.

Another human resource we value is the dedicated volunteer board members who run fundraisers, attend meetings and guide the library mission. Thank you to Ann Hartzler who has served on the Library's Board for the last 8 years and who is stepping down and to Stephanie Hanner who is joining us as board President. We value the time commitment of all of our board members and welcome any new people to attend a library quarterly meeting and see how they may become involved.

Kate Cutko, Library Director
www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org



Joanne Savoie accepts her gift from Library Board members past and present for her 20 years of Book Group leadership.

"The Bowdoinham Public Library provides free and open access to informational, educational, and literary resources, promotes life-long learning, and connects our community."



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Dear Bowdoinham Community Members,

I am honored to once again provide this update from the Community School for inclusion in the town's Annual Report. At a time when most of what we hear relates to arguments, dissension, and division, at our school we have chosen to focus on what unites us. We all want our students to be able to read, understand, and communicate information and ideas proficiently. We all want them to be able to utilize mathematics effectively in their lives. We all want them to think critically and solve problems peacefully. We all want them to have friends and feel a sense of belonging and investment in their school and community. We all want them to be set up for success in life as: workers who can support families and contribute to society; citizens who understand their rights and responsibilities, and uphold the democratic principles of our great country; and adults who look out for others, and who keep learning long after they leave school. That is our ongoing work as a school.

While we did not broadcast it widely, in 2021 our school was recognized as a "Best Elementary School" in Maine by U.S. News and World Reports. And last Spring, our students again placed above the state average in Reading and Math on the state assessment. Our performance was tops in the district in Reading and a close second in Math, and we did this while spending the least per student of any school in the district. We take seriously the balance of providing an excellent education, with being conservative in what we ask of our taxpayers. Our student population has grown to 194 in the past year, and next school year we may very well be a school of 200 for the first time in over a decade. To continue our success as our school grows, I am doing everything I can to retain the highest-quality teachers and staff. They are the heartbeat of our school - if you have the opportunity to thank one of them, please do!

Since the groundbreaking in 1954, our town has stood firmly behind this school. As we wrap up this school year and look beyond, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. Our school will continue to be great because we all commit to keeping it great. I am happy to answer questions from community members anytime: lajoiec@link75.org or (207) 666-5546, option 6.

Yours in Meaningful Learning That Lasts,

Chris Lajoie Principal

SAGADAHOC COUNTY

Emergency Management Agency Board of Health

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Sarah J. Bennett, Director



Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency FY2021/2022 Annual Report

The Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) is responsible for policy development, planning, agency coordination, education, and training surrounding the health and safety of those who live, work, and play within the ten municipalities of Sagadahoc County. SCEMA is charged with creating the framework for which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. SCEMA protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters. Existing partnerships were enhanced and new partnerships with government, non-profit and industry were established over the course of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). Below are some notable accomplishments during this fiscal year.

SCEMA partnered with the Maine Centers for Disease Control and TRC Environmental to partner on an extreme temperature planning project which aims to address the needs and barriers for both residents and local governments during extreme temperature events as well as improve planning and build capacity to respond to this public health concern. A series of focus groups were conducted with local stakeholders and advocates representing the County's most vulnerable populations, to include municipal leaders. The goal of the project is to better understand the challenges citizens and local governments' face, to be as responsive as possible to conditions in the County and to research alternative strategies to consider to keep our communities safer during extreme heat and extreme cold temperature events. The work will be continued into the next fiscal year and findings, planning documents, resources and guidance will be shared widely.

Additionally, SCEMA, along with our ten municipalities and one unorganized territory, worked together to update the Sagadahoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Plan profiled the hazards and vulnerabilities, as well as the mitigation projects and actions identified by each jurisdiction in the County. Municipalities benefit from participation because FEMA's approval of the Plan update opens each jurisdiction's eligibility to State and Federal hazard mitigation grant funding (as available). To note, the elected officials from all jurisdictions as well as the Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners formally adopted the Plan in three months – which is uncommon as this process typically takes close to a year to complete. Congratulations are due to each town and city for their hard work and commitment in developing the Plan update and addressing hazard mitigation on behalf of their citizens and communities.

SCEMA applied for and funded county-wide and municipal projects using Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds; and assisted three municipalities in applying for Federal grant funds to purchase generators for their emergency operations centers (EOC) through the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). SCEMA also worked closely with the Sagadahoc County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Sagadahoc County Board of Health (BOH), serving as members and administrative support to both with the aim of keeping our communities, citizens and visitors safer and increasing our collective resiliency. We are pleased and honored to continue to work with the professionals serving each municipality. The work conducted during FY2021/2022 has again re-energized and renewed our commitment to the protection of life, property and the environment for all who live, work and play in Sagadahoc County, Maine. For more information, visit us at www.sagadahoccountyme.gov. Sign-up to receive critical CodeRED public emergency notifications and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SagadahocCountyEMA.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah J. Bennett, Director

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Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners' 2022 Annual Report

BRIAN D. HOBART
DISTRICT 2
BATH & BOWDOINHAM

Dear Residents of District 2 in Sagadahoc County,

It is an honor to submit this Annual Report to the citizens of Bath and Bowdoinham in Sagadahoc County. The County is fortunate to have such dedicated, capable, and efficient staff and I would like to express my appreciation for every County employee, the level of commitment and professionalism is astounding. I am proud of their efforts and dedication to providing the best possible services. This report provides an overview and highlights the important projects and activities of the prior fiscal year.

FY22 saw major changes in the labor market and unprecedented increases in the cost-of-living. It has been a challenge facing small government across the state to maintain adequate staffing levels and to navigate the changing landscape of employment. The Commissioners of Sagadahoc County were educated on many of the challenges facing their communities through the ARPA funding application process. We learned of critical needs at every level: housing, emergency response services, water and sewer infrastructure, childcare, and the list goes on. Six ARPA meetings were held in six months and the Commissioners heard from a total of 20 applicants. Final funding decisions will take place down the road, as the County's own ARPA-funded project progresses. The Commissioners prioritized building Radio Towers to improve public safety communications, and to fix the County Courthouse roof, which was long overdue. The roof repair began in July and is slated to be finished in November 2022.

Budget negotiations during FY22 (for FY23) centered on raising the wages of non-union employees. A 10-year historic review of wages revealed that non-union wage increases were trending behind their union counterparts by 11%. Using a comprehensive wage study, Administration endeavored to raise the non-union wages to the study's mean for each position, and in some cases above the mean, for employees whose longevity needed to be taken into consideration. The Budget Advisory Committee did an amazing job transitioning to a new budget process and in vetting budget requests. In the end, our expense budgets increased by only 2.9%. Decreases in revenue did translate into a 4.80% increase to the County taxes to be raised.

In July, the Commissioners held a Special Meeting to address the burgeoning staffing crisis in the County Communications department. Wages for 911 Dispatchers were not keeping up with the cost of living or with competing Communications departments. Low staffing levels necessitated forced call-ins for all Dispatchers on a continuing basis. The constant overtime was wearing down the health and morale of the department. Dispatchers were leaving to find more gainful employment at an alarming rate, and many who stayed were looking for alternatives. The Communications union contract is not due for negotiation until FY24, but Administration and the Commissioners saw the need to act sooner to prevent a shut-down of 911 services. The Commissioners prudently resolved to raise 911 Dispatchers' wages by \$5.00/hour across the board, and in authorizing this increase, the department was able to regain employees and make some excellent lateral transfer hires. In short order, emergency communications were stabilized.

Administration started pre-negotiation meetings, introducing "needs-based negotiation" methods to the upcoming FY24 contract negotiations with the Sagadahoc County Deputy Sheriff's Association Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #752 and Deputy Sheriff's Transport Association Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #752.

I am serving my final term as Commissioner which ends December 31, 2022. I enjoyed serving in this capacity for four years and championing the use of ARPA funds to support a large communications project to build radio towers. I pushed for improved public safety and also served on the MCCA (Maine County Commissioners' Association) and was elected as the Association's Vice President.



Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners' 2022 Annual Report

BRIAN D. HOBART
DISTRICT 2
BATH & BOWDOINHAM

Looking forward, the FY23 budget, combining operating, capital, and debt service is \$9,555,077, which is an increase of 4.80% over FY22 at \$9,117,617. Salaries account for the majority of FY23's budgetary increase.

The County is still benefitting from employing a self-funded health insurance model, which has given the County more control over increases to the annual health insurance premiums. Finally, it is important to note that costs associated with Two Bridges Regional Jail, including debt service, constitute approximately 35% of the County's total budget.

Administration has been busy with several projects in recent months, including the following:

- Migrating to a new HRIS & Payroll system: ADP.
- Midcoast Corrections Collaborative is working towards the regionalization of Two Bridges Regional Jail (co-owned and operated by Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties) to include Knox and Waldo Counties, and thus all counties of Prosecutorial District 6.
- Creating a new budget template in preparation for the FY24 budget and facilitating the creation of new capital accounts for all departments in an effort to budget for more expense categories long-term and developing targeted capital improvement plans (CIP's). The audit for the year ending June 30, 2021, had no material or significant deficiencies, and we anticipate the same will be true of the audit for FY22.
- The County hired an IT Administrator, who has taken on several large projects, including but limited to: replacing the Spillman server saving 50% on the total project cost, upgraded all laptops for patrol deputy cruisers, situated county with increased internet speed and supported the remote work preparedness by replacing laptops for all critical users within the county, updated several security policies and offered comprehensive technical support to all end users.
- Human Resources has been organizing a complete overhaul and rewrite of the Personnel Policy Handbook, reviewing leave benefits for improvement, adding a DEI (diversity equity and inclusion) policy and revising various policies and procedures to increase transparency and accountability.
- Administration continues to work with the County's economic development agency, the newly organized MCOG (Midcoast Council of Governments) which serves all Sagadahoc communities. Strategic Planning sessions are being held publicly at the municipal level, and participating municipalities are focusing on opportunities for regionalization.
- Administration also continues to work with MCCA (Maine County Commissioners' Association) to track and lobby for positive legislative changes.

As Commissioner of District 2, I will continue to demonstrate my commitment to responsibly providing the best possible services to the citizens of Sagadahoc County. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. I can be reached via the County Administrator whose email is ajones@sagadahoccountyme.gov.

Respectfully, *Brian Hobart*
Brian Hobart, County Commissioner

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My AUTO for Vets Act also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the Respect for Marriage Act, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the Electoral Count Reform Act, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

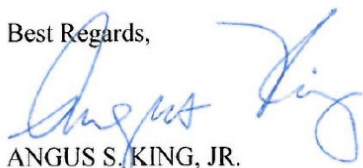
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



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Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am looking forward to working alongside my new colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

I was officially sworn into office at the State House on Dec. 7, and as I write this, we are beginning the first session of the 131st Legislature.

Our most significant priority will be the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, which will play a critical role in shaping the direction of our state in the near future. My top goals for the budget include ensuring schools are funded at 55% and revenue sharing at 5% so that people's property tax bills stay as low as possible, making investments in long term housing solutions so that we can avoid emergency spending measures and making investments in workforce training programs to get more Mainers into fields such as home and community based care.

This session, I have been appointed to serve on the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee where we oversee the Maine Bureau of Insurance and the Maine Health Data Organization. We also work on policies related to state-regulated health insurance coverage, health and medical data, banking and financial institutions, and securities. I will also be serving on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. Here, we will consider policies related to hunting, fishing, trapping, hunter safety, fish hatcheries and boater safety.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is sally.cluchey@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is (207) 814-8879. I also send out monthly email newsletters that provide insight into our work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources, and aim to connect you with your state government. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

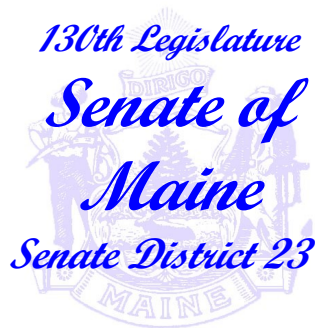
I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years. Sincerely, Sally Cluchey State Representative District 55 Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond (part), plus the unorganized territory of Perkins Island Township

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Cluchey".

Salley Cluchey
State Representative

District 52: Bowdoinham, Richmond and Bowdoin (part)



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Dear Friends and Residents of Bowdoinham,

I am honored to continue serving you as your State Senator from Sagadahoc County. This is my fourth and final term in the Maine Senate. During the 131st Legislature, I promise to work hard to help you and your families.

December 7, 2022 was Swearing-In Day. Normally, Swearing-In Day is an event for celebration and photos. This time was different. During the summer and fall, my colleagues and I heard from many of you that you are worried about paying for high heating costs or having no place to call home this winter. That's why – on the very first day – the Legislature voted on Governor Mill's emergency winter heating and housing relief bill. Although I proudly voted in favor of getting immediate relief to Mainers, we could not get the necessary two-thirds vote on that first try.

I was disappointed that a handful of State Senators blocked Mainers from getting relief before the holidays, but we did not give up. I was proud to sit on the temporary Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee that conducted a public hearing for a nearly identical emergency winter heating and housing relief bill. During the five-hour public hearing I heard exactly what you had already been telling me: the need for help was real, urgent, and widespread for homeowners and renters alike.

On January 4, we voted on this second bill. I was relieved that it passed both the House and Senate. Governor Mills signed it into law on that same day. At the stroke of her pen, additional Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits became available. Now, as I write this letter, Maine Revenue Services has begun sending out \$450 winter energy relief payments to nearly 900,000 Mainers. This was a big one-time action that will help Mainers get through the next few months.

That isn't all. As the re-elected Senate Majority Leader and a member of the newly formed Joint Select Committee on Housing, I am looking forward to identifying longer-term solutions to the heating and housing crisis in Maine. Whether it's building more affordable, workforce housing, ensuring older residents can age in place, or reducing our over-reliance on fossil fuels, there is more work to do.

Sincerely,

Eloise Vitelli
State Senator

Outstanding Real Estate Property Taxes: Liens 2022 and Prior
As of 5/17/2023

2016	
Name	Total
CASTILLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$50.25

2017	
Name	Total
CASTILLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$59.88

2018	
Name	Total
CASTILLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$72.80

2019	
Name	Total
(none)	\$0.00

2020	
Name	Total
GRAY, STEVEN J	\$322.75

2021	
Name	Total
GRAY, STEVEN J	\$1,548.87
MALTAIS, RICHARD	\$874.90
NEIMAN, RUSSELL C	\$793.72
SPARKS, DAVID R JR	\$1,716.37

2022	
Name	Total
ASHOUWAK, LARA M	\$607.68
AT&T MOBILITY	\$692.47
AT&T MOBILITY (IN POSSESSION)	\$4,967.48
BURKARD, JEREMY K	\$3,284.36
CASTILLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$71.45
CHASE, KENNETH M JR	\$1,080.63
CURTIS(HEIRS OF), SUSAN E	\$1,797.34
CUTLER, MICHAEL C	\$271.84
DEAN,CHESTER D. & ESTHER E. (LT)	\$2,032.89
DESPRES, MARK SR	\$985.85
DEWISEES OF CURRAN,ROBERT J.	\$528.19
DICKEY, DARRYL	\$3,274.10
GRAY, STEVEN J	\$1,391.14
HALSEY, IAN	\$2,438.95
MALTAIS, RICHARD	\$911.52
MASTERS, BRUCE N	\$1,572.82
MCKINNEY, EARL N (JT)	\$545.75
MERRILL, TIMOTHY A JR	\$1,035.54
MORSE, KELLI	\$372.94
NEIMAN, RUSSELL C	\$1,420.62
PUIG, IRAN	\$1,714.29
PULK, TIMOTHY	\$2,079.58
R, COLE, JENNIFER	\$268.23
SCRIBNER, KENNETH JR	\$300.72
SPARKS, DAVID R JR	\$1,667.35
SWITZER, RHONDA J	\$1,349.61

TOTALS	
Total 2016-2021	\$5,439.54
Total 2022	\$36,663.34
TOTAL LIENS AS OF 5/17/23	\$42,102.88

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: 2022 and Prior
As of 5/17/2023

2005	
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$14.89
2006	
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$54.56
2007	
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$71.76
2008	
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$73.95
2009	
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$65.97
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$69.56
ZOULAMIS,DEAN	\$48.49
2010	
HILLTOP LOG HOMES INC	\$666.00
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$66.60
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$71.04
ZOULAMIS,DEAN	\$93.24
2011	
BEAULIEU,JASON	\$26.64
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$68.08
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$71.04
ZOULAMIS,DEAN	\$81.40
2012	
BEAULIEU,JASON	\$28.12
DOWNEAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	\$59.94
EAGLE ATM (C/O DELL HOL-	\$88.80
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$69.56
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$170.20
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$72.52
STEEN,DAVID S	\$19.24
STILLWELL'S AUTO REPAIR INC	\$88.21

2013	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$102.68
BEAULIEU,JASON	\$28.69
EAGLE ATM (C/O DELL HOL-MAN)	\$24.16
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$73.99
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$181.20
NORTON INSURANCE AGENCY INC	\$12.08
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$77.01
STILLWELL'S AUTO REPAIR INC	\$169.12
2014	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$107.80
BEAULIEU,JASON	\$30.80
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$20.02
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$77.00
LEIGHTON,RICHARD	\$7.41
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$190.96
NORTON INSURANCE AGENCY INC	\$24.64
ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	\$4.80
2015	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$113.75
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$16.25
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$81.25
LEIGHTON,RICHARD	\$24.38
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$201.50
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$86.13
ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	\$289.25

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: 2022 and Prior
(continued)

2016	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$115.15
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$11.51
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$82.25
LEIGHTON,RICHARD	\$24.68
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$203.98
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$87.19
SPRINT SPECTRUM, LP	\$1.59
ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	\$259.91
2017	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$115.85
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$13.74
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$6.62
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$82.75
LEIGHTON,RICHARD	\$24.83
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$205.22
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$87.72
ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	\$226.74
2018	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$117.95
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$168.50
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$6.74
HITZ,PAUL M A	\$84.25
LAMOREAU,SHAWN S	\$70.77
LEIGHTON,RICHARD	\$25.28
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	\$208.94
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$90.99
ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	\$208.94
2019	
ADT, LLC,	\$1.95
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$120.05
BARTHOLOMEW, REGINA	\$186.93
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$171.50
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$6.86
HITZ, PAUL M A	\$85.75
LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	\$72.03
LEIGHTON, RICHARD	\$25.73
MCPHERSON, JAMES A	\$212.66
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$92.61
WALSH, STEVEN M	\$11.24
ZOULAMIS, GREGORY	\$185.22

2020	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	\$0.04
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$115.29
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$164.70
ESTATE OF LUKE S.	\$99.40
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$6.59
HITZ, PAUL M A	\$82.35
LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	\$69.17
MCKENNA, EUGENE R JR	\$4.53
MCPHERSON, JAMES A	\$184.46
PERRY, GORDON S	\$3.29
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$88.94
SANDELIN, HUGO	\$13.17
WALSH, STEVEN M	\$29.65
2021	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$118.09
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$168.70
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$6.75
LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	\$70.85
MCKENNA, EUGENE R JR	\$6.75
MCPHERSON, JAMES A	\$188.94
MOWERS, CASEY W	\$6.65
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$91.10
WALSH, STEVEN M	\$26.99
2022	
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$118.79
BIGELOW, EARL	\$15.27
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$169.70
HHP ENTERPRISES, LLC.	\$8.49
MCPHERSON, JAMES A	\$190.06
MOWERS, CASEY W	\$5.09
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	\$6.79
QUADIENT, INC. FKA NEOPOST USA,	\$1.70
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$95.03
WALSH, STEVEN M	\$15.27

TOTALS	
Personal Property Taxes Owed as of 5/17/2023	\$9,961.89

Budget Message

Nicole Briand, Town Manager

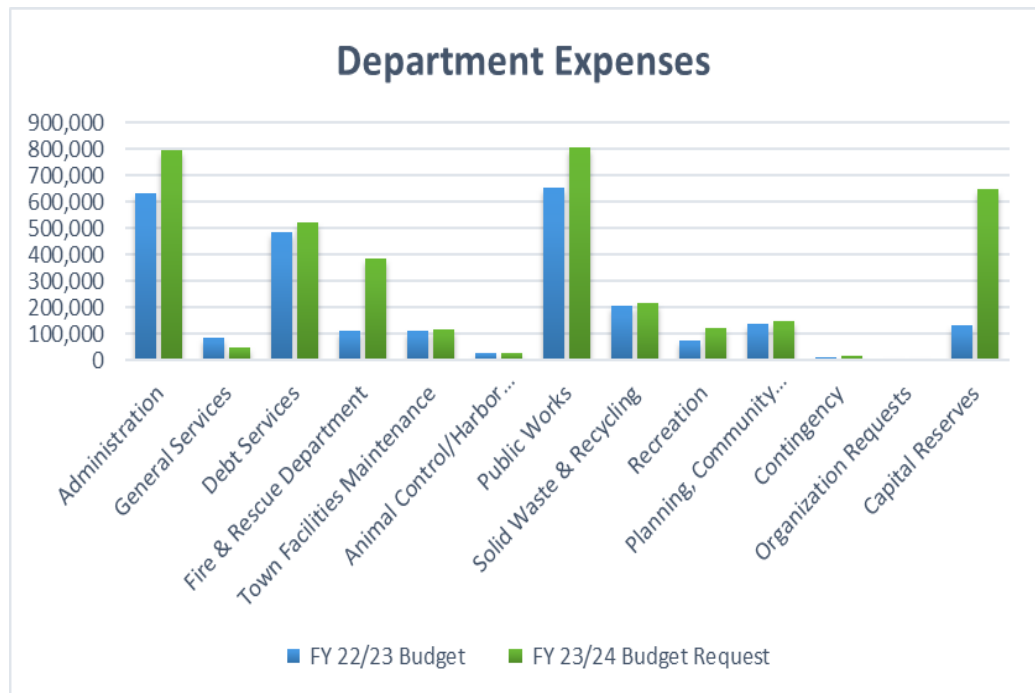
2024 Municipal Budget Message

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

Budget Overview

Wages & Benefits

As we have discussed, it has been difficult to recruit employees primarily due to the wages we are offering. This budget reflects wage adjustments as discussed at the Finance Advisory’s Committee’s January and February meetings. This budget also provides a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 6% for employees not receiving a wage adjustment. Based on current rates of pay and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers in the Northeast Region which shows a 6% inflationary index over the last 12 months (and 6.3% for the previous year). I have also budgeted a 2.0% allowance for wage increases based on performance evaluations for all employees. Additionally, I’ve reviewed our stipend positions and their hours worked to ensure hourly rates are adequate, and I am recommending increasing stipends. Health insurance costs did not change for this year. I’ve budgeted each eligible employee for a minimum of the employee spouse plan. This is to ensure there are funds budgeted in case of staff changeover.



Utilities & Supplies

I’ve budgeted for an increase for our utilities, especially electricity and heating. We’ve also seen an increase in the cost of supplies, from office supplies to vehicle parts and gas/diesel.

Administration

The Administration budget shows an increase of \$162,407 or 25.6%, which includes:

- funding for wage adjustments for office staff,
- turning one part-time office staff to full-time (*hours & benefits* - \$41,857.82), and
- increased for legal services due to potential court proceedings.

Budget Message *(continued)*

Debt Services

The Debt Services Budget shows an increase of \$36,551, or 7.5%, as our first payment will be due on our new bond that was approved last year. The backhoe's last payment was made this year.

Fire & Rescue Department

The Fire and Rescue Department budget has the largest proposed increase for this year. An overall increase of \$272,000, or 243.1%, due to the following:

- The contract for emergency medical services is included in this budget. The proposed ambulance contract with North East Mobile Services is \$250,000, which was previously \$50,000.
- There's an increase in personal protective clothing for firefighter turn-out gear.
- There's an increase in utilities for the additional use of the Fire Station, fiber internet and voice over internet phone service.

Town Facilities & Maintenance

The Town Facilities & Maintenance budget shows an overall increase of \$9,000, or 8.2%. This includes an increase for maintenance for the John C. Coombs building and waterfront. The estimated costs for pumping the septic tank at the waterfront was moved from waterfront utilities to waterfront maintenance.

Animal Control Officer and Harbor Master Departments

These department budgets show an overall increase of \$2,279, or 8.9%. This includes an increase for personnel and harbormaster training and supplies in case of staff changes.

Recreation

The Recreation budget shows a proposed increase of \$46,310 or 61.2%. Much of this increase is the additional \$42,991 to make this a position full-time with benefits. The net cost of the department to taxpayers would be \$100,797.

Planning & Development

The Planning & Development budget shows a proposed increase of \$12,275 or 8.9%, mostly due to wage adjustments.

Public Works

The Public Works budget shows an overall increase of \$152,664 or 23.3%, which includes:

- funding for wage adjustments,
- adding full-time position (hours & benefits - \$83,497), which allows us to remove our plow contract line item (estimated savings of \$35,000-\$40,000), and
- increases for supplies (sand/salt, vehicle parts, gas/diesel) and utilities.

Solid Waste and Recycling

The Solid Waste and Recycling budget shows an overall increase of \$12,907 or 6.3%, which includes:

- funding for wage adjustments, and
- updated costs for contract renewal with Casella.

If the use of ARPA funds is approved to purchase a compacting dumpster (Article 7), the town could save \$10,000 per year in transportation fees.

Budget Message (continued)

General Services

The General Services budget is estimated with a decrease of \$39,500 or -45.72%, which includes:

- A \$5,500 increase for general assistance for a total budget of \$10,000. The Town can be reimbursed up to 70% of qualified expenses.
- Bowdoinham Public Library requested \$30,000, a \$5,000 increase.
- Ambulance service has been moved to the Fire & Rescue Department budget.

Capital Reserves

The Capital Reserves budget shows a proposed increase of \$517,500 or 390.6% and is based on the Capital Improvement Plan. This plan proposes to raise \$350,000 per year for annual road paving. However, due to our current road conditions, additional money will need to be raised until the Town can catch up on its road maintenance plan.

In addition to the proposed expense budget, the following capital expenditures are proposed:

- Article 4 - 2023 Road Bond (*for May/June paving*) – up to \$1,000,000 to implement the Road Plan,
- Article 5 – Town Hall Bond, and

Article 6 - Purchase of Excavator (\$250,000) with a municipal lease (loan). The first payment is due at signing and is proposed from the undesignated fund (Article 25).

LD1

The Town's LD1 Municipal Property Tax Levy limit for FY24 is \$1,026,728. The budget as proposed will result in a municipal property tax levy of \$2,165,619 which is \$1,138,891 above the Town's property tax levy limit. Any approved budget that results in a property tax levy greater than \$1,026,728, would require an increase in the Town's limit. If the Town does not approve the increase in the levy limit, then the Town will need to approve a budget that meets the levy limit.

LD1 is a state law that attempts to limit the growth of Town budgets by requiring a vote if the property tax levy limit is exceeded.

Tax Impact

The budget as proposed would increase the tax rate by 11%; this would be an increase of \$500 for every \$250,000 of assessed value. This includes the thirty million in value that is expected from the planned partial revaluation of 20% increase on land. This partial revaluation will allow the Town to declare a Certified Ratio of 100%, allowing those receiving the homestead exemption to get the full \$25,000 exemption.

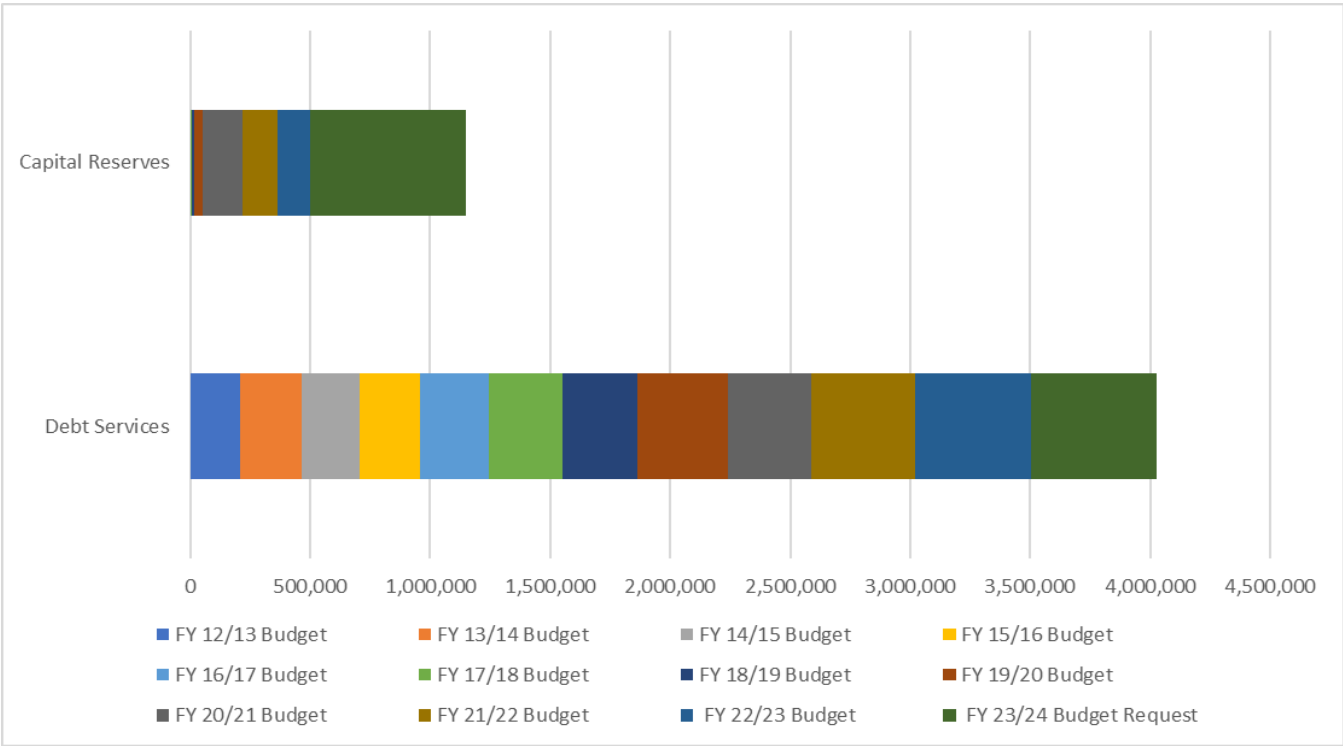
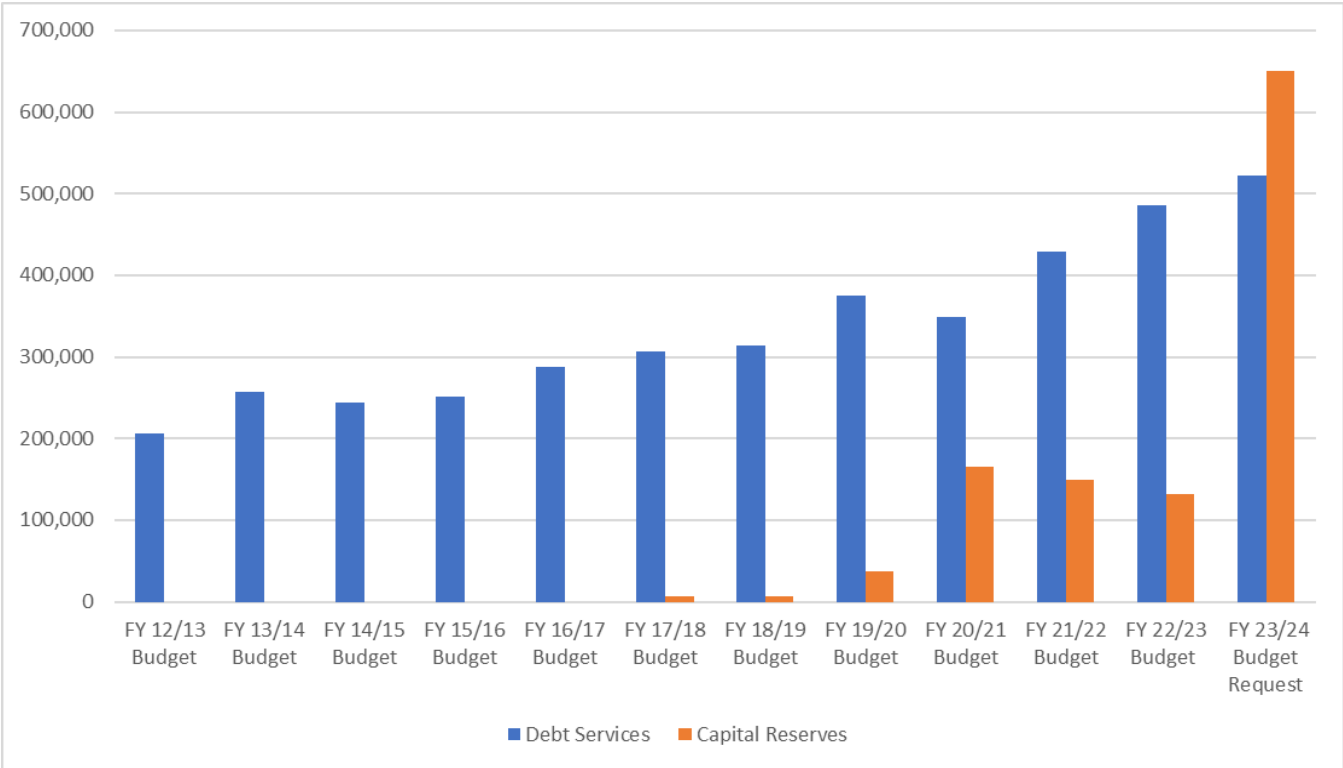
Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Briand
Town Manager
Town of Bowdoinham
13 School St
Bowdoinham, ME 04008
Ph: (207) 666-5531

Budget Message (continued)

Debt Service Budget vs Capital Reserves Budget



Budget Message
(continued)

Capital Improvement Program

CAPITAL PROJECT	Reserve	Proposed 2024 Budget
BUILDING FACILITIES PROGRAM		
<u>Municipal Building</u>		
Chimney Repair	Town Hall/Office Reserve	\$25,000
Heating System	Town Hall/Office Reserve	\$25,000
Future Septic	CI Reserve	\$2,500
Repairs, Upgrades	TH/TO Reserve, Grants	\$15,000
<u>Town Hall Building</u>		
Repairs	Town Office-Hall Reserve	\$25,000
<u>Public Works Facility</u>		
Future Repairs	Public Works Reserve	\$2,000
<u>Fire Station</u>		
Future Repairs	Fire Reserve	\$5,000
<u>Recreation Facility</u>		
	Recreation Reserve	\$10,000
<u>Maily Waterfront Park</u>		
Future Repairs	Waterfront Reserve	\$2,000
<u>Cemeteries</u>		
	Cemetery Reserve	\$15,000
Subtotal		\$126,500
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM		
<u>Admin</u>		
Replace Computer Server & Rack Copier/Scanner	Electronic Equipment Reserve Lease	\$2,000
Computers	Electronic Equipment Reserve	\$1,500
Technology Improvements (Phones, Locks, Cameras)	Capital Improvement	\$5,000
Subtotal		\$8,500

Budget Message
(continued)

Capital Improvement Program

CAPITAL PROJECT	Reserve	Proposed 2024 Budget
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM		
<u>Fire Reserve</u>		
Primary Pumpers		
2011 E-One Class A Pumper (Engine #1)	Fire Reserve & Bond	\$20,000
Equipment		
SCBA Airpacks	Fire Reserve	\$25,000
Extraction Equipment	Fire Reserve	\$15,000
Other	Fire Reserve	\$2,000
Subtotal		\$62,000
<u>Public Works Reserve</u>		
Heavy Duty Trucks		
2018 Ford F-550 Superduty w/ dump (#2)	Public Works Reserve	\$20,000
Light Duty/Utility Trucks		
2014 Dodge RAM 1500 PU 4x4 (#1)	Public Works Reserve	\$5,000
Heavy Equipment		
Excavator	Municipal Lease (Loan)	\$15,000
Other Capital Equipment		
New Capital Equipment		\$23,000
Back-up Plow Truck	Public Works Reserve	\$25,000
Subtotal		\$88,000
<u>Recycling Reserve</u>		
Trucks		
New Van or Box Truck	Recycling Reserve	\$15,000
Subtotal		\$15,000
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM		
<u>Roads</u>		
	Public Works Reserve	\$350,000
<i>Years FY26-30 are planned at \$500,000-</i>		
Subtotal		\$350,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$650,000

**BOWDOINHAM FY 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

		<u>FY21/22</u>		<u>FY22/23</u>		<u>FY23/24</u>		
		Budgeted	Received	Budgeted	As of 3/30/2023	Budget Request	\$ Inc/ Dec	% Inc/ Dec
Tax Collector's Revenue								
1	Excise - Boat	6,000	5,886	6,000	1,283	6,000	0	0.0%
2	Excise - Automobile	680,000	677,667	700,000	455,065	675,000	-25,000	-3.6%
3	Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	11,000	15,513	11,000	10,369	15,000	4,000	36.4%
4	Veterans Reimbursement	4,000	3,770	4,000	3,574	3,750	-250	-6.3%
5	Interest on Taxes	10,000	16,337	13,000	17,002	25,000	12,000	92.3%
6	Total Tax Collectors Revenue	711,000	719,173	734,000	487,292	724,750	-9,250	-1.3%
Treasurer's Revenue								
8	Local Road Assistance	33,896	36,988	36,988	36,784	36,784	-204	-0.6%
9	Snowmobile Reg. Fees	1,000	933	1,000	887	750	-250	-25.0%
10	General Assistance Reimb.	2,500	3,889	2,500	5,737	5,000	2,500	100.0%
11	State Park Fees							
12	Tree Growth Reimbursement	9,000	9,163	9,000	9,700	9,000	0	0.0%
13	Total Treasurer's Revenue	46,396	50,973	49,488	53,108	51,534	2,046	4.1%
Solid Waste Revenue								
15	General Disposal Fees	2,000	780	2,000	1,111	2,000	0	0.0%
16	Solid Waste Tag Fees	85,000	81,604	100,000	64,473	100,000	0	0.0%
17	Hazardous Waste Disp Fees	600	433	600	0	0	-600	-100.0%
18	Recyclable Materials Sales	5,000	13,038	5,000	4,659	5,000	0	0.0%
19	Total Solid Waste Revenue	92,600	95,855	107,600	70,242	107,000	-600	-0.6%
Recreation Revenue								
21	Recreation Advertising/ Banners	3,000	0	3,000	0	1,500	-1,500	-50.0%
22	Recreation Fundraising	2,450	3,169	9,000	0	3,000	-6,000	-66.7%
23	Recreation Food Sales	3,500	5,008	2,500	0	5,000	2,500	100.0%
24	Recreation Registration	11,555	7,600	7,000	4,055	7,500	500	7.1%
25	Recreation Sponsors	1,800	25	2,000	1,600	3,000	1,000	50.0%
26	Age-Friendly Activities & Events	1,000	111	3,400	0	1,200	-2,200	-64.7%
27	Total Recreation Revenue	23,305	15,913	26,900	5,655	21,200	-5,700	-21.2%

**BOWDOINHAM FY 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

	<u>FY21/22</u>		<u>FY22/23</u>		<u>FY23/24</u>		
	Budgeted	Received	Budgeted	As of 3/30/2023	Budget Request	\$ Inc/ Dec	% Inc/ Dec
28 Local Revenue							
29 Plumbing Permit Fees	7,000	5,418	6,000	2,914	6,000	0	0.0%
30 Building Permit Fees	9,000	7,083	9,000	3,166	7,000	-2,000	-22.2%
31 Ordinance Violations/Fines/ Fees	500	100	500	700	500	0	0.0%
32 Planning & Appeals Board Fees	4,000	2,775	3,000	1,000	3,000	0	0.0%
33 Select Board Licensing	4,000	16,150	5,500	2,500	10,000	4,500	81.8%
34 Public Works Recycling	100	0	100	0	0	-100	-100.0%
35 Canoe/kayak rental space	720	750	810	60	810	0	0.0%
36 Mooring Fees	500	1,430	600	150	700	100	16.7%
37 Rentals of Town Property	7,200	5,870	7,200	2,550	7,200	0	0.0%
38 Fire Station Rental	250	375	250	567	250	0	0.0%
39 Cemetery Trust Transfers	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40 Worthy Poor Trust Transfer		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41 Cable Franchise Fees	16,500	16,965	16,500	16,922	16,500	0	0.0%
42 Property Tax Lien Fees	2,500	3,605	3,000	6,167	5,000	2,000	66.7%
43 Investment Income	15,000	10,228	15,000	21,713	60,000	45,000	300.0%
46 Fire Donations	0	10	0	10	0	0	0.0%
47 Total Local Revenue	77,270	70,757	67,460	58,420	116,960	49,500	73.4%
48 Town Clerk Revenue							
49 IF & W Agent Fees	1,000	743	1,000	389	750	-250	-25.0%
50 Dog Agent Fees	1,000	871	1,200	1,101	1,000	-200	-16.7%
51 Late Dog Fees	700	675	500	700	500	0	0.0%
52 Dog Control Fees							
53 Vital Statistics Fees	1,800	2,299	1,800	1,574	1,800	0	0.0%
54 Misc. Revenue	5,000	4,870	5,000	8,017	5,000	0	0.0%
55 Total Town Clerk Revenue	9,500	9,458	9,500	11,781	9,050	-450	-4.7%
56 Subtotal Non Property Tax Revenue	960,071	962,128	994,948	686,498	1,030,494	35,546	3.6%
57 Undesignated Fund Balance Transfers							
58 Undesignated FB Transfers	140,000	140,000	100,000	0	0	-100,000	-100.0%
59 Total Non-Property	1,100,071	1,102,128	1,094,948	686,498	1,030,494	-64,454	-5.9%
60 Property Tax Related Revenues							
61 Homestead Reimbursement	200,000	234,687	232,000	228,314	250,000	18,000	7.8%
62 Municipal Revenue Sharing	241,000	428,693	390,000	355,291	415,000	25,000	6.4%
63 BETE Reimbursement	1,000	789	800	4,191	3,000	2,200	275.0%
64 Total Property Tax Related Revenue	442,000	664,169	622,800	587,796	668,000	45,200	7.3%
65 Total Revenues	1,542,071	1,766,297	1,717,748	1,274,293	1,698,494	-19,254	-1.1%

Notes: Homestead and BETE Reimbursement are determined when tax rate is set.

**Bowdoinham Municipal Budget
Proposed FY2023-2024**

Department Expenses	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Budget	FY 23/24 Budget Request	Inc/Dcr 22/23-23/24	Inc/Dcr 22/23-23/24
Administration	507,930	557,392	633,436	795,843	162,407	25.6%
General Services	56,500	86,500	86,500	47,000	-39,500	-45.7%
Debt Services	348,530	429,247	486,120	522,671	36,551	7.5%
Fire & Rescue Department	95,810	103,542	111,900	383,900	272,000	243.1%
Town Facilities Maintenance	90,385	91,885	110,350	119,350	9,000	8.2%
Animal Control/Harbor Master	20,389	21,256	25,532	27,810	2,279	8.9%
Public Works	499,249	532,544	654,821	807,485	152,664	23.3%
Solid Waste & Recycling	235,587	188,313	206,472	219,379	12,907	6.3%
Recreation & Age-Friendly	46,576	59,958	75,687	121,997	46,310	61.2%
Planning, Community Devel. & Codes	89,835	95,427	137,990	150,266	12,275	8.9%
Contingency	15,000	15,000	10,000	15,000	5,000	50.0%
Organization Requests	4,221	1,500	2,223	3,412	1,189	53.5%
Capital Reserves	164,839	149,000	132,500	650,000	517,500	390.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,174,851	\$ 2,331,562	\$ 2,673,532	\$ 3,864,113	\$ 1,190,581	44.5%
Revenues	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Budget	FY 23/24 Budget Request	Inc/Dcr 22/23-23/24	Inc/Dcr 22/23-23/24
Non-Property Tax Revenues	877,765	960,071	994,948	1,030,494	35,546	3.57%
Undesignated Fund Balance	140,000	140,000	100,000	0	-100,000	-100.00%
Homestead Reimbursement	231,000	200,000	232,000	250,000	18,000	7.76%
Municipal Revenue Sharing	220,000	241,000	390,000	415,000	25,000	6.41%
BETE Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	800	3,000	2,200	275.00%
TOTAL (Non-Property Tax) REVENUES	\$ 1,469,765	\$ 1,542,071	\$ 1,717,748	\$ 1,698,494	\$ (19,254)	-1.12%
NET MUNICIPAL BUDGET	\$ 705,086	\$ 789,491	\$ 955,784	\$ 2,165,619	\$ 1,209,835	127%

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Request</u>	<u>FY 23/24 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23- FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23- FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>CAPITAL RESERVE</u>							
1 Town Hall & Town	40,500	35,000	25,000	90,000	-	260.0%	
2 Cemetery Maintenance	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	12,000	400.0%	
3 Solid Waste & Recycling	5,000	26,500	44,500	15,000	-29,500	-66.3%	
4 Public Works Reserve		5,000	26,000	440,000	414,000	1592.3%	Includes \$350,000 for Roads & Paving
5 Capital Improvements	111,339	76,500	3,500	7,500	4,000	114.3%	
6 Fire Reserve			26,000	67,000	41,000	157.7%	
7 Recreation Reserve			4,000	10,000	6,000	150.0%	
8 Riverfront-Yellow	5,000	3,000	500				Budgeted to Capital Improvement Reserve
9 Waterfront				2,000	2,000		
10 Electronic Equipment				3,500	3,500		
11 Town Facilities	\$ 164,839	\$ 149,000	\$ 132,500	\$ 650,000	517,500	390.6%	

CONTINGENCY & ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

	<u>Contingency Budget</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>FY 23/24 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23- FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23- FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1 Contingency	15,000		15,000	5,000	50.0%	
2 Contingency Budget:	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	5,000	50.0%	
3 Organization						
4 Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,650	150	10.0%	
5 The Lifeflight			762	39	5.4%	
6 Waldo Community	539		1,000	1,000		
7 Historical Society -	2,182					
8 Organization	\$ 4,221	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,412	1,189	53.5%	

ADMINISTRATION

	<u>FY 20/21</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personnel							
1 Town Manager Salary	91,980	82,000	87,000	92,000	5,000	5.7%	-
2 Administrative Personnel	150,224	148,087	171,425	204,880	33,455	19.5%	One part-time to full-time.
3 Allowance for Merit Wage Increases(2%)	3,004	3,342	3,429	4,098	669	19.5%	
4 Assessing Personnel	18,720	19,781	35,000	40,000	5,000	14.3%	
5 Subtotal:	\$ 263,928	\$ 253,210	\$ 296,854	\$ 340,978	44,124	14.9%	
Support & Benefits							
6 FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	20,190	19,371	22,709	26,085	3,375	14.9%	-
7 Health, Retirement & Benefits	49,555	78,827	82,614	129,881	47,267	57.2%	One part-time to full-time.
8 Subtotal:	\$ 69,745	\$ 98,198	\$ 105,323	\$ 155,966	50,643	48.1%	
9 Subtotal Personnel Svcs Budget:	\$ 333,673	\$ 351,407	\$ 402,177	\$ 496,943	94,766	23.6%	
Professional Services							
10 Legal Expense	10,000	20,000	20,000	85,000	65,000	325.0%	
11 Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues	3,818	4,000	4,250	4,500	250	5.9%	
12 Municipal Audit Services	7,150	8,000	9,500	12,000	2,500	26.3%	
13 IT Services			10,000	10,000	0	0.0%	
14 Assessing Services	12,500	12,500	25,000	0	-25,000	-100.0%	
15 Subtotal:	\$ 33,468	\$ 44,500	\$ 68,750	\$ 111,500	42,750	62.2%	
Boards & Stipends							
16 Selectmen's Stipend	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0.0%	
17 Election Stipends	5,000	3,000	5,300	5,500	200	3.8%	
18 Health Officer	750	750	750	750	0	0.0%	
19 Cemetery Sexton	550	550	1,000	1,800	800	80.0%	
20 FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	979	826	1,037	1,113	77	7.4%	
21 Subtotal:	\$ 13,779	\$ 11,626	\$ 14,587	\$ 15,663	1,077	7.4%	
Operating Expenses							
22 Printing & Publications	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	
23 Election Expenses	6,700	6,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	
24 Training, Certs & Dues	3,000	7,000	7,000	8,000	1,000	14.3%	
25 Website Maintenance/Updates	1,120	1,640	1,640	1,640	0	0.0%	
26 Ordinance Enforcement	200	200	200	0	-200	-100.0%	
27 Broadcast/Recording	2,400	2,400	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%	

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

	<u>FY 20/21</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>FY23-FY24</u>	
32	Miscellaneous Expense	400	400	500	0	0.0%	
33	Payroll Service Expense	5,500	5,500	0	0	0.0%	
34	Mileage Reimbursement	2,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	1,000	33.3%
35	Office Supplies	4,500	4,500	5,000	5,500	500	10.0%
36	Postage & Bulk Mail	6,300	6,350	6,500	8,000	1,500	23.1%
37	Registry of Deeds	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
38	Subtotal:	\$ 40,120	\$ 43,990	\$ 41,740	\$ 45,540	3,800	9.1%
39	Planning Expenses						
40	Mapping Expense	1,500	3,000	3,000	4,000	1,000	33.3%
41	Subtotal:	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	1,000	33.3%
42	Equipment Maint./Repair						
43	Equip. Replace/Repair/Computer Maint	1,000	5,000	4,500	4,500	0	0.0%
44	Software Licenses	16,000	23,820	21,960	27,640	5,680	25.9%
45	Postage Meter-Lease/Purchase	1,250	600	600	600	0	0.0%
46	Copier Lease/Maint. Agreement	6,850	7,200	7,500	7,500	0	0.0%
47	Subtotal:	\$ 25,100	\$ 36,620	\$ 34,560	\$ 40,240	5,680	16.4%
48	Utilities Expense						
49	Electricity	4,700	4,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%
50	Heating Expense	3,000	3,500	3,500	4,500	1,000	28.6%
51	Water Service	1,500	1,500	1,000	600	-400	-40.0%
52	Telephone (& Internet) Expense	3,200	3,200	6,000	5,000	-1,000	-16.7%
53	Subtotal:	\$ 12,400	\$ 12,700	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,600	-400	-2.5%
54	Risk Management						
55	Public Officials Liability	3,520	3,473	3,571	3,750	179	5.0%
56	Employee Bonding	440	440	462	747	285	61.6%
57	Worker's Comp	12,571	18,600	16,830	26,706	9,876	58.7%
58	Unemployment	300	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%
59	General Liability & Property	9,624	9,369	9,053	11,299	2,246	24.8%
60	Vehicle and Mobile Equip Insurance	11,434	10,066	12,586	20,255	7,669	60.9%
61	Fire Dept Ins.	10,000	10,000	8,520	2,000	-6,520	-76.5%
62	Subtotal:	\$ 47,889	\$ 53,548	\$ 52,622	\$ 66,357	13,734	26.1%
63	Subtotal Administrative Budget:	\$ 174,256	\$ 205,984	\$ 231,259	\$ 298,900	67,641	29.2%
64							
65	Total Personnel & Administrative	\$ 507,930	\$ 557,392	\$ 633,436	\$ 795,843	162,407	25.6%

GENERAL SERVICES & DEBT SERVICE & FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

	<u>FY 20/21</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	<u>GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET</u>						
2	4,500	4,500	4,500	10,000	5,500	122.2%	
3	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	5,000	20.0%	
4	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
5	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
6			5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
7	25,000	50,000	50,000	0	-50,000	-100.0%	Moved to Fire & Rescue Dept
8	\$ 56,500	\$ 86,500	\$ 86,500	\$ 47,000	\$ -39,500	-45.7%	
1	<u>DEBT SERVICE BUDGET</u>						
2				48,712	48,712		Payment 1 of 10
3	163,838	166,184	166,184	166,184	0	0.0%	Payment 3 of 10
4			20,508	20,508	0	0.0%	Payment 2 of 10
5			102,522	102,522	0	0.0%	Payment 2 of 10
6	76,048	154,662	153,150	151,599	-1,551	-1.0%	Payment 4 of 30
7	64,722	64,561					Paid
8	17,909	17,827	17,742	17,657	-85	-0.5%	Payment 4 of 7
9	10,524	10,524	10,525				Paid
10	15,489	15,489	15,489	15,489	0	0.0%	Payment 9 of 10
11	\$ 348,530	\$ 429,247	\$ 486,120	\$ 522,671	\$ 36,551	7.5%	
1	<u>Town Facilities Maintenance</u>						
2	5,000	5,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	
3	6,000	7,500	5,000	7,500	2,500	50.0%	
4			5,300	6,000	700	13.2%	
5	10,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	10,000	200.0%	Includes septic tank pumping.
6			10,800	5,500	-5,300	-49.1%	Electric, Internet, Heat, Water
7	55,235	55,235	60,000	60,000	0	0.0%	
8	13,500	13,500	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%	
9	650	650	750	750	0	0.0%	
10			500	1,600	1,100	220.0%	
11			1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
12	\$ 90,385	\$ 91,885	\$ 110,350	\$ 119,350	\$ 9,000	8.2%	

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

	<u>FY 20/21</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Administration							
1 Fire Chief Salary	17,210	17,817	20,800	23,565	2,765	13.3%	
2 Fire & Rescue Volunteers	23,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	0	0.0%	
3 Emergency Management Dir.	750	775	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
4 Subtotal:	\$ 40,960	\$ 42,592	\$ 45,800	\$ 48,565	2,765	6.0%	
5 FICA			3,715	3,715	3,715		
6 Earned Paid Leave		650	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%	
7 Subtotal:	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,215	4,215	421.5%	
8 Operating Expense							
9 EMS - Ambulance Services				250,000	250,000		Contract Services
10 Training	5,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	
11 Mileage							
12 Equipment	12,000	13,000	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%	
13 Dues/Memberships	750	1,000	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
14 Office Supplies	700	500	500	500	0	0.0%	
15 Physicals/Innoculations	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	
16 Radio Purchase & Repair	1,500	1,500	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.0%	price increase on pager/radios/batteries
17 Personal Protective Clothing	7,000	7,500	8,500	15,000	6,500	76.5%	price increase -PPE ensemble \$5000 +/
18 Equipment Testing	4,500	4,500	4,500	5,000	500	11.1%	add Portaccount
19 Building Maintenance	6,500	6,500	8,500	8,500	0	0.0%	
20 Fire Suppression Equipment							
21 Print/Publications/Train							
22 Subtotal:	\$ 40,450	\$ 41,500	\$ 48,500	\$ 306,500	258,000	532.0%	
Utilities Expense							
24 Electricity	2,200	2,200	3,500	5,000	1,500	42.9%	Price increase and additional use by Age
25 Heating Expense	2,500	2,500	3,500	5,000	1,500	42.9%	-Friendly for events.
26 Water Service	300	300	400	500	100	25.0%	Fiber Internet, Voice Over Internet
27 Telephone & Internet	1,500	1,800	1,200	3,120	1,920	160.0%	Phones
28 Subtotal:	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,800	\$ 8,600	\$ 13,620	5,020	58.4%	
Vehicle Maintenance							
30 Diesel	3,400	3,000	3,000				Under Public Works
31 Vehicle Maintenance	4,500	9,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	100.0%	
32 Subtotal:	\$ 7,900	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	2,000	25.0%	
33							
34 Fire & Rescue Dept Budget:	\$ 95,810	\$ 103,542	\$ 111,900	\$ 383,900	272,000	243.1%	

ACO/HARBOR MASTER

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23 -FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>							
1 ACO Salary	9,841	10,038	10,628	11,400	772	7.3%	
2 Harbor Master salary	1,956	1,985	2,340	2,880	540	23.1%	
3 Earned Paid Leave		500	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
4 FICA	902	958	1,069	1,169	100	9.4%	
5 Sub-total	\$ 12,699	\$ 13,481	\$ 15,037	\$ 16,449	1,412	9.4%	
6							
<u>ACO</u>							
7 Pager/Phone	600	400	400	240	-160	-40.0%	
8 Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	3,600	3,600	0	0.0%	
9 Animal Shelter Contract	4,200	4,200	4,420	4,631	211	4.8%	
10 Feral Cat/Disposal	300	300	0	0	0	0.0%	
11 Supplies & Equip.		450	250	250	0	0.0%	
12 Training	450	450	400	400	0	0.0%	
13 Sub-total	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,350	\$ 9,070	\$ 9,121	51	0.6%	
14							
15							
<u>HARBOR MASTER</u>							
16 Training & Membership	50	525	525	1,000	475	90.5%	
17 Supplies & Equip	1,000	800	800	1,000	200	25.0%	
18 Telephone	90	100	100	240	140	140.0%	
19 Sub-total	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425	\$ 2,240	815	57.2%	
20							
21							
22 Animal Control/Harbor Budget:	\$ 20,389	\$ 21,256	\$ 25,532	\$ 27,810	2,279	8.9%	

PUBLIC WORKS

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personnel							
1 Public Works Foreman		47,840	56,160	62,400	6,240	11.1%	
2 PW Personnel	175,109	119,325	133,120	199,680	66,560	50.0%	4 Full-time Employees
3 Allowance for Merit Wage Increase	3,502	3,343	3,786	\$ 5,242	1,456	38.5%	
4 Subtotal:	\$ 178,611	\$ 170,508	\$ 193,066	\$ 267,322	74,256	38.5%	
5 FICA	15,485	15,519	17,965	24,874	6,910	38.5%	
6 Health, Retirement & Benefits	51,142	76,164	88,122	132,655	44,533	50.5%	4 Full-time Employees
7 Subtotal:	\$ 66,627	\$ 91,683	\$ 106,087	\$ 157,529	51,443	48.5%	
8 Operating Expense							
9 Printing/Pubs/Training	2,200	2,200	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	
10 Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	2,600	2,800	200	7.7%	
11 Vehicle Maintenance	17,000	15,000	20,000	28,000	8,000	40.0%	
12 Tools/Equip/Radios	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,500	500	10.0%	
13 Safety, Protect. Cloth & PPE	-	2,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.0%	
16 Building Maintenance	4,200	4,200	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	
17 Subtotal:	\$ 30,400	\$ 30,400	\$ 38,200	\$ 47,900	9,700	25.4%	
18 Utilities							
21 Telephone/Internet	2,700	1,400	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	
22 Trash Removal		1,700	1,700	1,400	-300	-17.6%	
23 Electricity	4,800	5,000	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%	
26 Heating	11,600	10,000	11,000	12,000	1,000	9.1%	
27 Subtotal:	\$ 19,100	\$ 18,100	\$ 22,700	\$ 23,400	700	3.1%	
28 Highway Maintenance							
29 Mow/Grade/Culvert	5,700	6,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%	
30 Ditching/Gravel	10,000	20,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%	
31 Signage	2,000	1,500	1,500	2,000	500	33.3%	
32 Paving/Surf maint	17,500	5,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%	
33 Gas/Diesel	8,000	8,000	14,000	21,500	7,500	53.6%	Fire Dept (\$4,000)
34 Subtotal:	\$ 43,200	\$ 40,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 93,500	8,000	9.4%	
35 Snow & Ice Removal							
36 Plowing & Sanding Contract(s)	0	25,000	25,000	0	-25,000	-100.0%	
37 PW Overtime	27,311	32,353	41,769	57,834	16,065	38.5%	
38 Road Salt and Sand	100,000	90,000	100,000	110,000	10,000	10.0%	
39 Diesel (winter)	14,000	14,000	17,500	20,000	2,500	14.3%	
40 Winter Vehicle & Equip. Main.	20,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	5,000	20.0%	
41 Subtotal:	\$ 161,311	\$ 181,353	\$ 209,269	\$ 217,834	8,565	4.1%	
42 Total Public Works Budget:	\$ 499,249	\$ 532,544	\$ 654,821	\$ 807,485	152,664	23.3%	

Title 23 §2705. Appropriation insufficient. When the amount appropriated is not sufficient to repair or maintain the ways, a road commissioner may, with the written consent of the municipal officers, pay an amount not exceeding 15% of the amount so appropriated in addition to the amount appropriated.

Solid Waste & Recycling Dept.

	<u>FY 20/21</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr</u> <u>FY23-FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personnel							
1 Recycling Personnel	43,100	31,296	33,142	34,580	1,438	4.3%	
2 Recycling Director	21,875	25,229	28,997	31,200	2,203	7.6%	
3 Allowance Merit Wage Increases		1,131	1,243	1,316	73	5.9%	
4 Subtotal:	\$ 64,975	\$ 57,656	\$ 63,382	\$ 67,096	3,713	5.9%	
Support & Benefits							
6 FICA	4,971	4,457	4,925	5,248	322	6.5%	
7 Earned Paid Leave		600	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%	
8 Health & Retirement benefits	2,954	3,600	3,765	3,886	121	3.2%	
9 Subtotal:	\$ 7,925	\$ 8,657	\$ 9,690	\$ 10,634	943	9.7%	
Operating Expenses							
11 Training	-		750	750	0	0.0%	
12 Misc. Expense	3,375	2,000	3,000	2,500	-500	-16.7%	
13 Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	3,000	500	750	500	-250	-33.3%	
14 Recycling Barn Lease	16,392	0	0				
15 Gas/Oil/Propane	1,200	0	0				
16 Building Upgrades/Engineering	2,000	0	0				
17 Snow Removal Contract		0	0				
18 Building Maintenance - General	2,400	0	0				
19 Safety and PPE		750	750	750	0	0.0%	
20 Subtotal:	\$ 28,367	\$ 3,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,500	-750	-14.3%	
Utilities Expense							
22 Electricity & Telephone	1,300	750	650	650	0	0.0%	
23 Subtotal:	\$ 1,300	\$ 750	\$ 650	\$ 650	0	0.0%	
Recycling & Disposal Expenses							
25 Single Stream Contract	35,000	24,000	33,000	37,000	4,000	12.1%	
26 General Disposal	6,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
27 Curbside Pickup Contract	66,500	67,000	67,500	68,000	500	0.7%	
28 Trash Disposal	22,020	23,000	24,000	28,500	4,500	18.8%	
29 Hazardous Waste	3,500	2,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
30 Subtotal:	\$ 133,020	\$ 118,000	\$ 127,500	\$ 136,500	9,000	7.1%	
31 Solid Waste & Recycling Budget:	\$ 235,587	\$ 188,313	\$ 206,472	\$ 219,379	12,907	6.3%	

Note: The Department is estimated to receive revenue in the amount of \$107,000. The net cost to taxpayers for this department is \$112,379.

RECREATION & AGE-FRIENDLY

	<u>FY 20/21</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 23/24 Re-</u> <u>quest</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23- Inc/Dcr FY24</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr FY23- Inc/Dcr FY24</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personnel							
1 Recreation Director & Age-Friendly Coordinator	20,879	29,047	39,468	52,000	12,532	31.8%	Full-time
2 Allowance for Merit Wage Increase		593	789	1,040	251	31.8%	
3 Subtotal:	\$ 20,879	\$ 29,640	\$ 40,257	53,040	12,783	31.8%	
4 Support & Benefits							
5 Health/Retirement			1,000	33,709	33,709		Full-time
6 Earned Paid Leave			3,080	0	-1,000	-100.0%	
7 FICA	1,597	2,267	3,080	4,058	978	31.8%	
10 Subtotal:	\$ 1,597	\$ 2,267	\$ 4,080	37,767	33,687	825.7%	
11 Operating Expenses							
12 Misc. Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
13 Telephone				240			
14 Postage	100	250	250	100	-150	-60.0%	
15 Food Service Expense	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,500	200	6.1%	
16 Recreation Website				3,000	3,000		
17 Recreation Facilities	8,000	8,500	12,000	9,000	-3,000	-25.0%	
18 Subtotal:	\$ 12,400	\$ 13,050	\$ 16,550	16,840	290	1.8%	
19 Athletic Program							
20 Program Expenses	8,500	9,000	8,500	8,500	0	0.0%	
21 Subtotal:	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,500	8,500	0	0.0%	
22 Activities Program							
23 Activities	3,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	
24 Subtotal:	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	
25 Age-Friendly Initiative							
26 Programs & Events	100	2,000	2,300	2,000	-300	-13.0%	
27 Postage, Printing, advertising			620	470	-150	-24.2%	
28 Supplies	100		380	380	0	0.0%	
29 Subtotal:	\$ 200	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,300	2,850	-450	-13.6%	
30 Recreation Budget:	\$ 46,576	\$ 59,958	\$ 75,687	121,997	46,310	61.2%	

Note: The Recreation Department is budgeted to receive \$21,200 in revenue. The net cost of the department to taxpayers is \$100,797.

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Sagadahoc, ss
State of Maine**

To: Kate Cutko, 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 and State, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at **Bowdoinham Community School on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:00pm**, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 43 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 Allow for Accessory Dwelling Units” be enacted?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to amend the CMP/Riverfront Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program originally dated June 10, 2014, pursuant to Title 30-A Chapter 206 of the Maine Revised Statutes, in accordance with the Resolution approved by the Select Board on April 25, 2023, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein by reference?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote: (1) to approve the reconstruction, paving and maintenance of various town roads and parking lots, including all other reasonably necessary costs related thereto (the “Project”); and (2) to appropriate up to \$1,000,000 for the Project; and (3) to authorize the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and (4) to delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s),

denomination(s), place(s) of payment, premium(s), call(s) for redemption, current or advance refunding(s) of the securities, form(s) and other detail of said general obligation bonds, including execution and delivery of said general obligation bonds and to provide for the sale thereof as well as the negotiation and execution of any loan agreement with any party or certifications related thereto.

TREASURER’S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

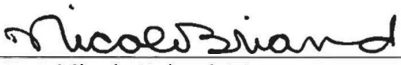
Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$6,402,836.35
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,402,836.35</u>

Costs:
 At an estimated interest rate of 5.15% for an assumed 10-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$1,000,000.00
Interest:	\$304,496.22
Total Debt Service:	\$1,304,496.22

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



 Nicole Briand, Treasurer
 Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote: (1) to approve the rehabilitation, stabilization and preservation of Town Hall, including all other reasonably necessary costs related thereto (the “Project”); and (2) to appropriate up to \$1,000,000 for the Project; and (3) to authorize the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and (4) to delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, premium(s), call(s) for redemption, current or advance refunding(s) of the securities, form(s) and other detail of said general obligation bonds, including execution and delivery of said general obligation bonds and to provide for the sale thereof as well as the negotiation and execution of any loan agreement with any party or certifications related thereto.

TREASURER’S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:


A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$6,402,836.35
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,402,836.35</u>

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 5.75% for an assumed 15-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$1,000,000.00
Interest:	\$519,312.66
Total Debt Service:	\$1,519,312.66

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Nicole Briand, Treasurer
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 4-0. Finance Advisory Committee recommends this article not to pass, 3-0, 2 abstained.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement in a principal amount not exceeding \$250,000 (exclusive of finance costs), for a term not to exceed ten years, and under such other terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable, for the purpose of funding the acquisition of an excavator, including attachments for the Public Works Department?

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

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to appropriate from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following projects, as itemized below?

Projects:	Project Estimates <i>(actual cost may vary)</i>
Purchase & Installation of Compacting Dumpster	\$20,000
Road & Parking Lot Maintenance	\$100,000
Total <i>(not to exceed)</i>	\$322,761.90

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

Explanation: June 15, 2022 Town Meeting the Town appropriated the \$322,761.90 of ARPA Funds for an estimate of \$295,000 in projects. This article would: 1) approve the last \$20,000 and 2) allow the funding approved for road maintenance to also be used for parking lot maintenance. As noted above, the project amounts are estimates and may vary, the total amount will not exceed the Town's total ARPA funds.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$650,000, as itemized below, for the CAPITAL RESERVE Budget?

Capital Improvements:	\$7,500
Town Hall & Town Office:	\$90,000
Cemetery Maintenance:	\$15,000
Solid Waste & Recycling:	\$44,500
Public Works Reserve:	\$440,000
Fire Reserve:	\$67,000
Recreation Reserve:	\$10,000
Electronic Equipment Reserve	\$3,500
<u>Waterfront Reserve:</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$650,000

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

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$795,843 for the ADMINISTRATION Budget?

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

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,266 for the PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the CONTINGENCY Budget?

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

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$47,000 for the GENERAL SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$522,671 for the DEBT SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$383,900 for the FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT Budget?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0. The Finance Advisory Committee recommends \$389,900, 5-0.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$119,350 for the TOWN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE Budget?

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

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,810 for the ANIMAL CONTROL AND HARBOR MASTER Budget?

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

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$807,485 for the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$219,379 for the SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT Budget?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article not to pass, 3-2. The Finance Advisory Committee recommends the article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$121,997 for the RECREATION Budget?

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

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,650 for SPECTRUM GENERATIONS?

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

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$762 for The Life Flight Foundation?

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

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Waldo Community Action Partners?

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

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$1,698,494 from the ESTIMATED REVENUES ACCOUNTS (Non-Property Tax Revenues) to be applied to reduce the 2024 tax commitment?

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

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,026,728 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.

Explanation: The budget as presented will result in a municipal property tax levy of \$2,165,619 which is \$1,138,891 above the Town’s property tax levy limit.

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

FUND BALANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE to be used for the first payment of the excavator lease agreement?

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

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to fix the first day of November 2023 and the first day of May 2024 when all 2024 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 8.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to establish the interest rate of 4.00% 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2024 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2023, who pay the total amount of 2024 taxes by monthly payments from September 2023 to June 30, 2024, 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of any overdrafts that may occur in the Town's 2023/2024 budget to be paid out of the undesignated fund balance?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer unexpended funds remaining in department expense accounts, which are appropriated by the town meeting in FY23-24 but which are not expended in FY23-24, in to related reserve accounts?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept on behalf of the Town, monetary gifts, and donated equipment and vehicles, and to appropriate said gifts to supplement the accounts and departments as specified by the benefactor?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 34: Shall the Town vote to authorize the following actions on behalf of the town: (1) to authorize the Select Board 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 36: Shall the Town 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 and place money from said sales into related reserve account, if the Board deems appropriate?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 37: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 38: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to enter into multi-year contracts necessary to provide services to the Town?

Explanation: Services for the town include but are not limited to ambulance service, banking, road maintenance, snow removal, curbside recycling and trash disposal.

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 39: Shall the Town 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 40: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to periodically set fees for returned checks, copies of Town ordinances and other documents, and notary services?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 41: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to collect Solid Waste Management User Fees for Fiscal Year 2024 at the rate of \$3.00 per bag?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 42: Shall the Town vote to set the annual permit fee of \$100.00 per year, per truck for commercial haulers operating within the Town of Bowdoinham, pursuant to the provisions of 7.1.1 of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance?


RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

ARTICLE 43: Shall the Town vote to 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: The Select Board recommends this article to pass, 5-0.

Given unto our hands the 9th day of May 2023.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham



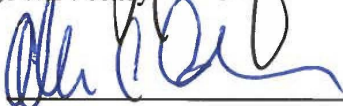
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Nicole Briand, Town Manager

