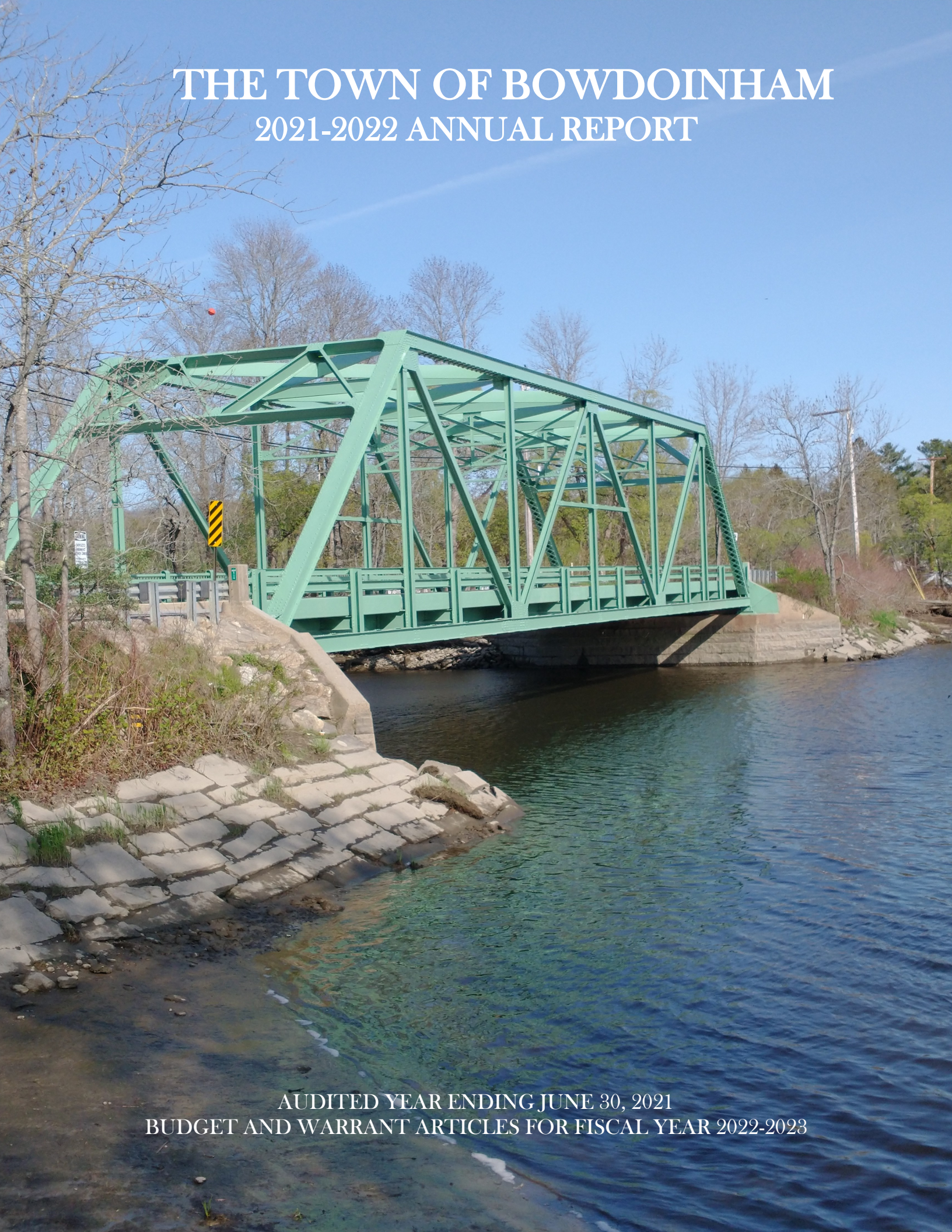


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Town Meeting

June 15, 2022 at 7:00pm

Bowdoinham Community School
23 Cemetery Road, Bowdoinham, ME, 04008

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Dedication
Margaret W. Frizzle



Margaret W. Frizzle
1936-2021

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Margaret W. (Roberts) Frizzle (Pop), a long time and active resident of Bowdoinham.

Margaret graduated from Lisbon High School in 1955, two years later she married Allan C. Frizzle Jr. The couple settled here in Bowdoinham where they raised their six children while being very active in the community. While her husband Allan is well known for his service as Fire Chief for the Bowdoinham Fire Department, Margaret was equally busy caring for and serving our community.

Margaret worked as a Bowdoinham mail carrier and answered the "red phone" in her home as a pre-911 dispatcher for the fire department. She also served the community as Pythia Sister, Brownie Leader, and member of the BFM Ladies Auxiliary, where she helped start the annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. She selflessly did her part to supply support and raise funds for the BFM and its members. Her lifetime dedication and love for our community made her not only a role model but also a mentor for selfless service and community pride.

She will long be remembered and missed by a grateful community that was touched by her giving heart.

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Bowdoinham Select Board

David Engler, Chair

Our annual Town Meeting performs the “legislative” function for the town. The warrant passed at the Town Meeting dictates how much money will be spent for the various town functions. The Select Board essentially functions as the “executive” to implement that warrant. While the Select Board delegates the day-to-day operation of the town to the Town Manager, state law mandates that the Board perform a number of specific functions.

We’ve approved supplemental assessments where land use has changed i.e., where property has been taken out of the Tree Growth program, and we’ve reviewed and approved tax abatements where assessing errors have been made. When back taxes are paid, the Board must approve a Quitclaim deed, which we have done several times this year. Last year the town hired RJD Appraisers to begin a four-year (to spread out the cost) program to re-appraise the town. This was done both to assure equity between tax payers and to address an issue with the state. When our appraised value falls to a certain level below what the state thinks it should be, our residents cannot claim their full Homestead Exemption. This year, given the rapid rise in property values, the Board accelerated the contract with RJD Appraisers to complete this work a year earlier. The Board also reviews and approves major contracts for goods and services negotiated by the town manager.

Following vetting by the Planning Board and Public Hearings, the Board approved three marijuana production facilities. Under State law, the town has the responsibility for abating hazardous buildings. Following a lengthy legal process, the town retained a contractor who cleaned up a fire damaged structure that was in close proximity to the Community School. The Board authorizes certain staff members to pursue various grants, some of which have saved our residents a significant amount of tax dollars. The Board also appoints the members of a number of Committees whose volunteers do much of the work that is required to make Bowdoinham the special place that it is. I am truly grateful for their efforts. In addition to these “nuts and bolts” activities, the Select Board has spent a great deal of time addressing two substantial issues. Last year, the Town was forced to relocate our Recycling Program to the Public Works Building. Our Solid Waste/Recycling Advisory Committee has determined that residents would like to see a continuation of our once award-winning Recycling Program with materials going to our contractor Casella for sorting (as we are presently doing) but with the ability for residents to separate out materials of value so that the town can sell them directly. With this Vision, the Board has engaged in a two-pronged effort to determine, first, what might be required to fix up the Barn and enter into a long-term lease or purchase agreement with the barn’s owner, and second, what modifications would be required at the Public Works Building to permanently house the program there. At our Town Meeting in June, residents narrowly defeated a citizen led initiative to purchase the Barn, and as of this writing, the Barn’s owner has told the Town that he is no longer interested in selling or leasing the Barn. With that option now off the table, we will be asking the Town for funds for the modifications at Public Works.

Second, at our Town Meeting, the Board was authorized to enter into an agreement with ReVision Energy for the installation of Solar Panels on the roof of the Public Works Building. This issue has proven to be far more complex than we had anticipated, and after lengthy consideration, the Board determined by a 3 to 2 vote that it was not in the best interest of the Town to enter into this twenty-year agreement with ReVision. The board is continuing to work with town staff to explore solar options and still hopes to find a solution that both lowers our electricity costs and reduces our reliance on fossil fuels. I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Community Development Advisory Committee and others who have worked so hard to make solar power a reality in our community.

It has been an honor for me to serve on behalf of this great community.

Town Manager
Nicole Briand

To Citizens of Bowdoinham:

First, I would like to thank everyone for their support in my first year as your Town Manager, I appreciate all the kind words I've received from the community, thank you! I have enjoyed my new role and I am looking forward to all the important work still to come. As always, I look forward to hearing from the community about your priorities, questions, and hopes for Bowdoinham, please don't hesitate to contact me.

This past year, with the \$900,000 bond that was approved at Town Meeting, we paved section 1 of Dingley Road, sections 1 and 2 of Carding Machine Road and the Fire Station Parking lot. This year we are requesting a \$400,000 bond to do work on Fisher Road and continue our road paving projects. This upcoming year we will be completing the Mallon Brook stream crossing on Dingley Road, funding for which will be from a Stream Crossing grant and the \$250,000 bond that was approved last Town Meeting. We will also begin construction on the non-motorize boat launch and infrastructure for the redevelopment of former Public Works property, which is being funded from a Boating Facilities grant, Shore & Harbor Improvement Program grant and the Riverfront/CMP TIF.

Budget Highlights

Wages & Benefits

Over the past year, it was difficult to recruit employees, primarily due to our wages not being competitive. This budget reflects wage adjustments in the following areas based on Maine Municipal Association's 2021 Salary Survey for Sagadahoc/Kennebec/Androscoggin/Cumberland counties for similar positions:

- Office Staff - The median rate for deputy clerks/tax collectors and excise tax collectors is \$19.11 and \$19.22 per hour, this budget proposes \$18/hour. The median rate for a general duty secretary is \$19.88/hour, this budget proposes \$18.50/hour.
- Recreation - The median rate for a Recreation Director is \$27.27/hour, this budget proposes \$23/hour and continues with a part-time position.
- Planning & Development - The median rate for a planner is \$72,032/year, the median salary for a Director of Community/Economic Development is \$89,294, this budget proposes \$70,000. The median rate for a Code Enforcement Officer is \$29.06/hour and \$33.52/hour for a Licensed Plumbing Inspector, this budget proposes \$27/hr. The median rate for an Assessor is \$39.42/hour, this budget allows for hiring a consultant one day a week for 48 weeks, unless we can hire an employee at \$35/hour for 16 hours/week.
- Public Works Foreman - The median rate for a highway foreman is \$26.60/hour and \$31.48/hour for a garage foreman/supervisor, the median for a public works director is \$38.62/hour (\$80,330/year), and this budget proposes \$27/hour.
- Public Works Staff - Our public works staff perform many roles for the Town. This budget proposes a base rate of \$21/hour. The median rates are: mechanic - \$24.85/hour, heavy equipment operator - \$22.36/hour, truck driver - \$19.79/hour, light equipment operator - \$20/hour, laborer - \$17.84/hour. Brunswick currently pays \$18.57 to \$23.21 for truck drivers and Topsham's pay scale is \$20.45 to \$24.43. Given the shortage of plow drivers around the state this past winter, we need to ensure we have a budget to attract and retain staff.

For employees not receiving a wage adjustment as stated above, this budget provides a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 5.9%. The Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region has now gone up 7.4%

Town Manager (cont'd)

over the last 12 months. I have also budgeted a 2.0% allowance for merit wage increases based on performance evaluations for all employees. Additionally, I've reviewed our stipend positions and their hours worked, and am recommending increasing stipends to ensure adequate hourly rates for these positions (recommending \$18/hour). We need to be sure that our employees are making the minimum hourly wage of \$12.75. Health insurance costs increased by 11%. I've budgeted each eligible employee for a minimum of the employee spouse plan, to ensure there are funds budgeted should we have employee changeover.

Utilities & Supplies

I've budgeted for an increase in 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 \$76,044, or 13.6%, which includes:

- funding for wage adjustments for office staff, election workers and stipend employees,
- increase in hours for office staff time, to ensure adequate office coverage,
- contracted assessing services,
- two quarters of property card updates, and
- increases for IT services and Utilities.

Debt Services

The Debt Services Budget shows an increase of \$56,873, or 13.2%, as our first payments will be due on our new bonds that were approved last year.

Fire & Rescue Department

The Fire and Rescue Department budget shows an overall increase of \$8,603, or 8.1%. This includes an increase for personnel and utilities.

Town Facilities & Maintenance

The Town Facilities & Maintenance budget shows an overall increase of \$18,465, or 20.1%. This includes an increase for supplies and utilities and annual maintenance for the Town Landfill.

Animal Control Officer and Harbor Master Departments

These department budgets show an overall increase of \$4,276, or 20.1%. This includes an increase for personnel and mileage reimbursement.

Public Works

The Public Works budget shows an overall increase of \$122,278 or 23%, which includes:

- funding for wage adjustments and health insurance based on the position (not the employee),
- increase in overtime hours,
- funding for crack seal,
- increases for supplies (vehicle parts, gas/diesel) and utilities.

Solid Waste & Recycling

The Solid Waste & Recycling budget shows a proposed increase of \$18,160 or 9.6%. This includes an increase for supplies, safety & personal protection equipment, our single stream contract, and a wage ad-

Town Manager
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justment, including some additional hours. The net cost of the department to taxpayers would be \$98,872.

Recreation

The Recreation budget shows a proposed increase of \$15,729 or 26.2%. Much of this increase is funding for facility maintenance, utilities and a wage adjustment, including some additional hours. The net cost of the department to taxpayers would be \$47,787.

Planning & Development

The Planning & Development budget shows a proposed increase of \$42,564 or 44.6%, mostly due to making the Code Enforcement Officer position full-time. With new staff we need to restore our training, miscellaneous (supplies) and mileage budget items.

Non-Municipal Organization Requests

We received four municipal budget requests, the two that provided additional information have been included in the budget. The Finance Committee is recommending funding for Spectrum Generations (\$1,500) and The Life Flight Foundation (\$723). This is an increase of \$723 or 48.2%.

Capital Reserves

The Capital Reserves budget shows a proposed decrease of \$16,500 or -11.1% and is based on the Capital Improvement Plan 23-28. This budget was able to be reduced with the use of ARPA funding.

The following capital expenditures are proposed for FY23:

- Purchase & Installation Server for Town Office \$7,500 (ARPA)
- Purchase & Installation of Remote Meeting Technology \$30,000 (ARPA)
Kendall Room and Fire Department Meeting Room
- Gear Extractor & Dryer \$30,000 (ARPA)
- Fit Test Machine \$15,000 (ARPA)
- Public Works/Recycling Truck with Plow Gear up to \$145,000
(ARPA & Municipal Lease)
- Deck over Trailer \$15,000 (ARPA)
- Purchase & Installation of Compacting Dumpster \$20,000 (ARPA)
- Leaf Vacuum \$5,000 (ARPA)
- Tractor with Bushhog \$8,000 (ARPA)
- Road Work \$500,000 (ARPA & Bond)
- CEO/Assessor Office Renovation \$20,000
(Capital Improvement Reserve)
- Recycling Facility Studies up to \$125,200
(SW/Recycling & Capital Improvement Reserve)

Town Revaluation

I recommend that we fund the revaluation from the undesignated fund balance in FY23. We declared a certified ratio of 91% in May 2021 for FY22, which is why property owners only received \$22,750 of the \$25,000 homestead exemption and the Town only received 91% of the homestead reimbursement. For FY2023 our declared ratio for FY23 will be 87%, making the homestead exemption \$21,750. By moving

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forward with the revaluation, the Town will be able to declare a certified ratio of 100% for FY24, which will allow property owners to receive their full homestead exemption of \$25,000 and the Town will receive the full reimbursement rate. If we don't move forward with the revaluation, I expect our declared ratio to fall to at least 83% for FY24.

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 who work very hard to satisfy your need for municipal services. I would also like to thank the Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee for their work on the budget and all our boards and committees for their dedication to make our community a better place.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Briand

Nicole Briand
Town Manager

Public Works
Tobey Frizzle, Foreman

The summer construction season proved to be very challenging having to get two roads ready for paving: the Carding Machine Road section 2 and the Dingley Road. Both roads needed a lot of work with culvert replacement, ditching, and lots of gravel.

This past winter went well with just a few equipment issues.

The Public Works has taken on the maintenance of our town cemeteries along with the mowing. We are currently waiting on a training course through MOCA so we can start resetting the fallen stones. This coming season will be filled with Cemetery work setting stones and filling in the low spots, road work shoulders and ditching and tree cutting along the road sides.

The Public Works Department would like to thank the residents for their support. I would also like to thank my crew for all that they do.

Tobey Frizzle, Foreman
Bowdoinham Public Works

Fire & Rescue Arthur Frizzle

On behalf of the members of Bowdoinham Fire and Rescue it is my privilege to submit our annual report for 2021. Bowdoinham Fire and Rescue is a volunteer department with a part time Chief's position. We are committed to protecting lives and property through public education, fire suppression and first responder emergency medical services.

Bowdoinham Fire and Rescue would like to remember the significant contributions of two members that passed in 2021.

Margaret Frizzle, Pop, to most was an integral part of the Bowdoinham Fire and Rescue family. In the earlier years before pagers there was the red phone network. These phones were in a few locations around town, one of which was our house. At any given time, day or night, the distinctive ring and the sound of running feet could be heard closely followed by the siren in the tower of the Town Hall winding up to alert firefighters of a call, she was one of the original 911 operators for Bowdoinham. She helped lead the Ladies Auxiliary serving several terms as president and was a huge part of the success of the bean suppers, pie sales, hunter's breakfasts and any other event to support and raise funds for the fire department so we could obtain essential equipment. Ask any of the old-time firefighters in the area and they will fondly remember being at an emergency scene at 3 AM fire and eating a "Bowdoinham lobster roll" with a hot cup of coffee personally delivered to every firefighter by her and other members of the Ladies Auxiliary. When you are exhausted and running on fumes it is amazing how much energy a simple bologna sandwich and a horrible cup of coffee will make. Margaret is a major reason why the department is what we are today, we are gonna miss you Ma.

Statistics:	
Motor vehicle crashes	40
Outside/Miscellaneous Fire	30
Chimney	6
Structure (any smoke/fire inside)	25
Fire Alarm	12
Gas Spill / CO Investigation	6
Tree / power lines / utility problem	14
Vehicle fire	12
Search and Rescue – lost person	1
Public / EMS assist	18
Water Rescue	3

Chris Read was a firefighter, an EMT, and an all-around great guy. Chris started his career in the fire service in Jay before he and his wife Karen moved to Bowdoinham in 1995 where he proudly served the community until his passing. Even though he was a training officer, Lieutenant and Safety officer at one time or another he was always the quintessential firefighter/EMT at heart. He was the go-to guy for all things fire and would regularly regale us with stories from his early days as a probie. Chris dedicated his life to helping others as an RN in his real job and filled his time off as a committed volunteer for Bowdoinham. His smile and unmistakable laugh will be sadly missed throughout our community, but I am sure he is watching over us all somewhere "southeast of disorder".

In 2021 we responded to a combined 249 calls for service. These numbers are down significantly from past years especially on the EMS side. EMS calls are always covered by a transporting ambulance service and Bowdoinham members perform the first responder duties of initial triage and treatment prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Daytime availability and dwindling numbers have severely limited our ability to first respond to every EMS call. A decrease in mutual aid requests has also kept our overall numbers down. We did handle a significant number of vehicle crashes and reported structure fires seemed to be well above average both in Town and throughout our mutual aid communities. Some of these fires resulted in significant property losses but in all cases there were no injuries to the residents or firefighters.

Covid still played a huge role in our ability to meet and train on a consistent basis but we were finally able to get back together as a group and forged ahead while also completing a few projects around the station.

Fire & Rescue
Arthur Frizzle

We upgraded our eyewash station, built a new equipment room with overhead storage and replaced all our old T12 fluorescent lighting to modern low power LED lights. Previously, in 2020, we sent 4 members to be certified as cold-water rescue technicians and in 2021 we were able to add significantly to those capabilities. We received a donation from the Tom Fors Memorial Fund and that combined with funds from the Bowdoinham Fire and Rescue Association we were able to purchase a trailer, an ice rescue sled and six new cold-water rescue suits completely outfitted with helmet radios for communications. The new trailer was further modified by Captain Darin Sylvester adding a bench, storage area and generator to give us a deployment platform for any water rescue emergency complete with a heated changing area for donning and doffing of gear.

I would like to thank the members of Bowdoinham Fire and Rescue, your commitment to the Bowdoinham community is truly appreciated and to the citizens of Bowdoinham thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Fire Chief
Arthur Frizzle

Recreation
Chris Whitney

As some may know, my name is Chris Whitney and I have recently been hired as the Recreation Director and Older Adult Services Coordinator. I am very excited to be involved with the Town of Bowdoinham and the great residents that reside here.

For the past year, recreation has looked a little different. We have not been able to offer the programs that we have in the past due to Covid-19. We have missed out on Baseball/Softball/T-Ball seasons, but we are gearing up to bring them back this spring with some exciting upgrades to both programs and facilities. Basketball season was a bit modified this past season, but we were able to offer a season.

Luckily, we have been able to utilize our skating rink, beautiful trail systems, and recreation fields as a way for residents to get outside in a safe manner. We have had many residents come into the Town Office and rent out ice skates and cross-country skis allowing them to enjoy the winter weather. We have also partnered with Lost Valley where residents were able to sign-up for ski lessons and get lift tickets for the six-week ski program on Friday nights.

We are very appreciative of all the volunteers that help us with our programs. Without the volunteers we would not be able to be as successful as we are. We are very excited to be able to offer programs for all ages soon and be able to get everyone involved again. Be sure to look out for new programs and facility upgrades coming soon!

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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



Cemetery Sexton

Frank Connors

Greetings, Citizens of Bowdoinham,

One of the things that makes Bowdoinham unique is her scattering of 60 (plus or minus) cemeteries dotting her open spaces. It has long been my privilege, honor, and interest to guard these resources as your Sexton.

Your Town is one of the few in Maine with an active Sexton, and a working supervisory committee that oversees these cemeteries. During the past year, in spite of the Covid pandemic, this committee has stayed active, physically working in some of our lesser-known cemeteries, and doing the hard work of revising the cemetery policy of your town. Bowdoinham is also fortunate to have a Public Works Director and department that always seems willing and capable of spending time mowing, and maintaining many of these yards.

I want you to know that a primary duty, and honor, of mine is to place veteran flags in cemeteries for Memorial day. We've created an alphabetized list over the years of more than 350 veterans in 36 cemeteries. If you know of a veteran NOT receiving a flag, please contact me or the town office.

Last year, in spite of the Covid Pandemic several large trees were removed at the Village Cemetery, and maintenance was expanded at the Ridge Cemetery.

I'd like to encourage you, this year, to stop and visit one of our cemeteries, and come away with a new appreciation for the history of our town. If you ever have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call me at 725-4043. I'm always just a few minutes away.

Thank you for the privilege of Serving our Town.

Frank Connors

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 2021:

- 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

Statistics:

Calls Received for Service Info: 536

Wildlife Info: 82

Cat Info: 72

Warnings/Summons: 47

Dog/Cat bites: 23

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

Cliff Daigle, Animal Control Officer

Town Clerk
Tina Magno

Referendum Election

June 8, 2021 - Maine School Administration District 75 Budget Referendum
MSAD Votes Cast - 146

Town Meeting

June 9, 2021 - Special Town Meeting

There were 208 Registered Voters in Attendance.

Total Votes Cast - 144

Yes - 70

No - 72

Blank - 2

Elections

November 2, 2021 - State of Maine Referendum & Municipal Election

State Referendum Votes Cast - 1277

Municipal Votes Cast - 1180

I would like to give a very much appreciated thank you to the dedicated, knowledgeable and helpful Election/Ballot Clerks who got me through my first election as the Town Clerk. You made it so effortless and as smooth as possible, and I cannot thank you enough.

Leslie Barker, Kirsten Coker, Caroline Hawks, Donald Lamoreau, Dale Rappaneau, Linda Williams, Kate Cutko, Elaine Diaz, Cassandras Hensley, Marlene Hensley, Lynne Smith, Stephen Smith, Shirley Tracy, and Barbara Bishop.

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, Bryan Benson, and Thomas Egan for your hard work with set-up and break down of all the Election equipment. You all are amazing.

Thank you Nora Bishop, our Warden, for her knowledge of all thing Elections and of this community. Her wealth of knowledge helped me, as a new Town Clerk, get through a job I had never done before. She always made sure we were on top of things and in compliance with Election rules and regulations. All of her dedication and support to the Town and me during Elections was very valuable.

Special Town Meeting was held on October 20th at the Bowdoinham Community School. This was my first time speaking to a large crowd and I was very nervous. This was a vote that took a few tries to achieve the outcome, with a vote of 72 to 70. Thank you to the Town for your patience and understanding during that crazy voting time.

My first Election was on November 2nd. We still had a few COVID restrictions, but they were not mandated to our Election time for voting. Thank you to the Bowdoinham Community School for the use of their facility as this made for a smoother traffic flow for voters and gave us more room for the six feet separation for voting. We had a much bigger turnout with the CMP referendum on the Ballot.

2022 may continue with more Covid issues, but 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 welcome as the new Town Clerk.

Sincerely,

Tina L. Magno

Town Clerk

Town Clerk
(Vital Statistics)

There were 27 births in 2021

In Loving Memory of our Bowdoinham Friends and Family

Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death
Emily Petty	85	January 8 th
Joan Middleton-Eaton	69	February 2 nd
Marian Blake Bagley	93	February 6 th
Robert A Porter	74	February 7 th
Neal E Brown	84	February 10 th
Brayton Maynard Toothaker Jr	76	February 17 th
Claude A Cote	80	February 17 th
William Worcester Briggs	90	February 25 th
George J Malkoch Jr	49	February 28 th
Jed Middleton	64	March 12 th
Robert Thomas Harty	88	April 6 th
Arthur Boulay	87	April 9 th
Donald Gerard Thibeault	74	May 14 th
Linda Louise Davis	63	June 6 th
Arthur William Johnson	82	June 7 th
Peter Orman Hines	80	October 7 th
Robert C Wallace Jr	72	October 31 st
Stephanie T Delano	60	October 31 st
Byron Eugene Harrington Jr	86	November 6 th
Judith Elaine Doughty	78	November 10 th
Mildred M Tourtelotte	94	November 10 th
Christopher Michael Downs	68	November 12 th
Ronald P Bugenske	85	December 13 th
Margaret W Frizzle	85	December 13 th
Christopher A Read	52	December 21 st
Debra Lou Lipscomb	69	December 25 th
John Elroy Huston	74	December 29 th
Total Deaths 2021		27

Congratulations to our Bowdoinham Newlyweds!

Party A Current Name	Party B Current Name	Date of Marriage
Clarissa Agnes	Christopher Brawn	June 25 th
Mary Beth Dever	Stephen Miller Bartlett	June 26 th
Tina Marie Burns	Mickey Albert Searles	August 14 th
Kara Lee Pennell	Steven Peter Campbell	August 20 th
Emma Kaitlyn Allen	Elijah Ty Veno	August 21 st
Margot D Frost	Earl H Bigelow	September 4 th
Chantalle Julia Desjardins	Timothy Crosby Bickford	September 25 th
Kathleen Doty Polonchek	Michael Paul Swett	September 25 th
Tracy Alicia Coffin	Bryan Louis Fuller	September 28 th
Danielle Marie Scherer	Jason Michael Lilley	October 7 th
Emily Rose Peterson	Conner Adam Huggins	October 13 th
Eric Wayne Rollins	Barbara Jean Cree	October 16 th
Chelsey Elizabeth Kaiser	Conner Timothy Fitzpatrick	October 23 rd
Chantel Lin Jacobs	Jeremy Ames Hall	October 23 rd
Total Marriages		14

Solid Waste & Recycling

Bryan Benson

Hello Bowdoinham Residents,

The Solid Waste and Recycling Department provides education to Bowdoinham residents to ensure that materials are being correctly recycled to avoid contamination. The staff regularly answers questions on site or through our website and Facebook page **Town of Bowdoinham Solid Waste Dept.** We also publish recycling tips and tricks in *The Bowdoinham News*. We encourage all residents to maximize recycling to prevent waste.

I would like to thank our residents for your support and participation of our recycling program and services. These programs include **Paint Care** which accepts household or architectural paints including primers, stains, sealers, shellacs and varnishes. **Mercury** collection to include rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers. **Lead acid batteries** to include automotive, marine and emergency lighting to list a few. Semi annual **Oversized Bulky Waste** and **Freon collection** days provides the means to dispose of items too large to put in your curbside trash. These collections could include couches, chairs, mattresses, refrigerators and air conditioners.

Curb-side Trash Pickup is Thursday Morning. If Thursday is a U.S. Holiday, trash will be collected on the following Saturday.

When the freon is collected the item is then recycled as scrap metal. **Scrap metal** consists of any waste metal capable of being recycled. **Food waste** is once again being collected in cooperation with Hobart Farm to generate compost and divert organic waste from the landfill. **Shredded paper** is collected, and a local farmer uses it for livestock bedding.

In the summer of 2022, the Solid Waste Department will assume responsibilities of maintaining the former landfill on Carding Machine Rd. saving the town an estimated \$1200 in contractor fees.

The Solid Waste Department continues to evaluate the recycling market and processing techniques. For example, in April of 2021 we changed the way we bale old, corrugated cardboard, and the result was an increase of 250 pounds per bale or an additional \$1100 in revenue per trailer load at current market price. In addition, we are researching ways to reduce our recycling transportation costs to one quarter of what we are currently paying by changing the way we collect recyclables.

All of us in the Solid Waste and Recycling Department truly appreciate the 11,989 visits for your participation and commitment to our recycling program in 2021.

Respectfully submitted

Bryan Benson
Solid Waste and Recycling Director

Planning & Development Department

Jennifer Curtis

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 the neighbors. Due to the limited zoning in Bowdoinham, most commercial uses can occur anywhere, as long as 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 twelve site plan permit applications and a subdivision application. These kept the staff and Planning Board very busy. All of those projects required at least two Planning Board meetings in order to review the application, hold a public hearing, make findings of fact related to the performance standards, and then act on approval criteria. Bowdoinham has a hard-working Planning Board that provides a tremendous public service.

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 2021 the CPC hired facilitator Craig Freshley. Mr. Freshley facilitated public forums and guided construction of a survey to produce an updated vision of what the community wants to honor about its past, and plan for in the future. The Committee also reviewed the updated data from the State of Maine, reviewed and proposed some land use ordinance changes, considered emerging trends in land use, and topics that they thought should be incorporated into the next comprehensive plan. Such topics included commercial-scale solar projects, licensed marijuana uses, the impacts of PFA contamination, and more acknowledgment of local history prior to European colonization.

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 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.

Despite COVID-19 related disruptions, we were able to continue work with the **Community Development Advisory Committee** on programs and projects to strengthen local businesses. In 2021 the Committee successfully promoted approval at Town Meeting of an on-site solar project; produced a farmstand flyer; made recommendations for repairs to the yellow building on the waterfront; enhanced the online business directory, researched non-motorized paddle put-in locations nearer to the bay, and started planning for waterfront trail-building efforts in 2022.

The **Merrymeeting Trail** is a 25-mile planned rail-with-trail connecting Topsham, Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Gardiner; from the Kennebec River Rail Trail in Augusta to the Androscoggin River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path in Brunswick. In 2021 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 indicated they will create a Rail Corridor Use Advisory Council to consider the request through a several-month process. Department staff support project leadership, and the effort, with

Planning & Development Department (cont'd)

marketing, communications, and outreach work as the trail concept makes these major strides of progress.

In 2021 work continued on implementation of the **Waterfront Master Plan**, which was approved at Town Meeting 2019. The town received all required federal, state, and local permits as of June 2021, and applied for and was awarded two construction grants, the Maine Boating Facilities Fund through the Bureau of Parks and Lands, and the Maine Small Harbor Improvement Program through the Department of Transportation.

The Summer Concert Series and Celebrate Bowdoinham were both held in 2021, observing Maine CDC recommended precautions due to significant COVID-19 cases in the area. The **Holiday Festival** included Santa's annual fire truck ride, an online shop for the Guild of Artisans, the Church of Nazarene's Victorian Christmas, and a Holiday Lights contest.

Open Farm Day & Art Trail were canceled in 2021 due to the state of the Covid-19 pandemic at the time. We hope to see it return in 2022.

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 Jennifer Curtis, 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 for the countless hours and acts of public service provided by the reliable and dedicated volunteer community of doers in Bowdoinham; when you volunteer, you vote by your actions for the kind of community you want to live in.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenn Curtis
Director of Planning & Development

Code Enforcement Officer

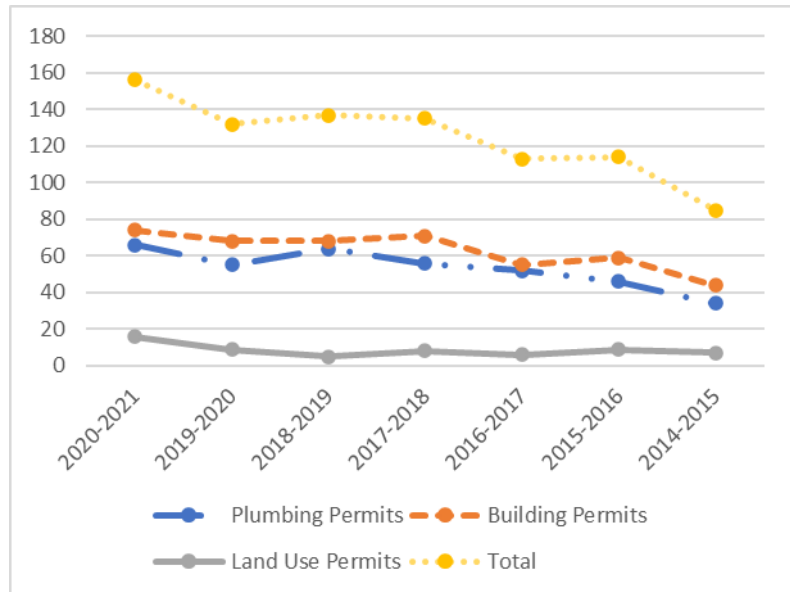
Darren Carey

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 seventy-four (74) building permits, twenty (20) of which were Single-Family dwellings. The CEO is also responsible for issuing Shoreland Zoning, Floodplain, and Land Use permits.

The LPI issued a total of sixty-six (66) plumbing permits.



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

Respectfully Submitted by

Darren Carey

Code Enforcement Officer/LPI

Year	Total Fees Collected	Plumbing Permits	Building Permits	Land Use Permits
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
2016-2017	\$14,591.16	52	55	6
2015-2016	\$9,578.69	46	59	9
2014-2015	\$10,966.90	34	44	7

Committee for Age Friendly Bowdoinham

Maureen Booth, Co-chair

Peggy Muir, Co-chair

We have a new name but the same mission—to improve the lives of all residents, with a special focus on older adults and those living with disabilities. Formerly known as the Advisory Committee on Aging or ACOA, we changed our name to the Committee for Age Friendly Bowdoinham both to reinforce our broader mission and to connect our efforts to the network of age friendly communities in Maine and throughout the country.

The importance of the Committee’s mission was reinforced this past year as the pandemic continued to challenge our usual ways of connecting to friends, activities, and essential services. In addition to the numerous acts of kindness among neighbors, strangers and friends, local volunteer programs helped fill in the gaps:

Support services

- Volunteer drivers with Rides in Neighbors’ Cars logged 331 trips for a total of 9541 miles and 610 hours, taking residents to medical appointments, shopping, and other essential services;
- The Bowdoinham Food Pantry served 107 households through in-person shopping, pick-up and delivery services;
- A group of volunteers made over 300 telephone calls to older adults to check in on their wellbeing and to build awareness of resources to assist them ; and
- The Committee worked to revitalize and promote the Town’s program for lending medical equipment, adaptive tools, and devices to residents for short or long periods.

Social Programs

- Bridge playing averaged 35 players per month, initially via zoom and now at Public Works;
- Gentle yoga held weekly sessions at the Gazebo and at Merrymeeting Hall;
- Line Dancing stayed in full swing- first outdoors and now at Merrymeeting Hall with weekly attendance averaging 8 dancers; and
- Although the Committee had to cancel monthly lunches last year due to the pandemic, the Committee took advantage of the last days of fall to host 40 people at the Waterfront.

But the pandemic also brought to light system weaknesses that shifted the focus of our Committee along with that of other Town and private partners. Among them:

- **The need for a rapid response system during emergencies such as power outages, severe weather events, and pandemics.** Through the first half of 2021, the Committee continued to conduct check-in calls with residents over 75 years of age to build awareness of local resources and to offer assistance. This was a labor intensive and not very effective approach to reaching individuals most in need. The Committee is investigating other approaches, including a registry of individuals wishing to be contacted by a volunteer in the event of an emergency.
- **Our reliance on the internet to communicate, conduct business, and consult with professionals left out those in our community who do not have internet access or the skills to use a device.** The Bowdoinham Public Library, in collaboration with Age Friendly Committee, received funds from the Maine Humanities Council to train volunteers and sponsor classes to help individuals build comput-

Members

Maureen Booth,
Co-chair

Peggy Muir,
Co-chair

Mary Kelly

George Oliver

Karen Mayo

Barbara Rollins

Deb Smith

Committee for Age Friendly Bowdoinham (cont'd)

er skills. The Library also participates in a program offered through the National Digital Equity Center to provide free computers and internet access to eligible residents.

- **The lack of a focal point for “connecting the dots” across services and programs caused frustration and confusion about available service options.** While the Committee is not in the business of serving as an individual’s care coordinator, we are committed to becoming knowledgeable of area resources in order to help simplify, organize, and disseminate information through Bowdoinham News articles, resource guides, and informational meetings with Town seniors and caregivers.

Results of the 2020 U.S. Census show that over 1 in every 5 residents in Bowdoinham is 65 years of age and older. Older adults not only enrich the diversity of experience and character of the Town but also affect the types of investments needed to help keep residents healthy, active, and engaged in our community. During the coming year, the Committee plans to seek out the opinions of older residents to better understand what their needs and preferences are and how Bowdoinham can better support them. We also want to hear from caregivers about their challenges and unique perspectives, as well as major stakeholders and organizations who serve older people and people with disabilities. We look forward to learning how we can do better in fostering changes that improve Bowdoinham’s infrastructure, policies, and programs for residents of all ages, especially for older adults and for those living with disabilities. We also invite residents to join the Committee to work with us on projects of special interest.

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Elaine Diaz, Vice Chair

Meeting Schedule: The Cemetery Advisory Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM. (2nd Monday if the 1st is a Holiday)

Website: Bowdoinham.com/CAC

In 2021, the Public Works Dept., under the leadership of Tobey Frizzle greatly increased its maintenance of Bowdoinham Cemeteries and its response to requests by the BCAC. One result of that was a \$5000 donation for maintenance of our cemeteries by Wendy Scully who was very impressed with improvements, including a sign at the Mustard Cemetery, where her forbears are interred. More signs have been placed and at request of BCAC and abutters/keepers moved back from roadsides to the cemetery fences, to decrease chance of vandalism as occurred in Bowdoin.

Removal of threatening trees and branches at the Village Burying Ground has continued at the recommendation of the committee. This work has been done by Tidewater Tree Care, a Bowdoinham business. Trees and branches in other cemeteries have been removed by Public Works and others, when BCAC has received complaints from abutters and keepers. The outreach provided by our column in the Bowdoinham News has been responsible for most of these contacts as well as finding some new Keepers, who take responsibility for looking after a cemetery.

We were unable to reach our goal of getting some town employees certified at a Maine Old Cemeteries Association training this past summer, but will keep trying, as our unmet need is for people who are trained and skilled in stone restoration (repairing and resetting).

We have been working on consolidating all cemetery information in print and on an easily accessible website. Linda Williams rejoined the Committee in 2021 and will be coordinating that work. Linda Temple has joined Elaine as Volunteer Coordinator. Since much of the actual work in the cemeteries is done by volunteers, this has become a very important function of the Committee. Our Chairman, Tony Lewis and Kat McKechnie resigned in April and Karen Tilbor in August. They are all much missed! We are seeking a Chair, as we have been without one for much of the past year.

We hope to resume larger "cleanup" sessions in the coming year. The Browne Cemetery in late May has been suggested as well as The McFadden Yard and continuing in the Village and Ridge. Please contact Elaine Diaz at 666-8255 if you would like to volunteer for any of these.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Diaz , Vice Chair

Members	
Tony Lewis, Chair (Resigned in April)	Linda Williams, Secretary and Documentation Coordinator
Kathleen McKechnie (Resigned in April)	Sam Tome
Karen Tilbor, Secretary (Resigned in June)	Cassandra Hensley
Elaine Diaz, Vice Chair and Volunteer Coordinator	P.J. O'Hanlon Peter Mendall (Joined in April 2022)
Linda Temple, Volunteer Coordinator	Nina Mendall (Joined in April 2022)
Staff	
Pam Ross, Town Clerk (Resigned in August)	Tobey Frizzle, Public Works Foreman

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Joanne Joy, Chair

Committee Members

Joanne Joy, Chair

David Asmussen,
Co-Chair

Jan Marks

Allen Acker

PJ O'Hanlon

Laura Arnold

Robert Schott

Peggy Christian

William Stanton

It has been a year of change for the Town of Bowdoinham and for the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) as well with transitions at the town level as well as changes to the committee membership. First, thanks to all CPC members; David Asmussen, Co-Chair; Peggy Christian, and William Stanton who are long-term continuing members, and a warm welcome to our wonderful new members; Allen Acker, Laura Arnold, Jan Marks, PJ O'Hanlon, and Robert Schott. Also thanks go to the members who previously served on the committee and have stepped away for a variety of reasons; Tom Deforeest, Richard Morin, Patrick Thompson, Kevin Twine, and Reeve Wood.

The support for the committee has also transitioned over the year. Thanks go to Nicole Briand for her years of support for both the 2014 Comprehensive Plan efforts and committee, as well as for starting this new process on the path of review of implementation of the 2014 plan and initiating the planning for the 2024 updated version. Orion Thomas stepped in for a few months to help, and now we are pleased to work with Jennifer Curtis, the Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Bowdoinham, on top of all her other responsibilities.

Creating a Vision for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan that is community generated and informed began with a Community Listening Session in November with a follow-up survey developed for release in January. The committee delayed the process so Craig Freshley, who facilitated the 2014 visioning process, would be available. We think it has been worth the wait. Although the visioning process has been a very important part of the CPC efforts in past months, there have been some other very important discussions as well.

- The CPC members turned their attention to some of the topics currently being discussed at the Planning Board over the past year, weighing in on issues of implementation of the Plan.
- Bill Stanton and Kevin Twine began to study the growing problem of preserving Bowdoinham's rural character, while at the same time accommodating increasing pressure to locate new homes in open spaces and along scenic road stretches.

Topics in the headlines made their way into the planning process, and into the lives of Bowdoinham community members. Topics not in the 2014-2024 Plan but important now and into the future include solar farms, marijuana establishments and PFAS contamination. Other topics continue to evolve and be of concern such as climate change, and the cost of housing. The ongoing pandemic has highlighted unique public health and safety challenges, as families struggle with keeping children safe and educated while maintaining regular work.

Updates on data for the plan will occupy parts of each meeting in 2022, which has generally been postponed waiting for updated data. The 2020 census data has not yet been available. It's difficult to assess the various demographic changes that may still be in flux due to the changing living and working patterns that began in March 2020 and continued through the end of 2021 with unknown impacts into the future. The impact on Bowdoinham agriculture continues to be different now than in the past, and will potentially also be different in the future to name just a few issues.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (cont'd)

In case you are looking for a way to serve our community, this is a great time to join the Comprehensive Planning Committee. You can sit in on a couple of meetings without making a long-term commitment. We want to include more perspectives and voices.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00. We can have up to 17 members, and currently have 9 active participants, one application pending.

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

Joanne Joy, Chair



The Community Development Advisory Committee

Wendy Rose, Chair

The role of the CDAC is to advise the Select Board about community development strategies and activities. We use the town's comprehensive plan as our guide for the projects we address. On occasion, we host gatherings of the town's businesses to get their input into which of our potential projects we should put at the top of the list.

Our major focus this year was a Solar Project. In 2020, we sent a recommendation to the Select Board based on extensive research into various ways the town could source its electricity through solar energy. Our unanimous recommendation was to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with ReVision Energy. The proposal included a new solar array on the Public Works building at no cost to the town. ReVision would maintain the array for 20 years at no cost to the town, and would decommission it after 20 years at (yes!) no cost to the town. With this agreement, the town would save over 2 years of its electric bill expenses. The Select Board determined that we needed town approval to enter into the PPA, so CDAC worked to inform our neighbors about the elements of this plan. We hosted two public meetings via zoom: one gave an overview of how a PPA works and the benefits of solar energy; the second addressed the specific proposal for Bowdoinham and had the benefit of a ReVision energy expert who answered questions. We also prepared a flyer with important facts about the project which was widely distributed. A Bowdoinham newsletter article about the project went into significant detail. In June, the town approved the article on the warrant and empowered the Select Board to negotiate a final PPA with ReVision. The final PPA contract was rejected by the Select Board with a narrow 3-2 vote in February, 2022.

In our discussions about different approaches to economic development, the Committee reinforced our priority—to strengthen our “quality of place” as a way of attracting business activity that harmonizes with our town and Comprehensive Planning goals. With this in mind, CDAC undertook many activities intended to enhance our three strongest economic sectors—farming, artisans, and recreation. We are also mindful of ways in which we can support our existing retail and other small enterprises.

Rather than do a narrative review of these activities, I will list out specifics:

- We revised a flyer promoting local farms and all the ways that residents could purchase fresh produce. This was widely distributed.
- We met with the new owners of the Bowdoinham Country Store to encourage their efforts and offer our support.
- We met with Bill Stanton, the new owner of the Cathance River Gallery in the heart of the village. Bill hopes to coordinate with other artisans and with arts organizations as a way of strengthening the gallery's presence.
- We toured the “yellow house” that the town owns on the Cathance River and submitted recommendations to the Select Board for critical maintenance. Because this facility has great future potential, CDAC outlined potential uses. The town passed a budget item for immediate repairs at the June Town Meeting.
- After talking about it throughout 2021, CDAC has undertaken a major upgrade to the Business Directory located on the town website. Committee member, Jean de Bellefeuille, has started this work in 2022 which will include updating the information on the site and developing a process by which there will be on-going updates.
- Throughout the year, CDAC researched a possible location for a new paddle put-in on the Abagadasset River with easy access to Merrymeeting Bay. Because of the new public access

The Community Development Advisory Committee (cont'd)

property at the end of Center Point, this paddle put-in location would be a great asset for outdoor recreation. It would provide a way for folks to approach Center Point by water. The spot we are considering is owned by CMP. There has been some progress in contacting them so we can move forward with a proposal. In April 2021, we welcomed Jenn Curtis as the new Planning Director for Bowdoinham.

She provides staff support to CDAC and keeps us up-to-date on town projects. The projects that we plan to undertake in 2022 include some work on the Cathance Meadow Trail (located on the 20 acre parcel the town owns on the Cathance River), an update to the Central Maine Power TIF, a completed Business Directory, and the new paddle put-in proposal. New developments on the Merrymeeting Trail are very exciting. We hope to see significant steps with this during 2022.

Many thanks to Pete Feeney who has agreed to work with us on the Committee. He provided great coordination with the parade during Celebrate Bowdoinham! All of us on CDAC would also like to thank Brian Smith for his many years of service on this committee. His contributions have been invaluable. Although he has stepped down from his role on CDAC, I know he will still be fully engaged in contributing to the town through Peary's Garden, his community outdoor pizza oven, and his vast knowledge of our town.

We welcome input and participation. Join us at our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30. You can find details about each month's meeting (whether by zoom or in person) at the town website.

Respectfully submitted
Wendy Rose, Chair

CDAC members: Brian Smith, Lee Parker, John Scribner, Jean de Bellefeuille, Pete Feeney

Planning Board
Nathan Drummond, Chairman

Planning Board Chairman's Report

2021 was a very busy year for the Bowdoinham Planning Board. The volunteer board reviewed 10 applications, drafted changes to the Land Use Ordinance and adapted its meetings to the ever-changing realities of the CoVid-19 pandemic. Through it all we were helped ably by CEO Darren Carey (filling in as interim-Town Planner January-April) and the town's new Town Planner, Jenn Curtis, who began in April. 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 many long meetings.

In 2021 the Planning Board reviewed and approved the following applications:

- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by Mystique Operations, LLC for the cultivation of adult-use marijuana at 50 Pork Point Rd (approved in March)
- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by T&H Excavation for a garage in association with an existing excavation business at Millay Rd, property RO2-045-C (approved in June)
- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by David Berry for the cultivation of adult-use marijuana in an existing greenhouse at 21 Dinsmore Cross Rd (approved in April)
- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by North Fire, LLC for the indoor cultivation of adult-use marijuana at 241 Carding Machine Rd (approved in April)
- Shoreland Zoning and Site Plan Review Tier 2 Applications by the Town of Bowdoinham for the re-development of the old public works facility into a public park at 8 River Rd approved in June)
- Shoreland Zoning Setback Determination by Jane and Peter Bradley for the movement of an existing residential structure at 61 Bayview Ln (approved in June)
- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by Five Buds Farm, LCC for the indoor cultivation of medical marijuana at 112 Pond Rd (approved in September)
- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by Hatch Point Enterprises, LCC for a wedding and event venue at River Rd, property R12-15 (approved in November)

In addition, in 2021 the Planning Board reviewed the following applications that were not approved within the calendar year:

- Site Plan Review Tier 2 Application by William Panzino for an automobile and small engine repair business at 791 Carding Machine Rd (application withdrawn in September)
- 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 (application is pending, awaiting further materials and review by the Planning Board)

Also, in 2021 the Planning Board drafted, heard comment on, and approved several proposed changes to the Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance including:

- New language to clarify standards for the reconstruction or replacement of non-conforming buildings.
- Additional requirements for the Site Plan Review General Performance Standards section 23: Hazardous, Special & Radioactive Materials and section 25: Water Quality.
- Added Site Plan Review Use Specific Performance Standards for Automobile Recycling Businesses and Automobile Repair Garages.
- Additional standards to the Site Plan Review Use Specific Performance Standards for Non-Roadside or Cross-Country Distribution Lines (greater than 34.5kV) and Gas Transmission Pipelines.
- New Application and Licensing Fees for Marijuana Businesses.

All of these proposed changes were approved by voters at the town meeting in June.

Sincerely,

Nathan Drummond

Chairman of the Bowdoinham Planning Board



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Chris Lajoie, Principal
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March 2022

Dear Bowdoinham Community Members,

In the last year our school has remained focused on educating all of our children safely in person, and addressing unfinished learning from pandemic disruptions. In many ways it has been our most challenging school year yet. Student absences due to sickness and quarantines made it difficult at times to gain instructional momentum. Staff absences for the same reasons required most of us to take on additional responsibilities, and to rely on each other in new ways. And the absence of parents and valued volunteers in our school due to pandemic protocols has challenged us to stay connected to our community.

But we have turned a corner. Masks became optional in school as of March 9th. We are no longer spending countless hours on contact tracing and pandemic communications/ Students and staff attendance has rebounded, and with it, optimism for a Spring with special enrichment opportunities for our students. As of this writing we are looking forward to the Chicken Run 5k on May 7th, various school field trips and special events, and the return of Field Day with volunteers in June. All of these activities will give us a chance to celebrate with each other and appreciate the special community we have here in Bowdoinham.

There is good news on the academic front too. We advocated for the use of federal Covid-relief funds to add additional teaching and instructional support positions at the school this past year. These extra teachers and helpers have proven instrumental in giving students more individualized attention to make academic gains. An expanded staff has also helped us provide critical support for students' social and emotional wellbeing, the foundation for learning. We were able to do all this without asking for additional positions in our operating budget, meaning taxpayers were not impacted. While we haven't accomplished all of our goals for the year, there is a promising statistic out of fourth and fifth grade: Nearly nine in ten of our fourth and fifth graders are reading within a year of grade level. This means our oldest elementary students are well prepared for success with next year's literacy standards—something we are quite proud of.

We have a lot of work left to do, but I am excited to be on this journey with a world-class staff, a one-of-a-kind community, and the most talented, creative and caring students anywhere. Thank you for your participation in the work of our local government, and your interest in our school. I am happy to answer questions from community members anytime: lajoiec@link75.org or (207) 666-5546, option 6.

With Unshakable Hope for the Future,

Chris Lajoie
Principal

M.S.A.D. 75
Kathleen Montejo
Hutson Hayward

Dear Bowdoinham Community Members,

The 2021-2022 school year has shown significant progress in the district's pandemic strategies. All students were brought back to in-person school, five days a week, from the very start of classes. This year also saw the return of student performances, such as plays and music concerts, being open to the public. A priority for the School Board and District has been supporting the mental health needs of students transitioning back to in-person learning as well as providing additional instructional support services to ensure all students are performing at grade level.

MSAD #75 also launched its NWEA Student Assessment program. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Amanda Hersey led the first rounds of testing using the Northwest Evaluation Association program, leading to the establishment of a new baseline the District can use to measure future assessments against. This will be particularly useful as we come out of the pandemic restrictions, and need to assess and correct potential learning loss. The Maine Educational Assessments also transitioned to NWEA in FY2022, allowing for continuity in testing. Per that statewide testing, MSAD #75 showed 85.6% of students performing at or above expectations in English Language Arts and 83.3% of students performing at or above expectations in Math, compared to statewide figures of 85.0% in English Language Arts and 81.3% in Math.

The school budget is voted on by the residents of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell and Topsham the second Tuesday of every June. This year's referendum election will be June 14th. Budget information was mailed to all residents and is also located on the District's website.

Starting this summer, the District will be under new leadership. The Board was proud to unanimously appoint Mr. Steven B. Connolly as Superintendent of Schools for MSAD #75. He starts on July 1st, joining the strong leadership team already in place. We want to thank Mr. Robert Lucy, two-time Interim Superintendent at MSAD #75, for his hard work and dedication to the schools and students of our community, especially under such challenging conditions as a global pandemic.

We would also like to thank Rachelle Tome, for her time serving the Bowdoinham community on the School Board, including as Chair in FY2021.

Kathleen Montejo and Hutson Hayward are Bowdoinham's elected representatives to the School Board. Kathleen serves on the Facilities Committee, Finance Committee, Transportation Committee and Adult Education Committee. Hutson serves on the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee and the Policy Committee, and he served on the Superintendent Hiring Committee. Beginning on July 1, Hutson will serve as the Board's Vice-Chair and as of July 1, 2023, will serve as Board Chair.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the community. Residents with questions about the school district are welcome to reach out at any time: Kathleen Montejo at 666-3093 or montejok@link75.org and Hutson Hayward at 522-2808 or haywardh@link75.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Montejo and Hutson Hayward

Maine School Administrative District 75

Holly J.P. Kopp, Chair

M.S.A.D. 75
Kathleen Montejo
Hutson Hayward

District information Pertaining to Bowdoinham FY2022 (current)

Operating Budget (including Adult Education): \$47,300,003

Bowdoinham's FY2022 Local Share of the overall District Budget: \$3,436,654 (reduced slightly by state subsidy)

Percentage of total Local Share: 7.27%

Bowdoinham's Student Enrollment as of October 1, 2022: 408

Kindergarten – 5th grade at Bowdoinham Community School: 189

Grades 6-8 at Mt. Ararat Middle School: 88

Grades 9-12 at Mt. Ararat High School: 131

Percentage of total District Enrollment: 17.1%

Bowdoinham Public Library

Kate Cutko

The Bowdoinham Public Library is proud to be serving this town as it has for the past one hundred and twelve years. The library's mission remains strong through this difficult time.

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

We experienced a very brief shut down in the early days of the COVID 19 pandemic when public organizations like ours were learning about how the virus was being transmitted and how to continue to adhere to our mission. With the help of our State Library staff and the CDC, we created new operating procedures and found ways to safely navigate restrictions and still provide valuable resources to our community. Our patrons were patient, flexible, and very appreciative. We thank you all for supporting us and finding new ways to operate safely.

Library leadership is now ready to take stock and decide which of the changes that COVID brought about are now permanent and which we can leave behind. We have done away with charging fines for overdue library materials. Recent research done in Colorado libraries showed that charging for overdue books did not motivate people to return materials on time and instead, only created ill-will between patrons and library staff. We decided to follow the national trend and do away with our fines. Instead, we have what we've playfully labeled our "Guilt Jar" where patrons can toss in some coins or a bill to make themselves feel better when they return an overdue book.

Remote access to public meetings will be a permanent option going forward. We had record participation in our two book groups during the height of the pandemic with people finding an important sense of community connection through the shared enjoyment of books, reading and literary criticism. People are always welcome to attend quarterly Library Board Meetings and can request remote access to any library meeting if necessary. Our public computers and laptops have Zoom software as well as cameras and microphones to make virtual meetings possible.

COVID relief funding from state and federal sources have allowed Bowdoinham to be added as a weekly stop of the van delivery service providing Inter-Library loan materials. What we used to do through the postal service is now done through van delivery, saving postal costs and staff time. We now borrow materials from all over Maine with no charge to the patron and in much less time.

For the third year in a row, we have seen more folks make use of the downloadable ebooks and audiobooks available through Cloud Library using their Bowdoinham library card. When COVID prevented people from coming to the library to get books, they safely accessed the catalog of electronic resources, delivered safely to their phones, laptops and tablets. We will continue to fund this service and expect that our patrons will continue to enjoy those resources.

2022 brings the 20th anniversary of the "Loose Ladies Book Club", the lively group of women (and occasionally men, despite the name) who meet the third Thursday of each month to discuss great books. They have hosted guest speakers including many authors, shared tea parties and cookie swaps and talked about hundreds of books. A special thanks to Joanne Savoie who organizes the club, stays organized and keeps those "Loose Ladies" in line. We think the members would agree that they owe the long-lasting success of the group to Joanne.

Bowdoinham Public Library

Kate Cutko

Story Time returned to Tuesday mornings at the library this winter, but the popularity of our Saturday Farmer's Market means we will host Story Time at the waterfront June through September. The ever-popular "Story Dory" will remain a fixture at the market, giving away free books to kids and adults.

Thank you to the town staff who support us with dozens of daily tasks and the town which leases our space in the Coombs Building. Despite criticisms of this old building, we really can't imagine being anywhere else. Again, we thank our flexible, accommodating, grateful patrons who make us happy to do what we do here in Bowdoinham.

Stay Safe and Read Well,

Kate Cutko, Library Director

Ann Hartzler, Co-President Library Board

John Knight, Co-President, Library Board



Photo courtesy of the Bowdoinham Public Library

SAGADAHOC COUNTY

Emergency Management Agency Board of Health

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Sarah J. Bennett, Director



Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency FY2020/2021 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 2020/2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

On March 13, 2020, (former) President Trump declared a nation-wide disaster declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SCEMA emergency operations center (EOC) was activated from March 16, 2020 until June 22, 2021 and was the longest activation in Sagadahoc County history. SCEMA managed resources, assisted the State with first responder vaccinations, and served as the lead for acquiring and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to our first response, medical, and critical infrastructure facility partners within the County. SCEMA collaborated with the National Guard and first response agencies to provide fit testing, created a County-operated community check-in program for those most vulnerable, and along with local government officials, led the County with public assistance funding requests through FEMA. SCEMA maintained a consistent public presence on social media to interact with the community during all of COVID-19, for all weather events, or simply to share important information, training announcements, or local advisories.

SCEMA funded county-wide and municipal specific projects with the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) from the FY2018, FY2019, and FY2020 federal grants totaling just over \$213,000. The grants run concurrently and each has a three-year performance period. The award funded projects, which otherwise might not have been possible, have or will translate into a number of projects across the County to include upgrading law enforcement portable radios, purchasing emergency scene lighting, trauma kits and AED units, installing mobile vehicle repeaters into law enforcement vehicles, and upgrading the computer aided dispatch module (CAD) with mapping and GPS technology, to name a few of many.

SCEMA and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) enhanced partnerships, engaged with Tier II facility representatives, and reviewed facility emergency response plans. The LEPC funded Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher courses for the municipal fire department staff, which is a state requirement allowing the departments to maintain their Haz-Mat level qualifications. Additionally, SCEMA maintains the Sagadahoc County LEPC Facebook page and continues to boost its community outreach program. It is our goal to continue to engage with the communities surrounding each Extremely Hazardous Substance or EHS facility in Sagadahoc County to foster a sense of awareness, provide education, and encourage participation.

SCEMA has worked closely with the Sagadahoc County Board of Health, where county partners and stakeholders, neighboring jurisdictions and subject matter experts target and address public health topics impacting the communities within the county. During FY2020/2021 the BOH centered its collective focus around issues identified within our communities in relation to the COVID19 pandemic such as access to testing and vaccination, engaging with our vulnerable populations, and food insecurity.

We are pleased and honored to continue to work with all of the professionals from each municipality. FY2020/2021 has been a challenging yet rewarding year. We look forward to the future with a renewed commitment to the protection of life and property and the environmental safety for all who live, work or 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.

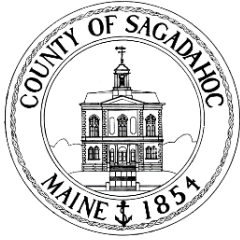
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Bennett".

Sarah J. Bennett, Director

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COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC

COMMISSIONER BRIAN D. HOBART

District 2—Bath, Bowdoinham

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of District 3 as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. As I continue my tenure, I remain totally committed to ensuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward and continue to be impacted by the uncertainty of COVID-19, the Commissioners remain aware of the affect the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities. In FY 2020-21 the overall budget increased by 2.9%, due in large part to a reduction in the amount of available surplus funds. While it is unknown if we will show a reduction in FY 2021-22, we remain firmly committed to minimizing increases and controlling non-essential expenditures.

During FY 2020-21 the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following:

Administration continued to oversee the self-funded health insurance program. The County received 16 timely applications for use of ARPA funds, which will be reviewed in the coming months. Planning continued on a number of significant capital projects that are scheduled for in the current fiscal year, including extensive repairs to the Courthouse roof.

Probate Court was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also continued to back-scan records into an electronic database. 2019 legislation still required amendments of many probate forms, which added greatly to their workload. Probate has seen an uptick in the severity of guardianships cases, and of filing decedent estates, the lull of the prior year is being attributed to Covid-19 pandemic.

Deeds completed efforts to make all documents available for viewing at sagadahocdeedsme.com, though the indexing of images is still ongoing. In spite of COVID 19, Deeds stayed busy handling the many recordings generated by a more robust housing market. Deeds also continues to raise awareness about property fraud and promotes the notification service: Property Fraud Alert.

The **Emergency Management Agency** staff continued to plan and implement regional training; assist local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements; facilitate the disbursement of PPE to localities and agencies; coordinate numerous other COVID-19 related programs and services; and collaborate with area emergency responders and public health agencies.

The **Communications Center** continued making equipment upgrades as well as undertaking long term planning for improvements to the E-911 system and coverage.

The **District Attorney's Office** handled a high volume of court cases until the onset of COVID, and now Superior Court has resumed sessions, and the case load is increasing. The District Court has been fully operational and keeping staff quite busy.

For the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the **Sheriff's Office** responded to 5,737 calls, compared to 5,346 calls the previous year, which is an increase of 7.3%. The **Transport Division** handled 124 transports last year, a drop from 409 in the prior year (due to Covid-19) and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The **Civil Division** continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

In order that I may represent you effectively, it is important that I am aware of your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me. And I encourage interested persons to attend Board of Commissioners' meetings, which are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, ME. For details check our web site: www.sagadahoccountyme.gov.

Respectfully,

Brian D. Hobart

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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

U.S. Senator
Angus King

January 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the *American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



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Dear Bowdoinham Residents:

It continues to be a privilege to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

In 2021, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to deliver big victories for the people of Maine. We passed a two-year state budget with overwhelming bipartisan support that will stabilize property taxes, keep free breakfast and lunch available to all students and protect our natural resources. We took steps to make health care more accessible, made much-needed investments in our infrastructure and allocated federal relief funds to help small businesses, fill workforce shortages and expand access to child care.

As I write this, we are preparing to begin the second year of the two-year term in January 2022. In the coming months, I will be working to build on these successes and focusing on the areas where more work is needed. That includes expanding access to affordable housing, combatting the opioid epidemic and strengthening our workforce, among other issues.

I will again serve as House chair of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, where I am proud to support clean energy and be an advocate for consumer protections for ratepayers. I am also continuing to fight to return control of our electrical grid to Maine consumers, end CMP's for-profit monopoly, reduce electric bills and improve service and reliability. Additionally, I am the founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Broadband Caucus, which works to bring high-speed internet to every corner of our state. This year, thanks to federal help, we are making unprecedented investments in this area.

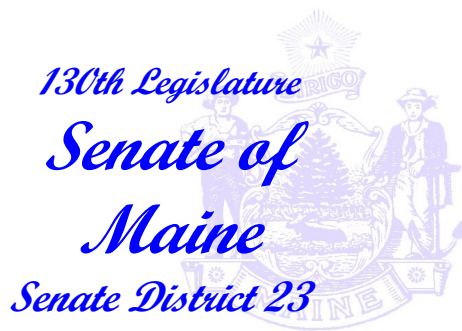
Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is Seth.Berry@legislature.maine.gov. My phone number is 207-522-1609. I also send out periodic email newsletters. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry
State Representative

District 55 Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond (part), plus the unorganized territory of Perkins Island Township



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Dear friends and residents of Bowdoinham,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. Acting as your voice in Augusta is a tremendous honor, and I'm humbled by the opportunity to help Maine through this difficult time. Though the landscape of the pandemic has varied dramatically over the past two years, we know it will still take hard work, collaboration and creativity to help our state recover.

Last year, I was honored to be elected Senate Majority Leader by my colleagues in the Senate. I was also reappointed to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, where I continue my work to strengthen Maine's electrical grid and increase the amount of energy we get from renewable resources.

In our first session, the Legislature prioritized laws that make a real difference in the lives of Maine's people and economy. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and lifesaving medications. We invested in senior living and nursing facilities and in our direct care workers, who have been so vital during the pandemic. We passed a two-year bipartisan budget that, for the first time, meets the state's obligation to fund 55% of K-12 public education. We also restored municipal revenue sharing and increased property tax relief programs, all of which will help reduce property taxes for Maine people.

We supported Maine's workers and small businesses by cutting red tape, opening up new economic recovery grants, investing in workforce development and more. I sponsored a law to create the Work & Save Program so that all working Mainers—not just those with employer-sponsored retirement savings plans—can prepare for retirement.

On January 5, 2022, the Legislature began the second regular session, which is scheduled to continue until mid-April. Our committee work will be conducted remotely for the time being, but we will be meeting in person at the State House to vote on legislation. Every committee meeting is streamed live and archived at www.legislature.maine.gov, and you can also testify during public hearings from the comfort of your own home. The State House is open to visitors, and I encourage you to visit any time.

I know many in our community are still struggling, and I want to remind you that I'm here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help connecting with a state agency, putting food on the table, or just want to talk something through, I'm here to help. You can call my office at (207) 287-1515 or email me at Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov any time.

Sincerely,

Eloise Vitelli
State Senator

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes: 2021

As of: 8/25/2021

Name	Amount Due
LARRY E ATWOOD	\$4.01
MICHELLE D COLBY	\$13.52
SARAH Q GEIS	\$11.73
VINCENT W HUNTINTON III	\$10.82
BARBARA ACKER	\$3,679.60
KAREN APRIL (COOPER)	\$325.65
LARA M ASHOUWAK	\$2,137.92
ELIZABETH ATWATER (DEVICES)	\$1,501.94
JEFFREY A AVERY	\$1,059.82
DONALD BOUCHER	\$7,210.20
JEREMY K BURKARD	\$3,152.05
DENISE M CARLSON ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,432.76
VALENTINA CASTILLO (PERS REP)	\$62.73
TIMOTHY J CHATFIELD	\$403.55
IRENE F CHRISTIAN (LT) (ESTATE OF)	\$276.35
RANDY N CROOKER	\$858.41
CYNTHIA MARIE CURRAN	\$2,991.22
SUSAN E CURTIS (HEIRS OF)	\$1,666.47
ALAN F CUTLER	\$1,162.84
MARK DESPRES SR	\$905.12
DEVISEES OF ROBERT J CURRAN	\$500.36
DARRYL DICKEY	\$3,131.29
DAVID D DUNN	\$1,005.44
DONALD C DUNN	\$282.40
CYNTHIA J EVANS	\$333.61
OLA ELIZABETH FRIZZLE	\$1,206.09
SUZANNE GAUTHIER	\$809.97
STEVEN J GRAY	\$1,327.16
ALEXANDER GRIATZKY JR.	\$977.84

Name	Amount Due
PAUL E GUSTAFSON	\$2,124.57
IAN HALSEY	\$2,209.50
GARRET L HAMRICK	\$2,337.33
HOPE L HARRIMAN	\$765.08
DAVID HARRIS	\$1,704.25
HUNTER PROPERTIES LLC	\$61.66
SHAWN S LAMOREAU	\$5,809.16
MARY L MAILLY (JT)	\$1,923.92
RICHARD MALTAIS	\$867.13
EARL N MCKINNEY (JT)	\$1,446.53
MARGARET E MCMULLEN (ESTATE OF)	\$3,002.66
RUSSELL C NEIMAN	\$669.64
DONALD E POMELOW	\$358.52
TIMOTHY PULK	\$2,942.74
KENNETH SCRIBNER JR	\$282.42
CORY SHEEN	\$989.95
FRED S SHORETTE	\$2,247.55
RODNEY S SKIPPER	\$1,707.70
DAVID R SPARKS JR	\$1,501.94
GEORGE S SUGDEN JR	\$53.51
RHONDA J SWITZER	\$1,287.38
KATHLEEN BIANCA TALBOT	\$1,477.75
RILEY TALBOT	\$2,712.76
MILTON R TEMPLE SR (HEIRS OF)	\$1,742.38
GERARD J THIBEAULT	\$1,635.92
ROBERT A THOMAS	\$1,491.57
JOHN TOUCHTON (LIFE ESTATE)	\$779.67
JAMES D VALLEY	\$579.83
Total Outstanding Taxes as of 8/25/21	\$83,153.89

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: 2021 and Prior

As of 9/1/2022

2010	
HILLTOP LOG HOMES INC	\$666.00
HITZ, PAUL M A	\$66.60
MCPHERSON, JAMES A	\$219.04
RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	\$71.04
ZOULAMIS, DEAN	\$93.24

2011	
BEAULIEU, JASON	\$26.64
HITZ, PAUL M A	\$68.08
MCPHERSON, JAMES A	\$224.96
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 HOLMAN)	\$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 HOLMAN)	\$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

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

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: 2021 and Prior
(cont'd)

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
CUMBERLAND COUNTY GLASS	\$196.17
ESTATE OF LUKE S. MACFADYEN	\$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	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	\$167.01
BAMFORD FOUNDATIONS INC	\$118.09
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	\$168.70
CUMBERLAND COUNTY GLASS	\$1,008.83
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

Lien Breakdown

As of 8/25/2021

2010	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$77.79

2011	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$289.95
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,138.70

2012	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$174.34
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$2,158.61
GRIATZKY, STEVEN M	\$196.75

2013	
ALEXANDER, PATRICK	\$328.54
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$163.18
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,331.19
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,875.78
GRIATZKY, STEVEN M	\$193.29
MAILLY, MARY	\$1,960.95

2014	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$159.23
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,362.35
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,829.45
GRIATZKY, STEVEN M	\$197.19
MAILLY, MARY	\$2,417.82

2015	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$160.18
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,434.18
CARON, SARAHE	\$966.88
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,838.99
MAILLY, MARY	\$2,426.44

2016	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$146.67
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,317.99
CASTIALLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$50.04
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,763.95
MAILLY, MARY L . (JT)	\$2,329.89

2017	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$371.64
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,458.40
CASTIALLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$59.68
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,586.54
MAILLY, MARY L . (JT)	\$2,236.83

2018	
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	\$373.15
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,496.17
CASTILLO, VALENTINA (PERS REP)	\$72.60
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,437.83
MAILLY, MARY L . (JT)	\$2,170.21

2019	
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,521.77
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,396.71
FITZGERALD, JOHN &	\$851.22
GRAY, STEVEN J	\$166.02
LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	\$5,793.75
MAILLY, MARY L . (JT)	\$2,087.41
MCKINNEY, EARL N (JT)	\$1,619.95
POMELOW, DONALD E	\$361.40
SWITZER, RHONDA J	\$1,494.48
TEMPLE(HEIRS OF), MILTON R SR	\$1,988.16

2020	
ATWATER, ELIZABETH (DEVISES)	\$1,365.36
CARLSON, DENISE M ET AL (PERS REP)	\$1,324.62
CROOKER, RANDY N	\$363.98
CUTLER, ALAN F	\$1,131.49
DESPRES, MARK SR	\$535.39
DICKEY, DARRYL	\$2,979.99
DOWN EAST CREDIT UNION	\$1,259.13
DUNN, DAVID D	\$1,336.37
GAUTHIER, SUZANNE	\$810.89
GLAROS, VALENTINA	\$1,207.25
GRAY, STEVEN J	\$1,228.92
GUSTAFSON, PAUL E	\$1,340.24
HALSEY, IAN	\$2,068.36
HAMRICK, GARRET L	\$1,638.61
LAMOREAU, SHAWN S	\$5,558.72
MAILLY, MARY L . (JT)	\$1,808.14
MALTAIS, RICHARD	\$775.63
MCKINNEY, EARL N (JT)	\$1,344.77
POMELOW, DONALD E	\$288.76
SCRIBNER, KENNETH JR	\$219.69
SHEEN, CORY	\$894.50
SHORETTE, FRED S	\$1,724.44
SWITZER, RHONDA J	\$1,216.88
TEMPLE(HEIRS OF), MILTON R SR	\$1,709.08

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bowdoinham
Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine (the Town) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential source documentation to support the classifications of the Town's permanent funds between the non-expendable and expendable portions thereof because the relevant documentation was not made available and the prior audited financial statements did not distinguish between non-expendable and expendable fund balances.

Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, except for the matter described in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position of those activities and funds for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position of those funds for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 6 and 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine's financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
January 5, 2022

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM, MAINE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Management of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine (the Town) provides this *Management's Discussion and Analysis* of the Town's financial performance for readers of the Town's financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes that follow.

The financial statements herein include all of the activities of the Town using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 and related subsequent Statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Government-wide Highlights:

Net Position – The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 by \$5,595,543 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$2,627,315 was reported as “unrestricted net position”. Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Changes in Net Position – The Town's total net position increased by \$1,416,384 (a 33.8% increase) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Fund Highlights:

Governmental Funds – Fund Balances – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$4,435,354 with \$1,326,702 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 21% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

Long-term Debt:

The Town's long-term debt obligations decreased by \$188,603 (4.5%) during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. No new long-term debt obligations were issued during the fiscal year. Existing obligations were retired according to schedule.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary comparison) and other supplementary information. These components are described below:

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. They present governmental activities and business-type activities (if applicable) separately. These statements include all assets of the Town (including infrastructure) as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt, if applicable). Additionally, certain elimination entries have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to inter-fund activity, payables and receivables. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 7-8 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements include statements for each of the three categories of activities – governmental, business-type (if applicable) and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

Reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements is provided to explain the differences created by the integrated approach. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 11-22 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule, which includes a reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance for the general fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (if necessary). Required supplementary information can be found on page 23 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

18% of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, parking lots and other immovable assets), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt (if applicable), it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

<i>Assets & Other Debits:</i>	<i>Governmental Business-type</i>		<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Activities</i>		
Current Assets & Other Debits	4,627,855	-	4,627,855	3,632,993
Capital Assets	5,024,775	-	5,024,775	4,834,370
<i>Total Assets & Other Debits</i>	9,652,630	-	9,652,630	8,467,363
<i>Liabilities & Other Credits:</i>				
Current Liabilities & Other Credits	381,382	-	381,382	334,253
Long-Term Liabilities	3,675,704	-	3,675,704	3,953,951
<i>Total Liabilities and Other</i>	4,057,086	-	4,057,086	4,288,204
<i>Net Position:</i>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,035,040	-	1,035,040	656,031
Restricted	1,933,189	-	1,933,189	1,130,189
Unrestricted	2,627,315	-	2,627,315	2,392,939
<i>Total Net Position</i>	5,595,544	-	5,595,544	4,179,159
<i>Total Liabilities & Net Position</i>	9,652,630	-	9,652,630	8,467,363

Changes in Net Position

Approximately 82 percent of the Town's total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 1 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 17 percent came from services, investment earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town's governmental and business-type activity assets represents \$242,456 of the total expenses for the fiscal year.

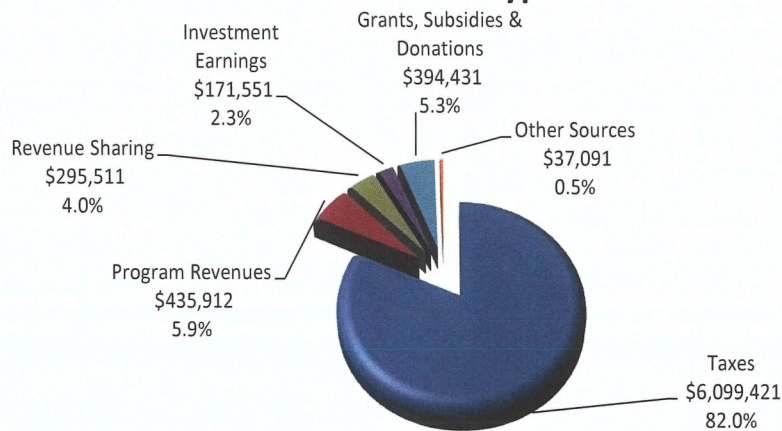
CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

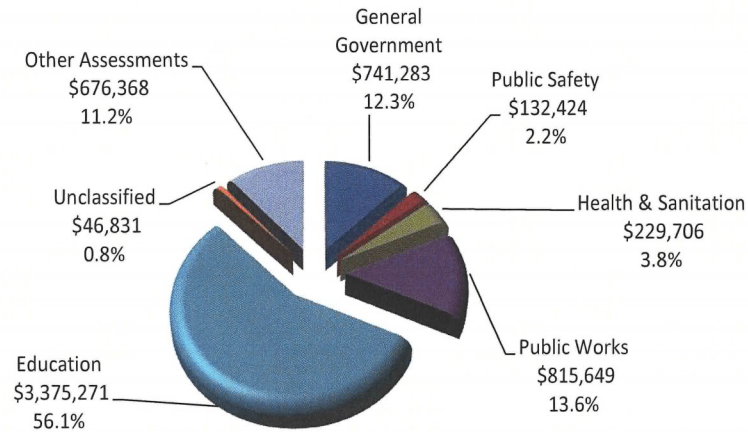
The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$7,489,810, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,465,035 leaving a net book value of \$5,024,775. Current year additions include \$14,525 in building improvements and \$418,337 in infrastructure improvements.

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-type Activities</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
Revenues:				
Taxes	6,099,421		6,099,421	5,536,009
Program Revenues	435,912		435,912	211,492
Investment Income	171,551		171,551	67,852
Revenue Sharing	295,511		295,511	216,358
Grants, Subsidies & Donations	394,431		394,431	186,387
Other	37,091		37,091	33,020
Total	7,433,917	-	7,433,917	6,251,118
Expenses:				
General Government	741,283		741,283	836,383
Public Safety	132,424		132,424	113,154
Health & Sanitation	229,706		229,706	242,695
Public Works	815,649		815,649	1,014,333
Education	3,375,271		3,375,271	3,367,082
Unclassified	46,831		46,831	39,883
Other Assessments	676,368		676,368	686,019
Total	6,017,533	-	6,017,533	6,299,549
Changes in Net Position	1,416,384	-	1,416,384	(48,431)

Revenues by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



Expenditures by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$4,435,354, an increase of \$1029,681 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 30 percent of this fund balance constitutes general unassigned fund balance. The remainder is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has been committed to liquidate contracts and commitments of the prior fiscal year or for a variety of other purposes.

Variances between actual General Fund revenues and expenditures and the final amended budget included the following:

- \$622,765 positive variance in revenues. The Town experienced favorable property and excise tax collection during the fiscal year in the amount of \$204,155. In addition, the Town received \$376,202 in unbudgeted revenue from the Rideout Trust.
- \$154,503 positive variance in expenditures. Debt service expenditures were less than budgeted due to payments not starting on the refinance bond until next year. Overlay on property taxes totaled \$18,034.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Bowdoinham, 13 School Street, Bowdoinham, ME 04008.

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

(Exhibit I)

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash on Hand and on Deposit	\$3,380,610
Investments, at Fair Value	\$872,061
Accounts Receivable	\$87,688
Taxes and Tax Liens Receivable	\$287,496
<u>Capital Assets</u>	
Land	\$189,187
Other Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$4,835,588
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$9,652,630</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</u>	
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$38,002
<u>Long-Term Liabilities:</u>	
Compensated Absences	\$18,404
<u>Notes Payable</u>	
Due within one year	\$305,306
Due in more than one year	\$3,595,551
<u>Capital Lease Payable</u>	
Due within one year	\$27,129
Due in more than one year	\$61,749
<u>Total Long-Term Liabilities</u>	<u>\$4,008,140</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$4,046,142</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</u>	
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	\$10,945
<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$10,945</u>
<u>Net Position:</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$1,035,040
Restricted	\$1,933,189
Unrestricted	\$2,627,315
<u>Total Net Position</u>	<u>\$5,595,543</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</u>	<u>\$9,652,630</u>

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

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM, MAINE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(Exhibit II)

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes</u>
<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>in Net Position</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				<u>Governmental</u>
				<u>Activities</u>
General Government	\$739,388	\$74,788	\$5,000	(\$659,600)
Public Safety	\$132,424			(\$132,424)
Health & Sanitation	\$229,706	\$89,421	\$17,525	(\$122,760)
Education	\$3,375,271			(\$3,375,271)
Public Works	\$815,649		\$223,896	(\$591,753)
Unclassified	\$46,831		\$25,281	(\$21,551)
Other Assessments & Debt Service	\$676,368			(\$676,368)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>\$6,015,638</u>	<u>\$164,210</u>	<u>\$271,702</u>	<u>(\$5,579,727)</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>\$6,015,638</u>	<u>\$164,210</u>	<u>\$271,702</u>	<u>(\$5,579,727)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
Tax Revenues, Including Homestead Exemption				\$5,368,666
Excise Taxes				\$730,755
Grants, Subsidies and Donations				\$18,229
State Revenue Sharing				\$295,511
Interest on Delinquent Taxes				\$7,653
Investment Earnings (Losses)				\$171,551
Trust Distribution Proceeds				\$376,202
Other Revenues				\$29,438
<u>Total Revenues</u>				<u>\$6,998,006</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>				<u>\$1,418,279</u>
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>				<u>\$4,179,159</u>
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>				<u>\$5,597,438</u>

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

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

(Exhibit III)

<u>Assets & Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund CMP TIF</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash on Hand and on Deposit	\$3,380,610			\$3,380,610
Investments, at Fair Value			\$872,061	\$872,061
Accounts Receivable	\$87,688			\$87,688
Taxes and Tax Liens Receivable	\$287,496			\$287,496
Due from Other Funds		\$1,421,383	\$384,813	\$1,806,197
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$3,755,794</u>	<u>\$1,421,383</u>	<u>\$1,256,874</u>	<u>\$6,434,051</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$38,002			\$38,002
Due to Other Funds	\$1,806,197			\$1,806,197
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$1,844,199</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,844,199</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</u>				
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	\$10,945			\$10,945
Unavailable Tax Revenue	\$143,553			\$143,553
<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$154,498</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$154,498</u>
<u>Fund Balance:</u>				
Restricted	\$430,395	\$1,421,383	\$81,410	\$1,933,189
Committed			\$334,048	\$334,048
Assigned			\$872,061	\$872,061
Unassigned	\$1,326,702		(\$30,644)	\$1,296,057
<u>Total Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,757,097</u>	<u>\$1,421,383</u>	<u>\$1,256,874</u>	<u>\$4,435,354</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$3,755,794</u>	<u>\$1,421,383</u>	<u>\$1,256,874</u>	<u>\$6,434,051</u>
<u>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u>				<u>\$4,435,354</u>
<i>Net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:</i>				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds				\$5,024,775
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds:				
Notes and Capital Leases Payable				(\$3,989,736)
Compensated Absences				(\$18,404)
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow) in governmental funds				\$143,553
<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>				<u>\$5,595,543</u>

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

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM, MAINE

(Exhibit IV)

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Project Fund</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>CMP TIF</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Tax Revenues, Including Exemptions	\$5,405,113			\$5,405,113
Excise Taxes	\$730,755			\$730,755
State Revenue Sharing	\$295,511			\$295,511
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$7,653			\$7,653
Investment Earnings (Losses)	\$18,819		\$152,731	\$171,551
Town Fees and Licenses	\$74,788			\$74,788
Grants, Subsidies and Donations	\$51,727		\$238,203	\$289,930
Solid Waste Revenues	\$89,421			\$89,421
Trust Distribution Proceeds	\$376,202			\$376,202
Other Revenues	\$4,319		\$25,119	\$29,438
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$7,054,310</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$416,053</u>	<u>\$7,470,364</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues):</u>				
General Government	\$740,046		\$19,909	\$759,955
Public Safety	\$114,966			\$114,966
Health & Sanitation	\$228,735			\$228,735
Education	\$3,375,271			\$3,375,271
Public Works	\$490,067		\$530,187	\$1,020,254
Unclassified	\$37,510		\$4,031	\$41,541
Other Assessments & Debt Service	\$898,064			\$898,064
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$5,884,660</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$554,127</u>	<u>\$6,438,787</u>
<u>Excess Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	<u>\$1,169,650</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$138,074)</u>	<u>\$1,031,577</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Operating Transfers In	\$7,000	\$346,769	\$194,551	\$548,319
Operating Transfers Out	(\$539,382)	(\$1,938)	(\$7,000)	(\$548,319)
<u>Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$637,269</u>	<u>\$344,831</u>	<u>\$47,582</u>	<u>\$1,029,681</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,119,828</u>	<u>\$1,076,553</u>	<u>\$1,209,292</u>	<u>\$3,405,673</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,757,097</u>	<u>\$1,421,383</u>	<u>\$1,256,874</u>	<u>\$4,435,354</u>
<u>Reconciliation to Statement of Activities, change in Net Position</u>				
Net Change in Fund Balances - Above				\$1,029,681
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This amount reflects the net change in unavailable revenues.				(\$36,447)
Governmental funds report long-term debt proceeds as an Other Financing Source, while repayment of long-term debt principal is reported as an expenditure. This amount reflects debt proceeds, net of debt repayment.				\$224,769
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds: Compensated Absences				\$7,974
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, while in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the useful lives as depreciation expense.				
This amount reflects capital expenditures, net of depreciation expense of \$242,456				\$190,406
<u>Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>				<u>\$1,416,384</u>

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the asset constructed. Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and Improvements	7-50
Infrastructure	10-50
Equipment and Vehicles	5-20

Interfund Transactions

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds effected in the period in which transactions are executed. The composition of interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30 is as follows:

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
General Fund		\$1,806,197
Major Capital Project Fund - CMP Tax Increment Financing District	\$1,421,383	
Other Governmental Funds:		
Nonmajor Capital Projects	\$189,861	
Special Revenue Funds	\$194,952	
	<u>\$1,806,197</u>	<u>\$1,806,197</u>

Governmental Fund Balances

The Town has identified June 30, 2021 fund balances on the balance sheet as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund CMP TIF</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Restricted</u>				
Revenue Sharing	\$54,193			\$54,193
Rideout Trust Distribution Proceeds	\$376,202			\$376,202
Pipeline Tax Increment Financing District			\$81,410	\$81,410
CMP Tax Increment Financing District		\$1,421,383		\$1,421,383

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Capital Project Fund CMP TIF</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
<u>Committed</u>				
<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue:</u>				
BWPG Ace Team			\$1,500	\$1,500
Home Heat Assistance			\$23,093	\$23,093
Bottle Donations			\$9,005	\$9,005
TIF - Event Revenues			\$47,575	\$47,575
Committee on Aging			\$2,976	\$2,976
250th Anniversary			\$7,253	\$7,253
Lower Main St. Incident 2020			\$20,809	\$20,809
Maine Humanities Council Grant			\$1,000	\$1,000
MCF Thriving Older Adults			\$2,000	\$2,000
Comprehensive Plan Reserve			\$8,511	\$8,511
Employee Safety Reserve			\$9,570	\$9,570
Animal Control			\$550	\$550
EMS Donations			\$3,884	\$3,884
TIF - Newsletter			\$6,460	\$6,460
<u>Nonmajor Capital Projects:</u>				
2017/2018 Fire Truck Bond			\$1,250	\$1,250
AARP Raised Beds			\$113	\$113
Public Works Facility Capital			\$31,140	\$31,140
Waterfront Reserve			\$9,218	\$9,218
Fire Department Reserve			\$17,111	\$17,111
Recreation Reserve			\$1,203	\$1,203
Town Hall/Town Office Capital			\$49,759	\$49,759
Yellow Building Reserve			\$213	\$213
Capital Improvement Fund			\$53,336	\$53,336
Solid Waste Reserve			\$13,700	\$13,700
Public Works Reserve			\$7,000	\$7,000
Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve			\$5,817	\$5,817
<u>Assigned</u>				
<u>Permanent Funds:</u>				
Noble Maxwell			\$532,194	\$532,194
Village Cemetery			\$59,680	\$59,680
Ridge Cemetery			\$33,637	\$33,637
Charles B. Randall			\$30,543	\$30,543
Sara Miles			\$14,025	\$14,025
Eliza Mustard			\$2,902	\$2,902
Browns Point			\$40	\$40
Worthy Poor			\$69,245	\$69,245
Commemorative Trust			\$64,916	\$64,916
Anniversary Trusts			\$12,301	\$12,301
Community School Scholarship			\$329	\$329
Viola Coombs			\$16,921	\$16,921
Volunteer Fire Department			\$11,286	\$11,286
Lewis Fulton - Prize Trust			\$8,578	\$8,578
Lancaster Bishop School			\$5,418	\$5,418
Franklin K. Jack			\$4,063	\$4,063
Dussault			\$3,724	\$3,724
Carrie Rideout			\$2,258	\$2,258

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Capital Project Fund CMP TIF</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
<u>Unassigned</u>				
General - Unassigned	\$1,326,702			\$1,326,702
Special Revenue - Shore & Harbor Grant			(\$30,644)	(\$30,644)
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,757,097</u>	<u>\$1,421,383</u>	<u>\$1,256,874</u>	<u>\$4,435,354</u>

The Town considers restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned amounts to be spent in that order when expenditures are incurred for which any of those amounts are available.

In accordance with GASB Statement 54, the Town classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.

Restricted - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as grantors or creditors, or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the Town through formal action at the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at the end of the year.

Assigned - includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered Restricted or Committed.

Unassigned - includes fund balance amounts that are not considered to be Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed or Assigned.

Net Position

Net position is required to be classified into three components - net investment in capital assets, restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

Net Investment in capital assets - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

Restricted - This component of net position consists of restrictions placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or law or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The government-wide statement of net position reports \$1,933,188 restricted net position, of which enabling legislation restricts \$0.

Unrestricted - This component consists of net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

E. Budgetary Accounting

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control for the general fund only. Annual operating budgets are adopted each fiscal year by the registered voters of the Town at their annual Town meeting. Budgets are established in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is exercised at the selectman level, since individual department heads do not exist. All unencumbered budget appropriations lapse at the end of the year unless specifically designated by the Board of Selectmen or required by law.

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2022/2023						
Department Expenses	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Budget Request	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23
Administration	507,930	557,392	633,436	76,044	13.6%	
General Services	56,500	86,500	86,500	0	0.0%	
Debt Services	348,530	429,247	486,120	56,873	13.2%	
Fire & Rescue Department	98,943	106,801	115,404	8,603	8.1%	
Town Facilities Maintenance	90,385	91,885	110,350	18,465	20.1%	
Animal Control/Harbor Master	20,389	21,256	25,532	4,276	20.1%	
Public Works	499,249	532,544	654,821	122,278	23.0%	
Solid Waste & Recycling	235,587	188,313	206,472	18,160	9.6%	
Recreation	46,576	59,958	75,687	15,729	26.2%	
Planning, Community Devel. & Codes	89,835	95,427	137,990	42,564	44.6%	
Contingency	15,000	15,000	10,000	-5,000	-33.3%	
Organization Requests	4,221	1,500	2,223	723	48.2%	
Capital Reserves	164,839	149,000	132,500	-16,500	-11.1%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,177,984	\$ 2,334,821	\$ 2,677,035	\$ 342,215	15.71%	
Revenues	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Budget Request	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23
Non-Property Tax Revenues	877,765	960,071	994,948	34,877	3.63%	
Undesignated Fund Balance	140,000	140,000	100,000	-40,000	-28.57%	
Homestead Reimbursement	231,000	200,000	232,000	32,000	16.00%	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	220,000	241,000	390,000	149,000	61.83%	
BETE Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	800	-200	-20.00%	
TOTAL (Non-Property Tax) REVENUES	\$ 1,469,765	\$ 1,542,071	\$ 1,717,748	\$ 175,677	11.39%	
NET MUNICIPAL BUDGET	\$708,219	\$792,750	\$ 959,287	\$ 166,538	23.51%	

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM FY 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REQUEST

ADMINISTRATION

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personnel						
1	91,980	82,000	87,000	5,000	6.1%	
2	150,224	148,087	171,425	23,338	15.8%	Includes 5.9% COLA (latest update is 7.4%) and minimum office wage increased to \$18/hr. Includes additional staff hours for office coverage (time off, training).
3	3,004	3,342	3,429	87	2.6%	
4	18,720	19,781	35,000	15,219	76.9%	Budgeted for contract services, if personnel can't be hired.
5	\$ 263,928	\$ 253,210	\$ 296,854	43,644	17.2%	
6	Support & Benefits					
7	20,190	19,371	22,709	3,339	17.2%	
8	49,555	78,827	82,614	3,787	4.8%	
9	\$ 69,745	\$ 98,198	\$ 105,323	7,125	7.3%	
10	\$ 333,673	\$ 351,407	\$ 402,177	50,769	14.4%	
11	Professional Services					
12	10,000	20,000	20,000	0	0.0%	
13	3,818	4,000	4,250	250	6.3%	
14	7,150	8,000	9,500	1,500	18.8%	
15			10,000	10,000	100.0%	\$2,700 monitoring, \$110/hr for assistance
16	12,500	12,500	25,000	12,500	100.0%	3rd & 4th Quarter Property Card Update
17	\$ 33,468	\$ 44,500	\$ 68,750	24,250	54.5%	
18	Boards & Stipends					
19	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0.0%	
20	5,000	3,000	5,300	2,300	76.7%	June & November (Governor)- Increases wages for workers to \$13, election staff to \$15 & warden to \$18 (and deputy for training).
21	750	750	750	0	0.0%	41 hours at \$18 per hour
22	550	550	1,000	450	81.8%	55 hours at \$18 per hour
23	979	826	1,037	210	25.5%	
24	\$ 13,779	\$ 11,626	\$ 14,587	2,960	25.5%	
25	Operating Expenses					
26	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	
27	6,700	6,000	7,000	1,000	16.7%	November, June & Town Meeting
28	3,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	
29	1,120	1,640	1,640	0	0.0%	
30	200	200	200	0	0.0%	
31	2,400	2,400	2,900	500	20.8%	Town Hall Streams (\$2400), Zoom (\$300) & Project Broadcast (\$200)
32	400	400	500	100	25.0%	
33	5,500	5,500	0	-5,500	-100.0%	Moved to In-House
34	2,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.0%	Training moving back to in-person with all new staff
35	4,500	4,500	5,000	500	11.1%	
36	6,300	6,350	6,500	150	2.4%	
37	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	
38	\$ 40,120	\$ 43,990	\$ 41,740	-2,250	-5.1%	

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM FY 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REQUEST

GENERAL SERVICES & DEBT SERVICE

	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Request	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Notes
GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET-						
ET						
1	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0.0%	
2	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%	
3	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
4	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
5	25,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	
6	25,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%	
7	\$ 56,500	\$ 86,500	\$ 86,500	\$ -	0.00%	
8	DEBT SERVICE BUDGET					
9	163,838	166,184	166,184	0	0.0%	
10			20,508	20,508		
11			102,522	102,522		
12	76,048	154,662	153,150	-1,512	-2.0%	
13						
14	64,722	64,561				Paid
15	17,909	17,827	17,742	-85	-0.5%	
16	10,524	10,524	10,525	1	0.0%	Last Payment
17	15,489	15,489	15,489	0	0.0%	
18	\$ 348,530	\$ 429,247	\$ 486,120	\$ 56,873	13.25%	

TOWN of BOWDOINHAM FY 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budg- et	FY 22/23 Request	Inc/Dcr 21/22 -22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22 -22/23	Notes
Administration						
1	17,210	17,817	20,800	2,983	17.33%	\$20/hr at 20 hr/wk & \$13.33/hr at 30hr/wk
2	23,000	24,000	24,000	0	0.00%	
3	750	775	1,000	225	30.00%	
4	\$40,960	\$ 42,592	\$ 45,800	3,208	7.53%	
5	3,133	3,258	3,504	245	7.53%	
6		650	1,000	350		
7	\$ 3,133	\$ 3,908	\$ 4,504	595	19.00%	
8						
Operating Expense						
9	5,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.00%	
10						
11	12,000	13,000	15,000	2,000	15.38%	
12	750	1,000	1,500	500	50.00%	Maine Chiefs/Sag Chiefs/IAR annual/CLIA
13	700	500	500	0	0.00%	
14	2,500	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%	
15	1,500	1,500	2,000	500	33.33%	paper upgrades
16	7,000	7,500	8,500	1,000	13.33%	increase in gear price
17	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%	
18	6,500	6,500	8,500	2,000	30.77%	Stripping for new pavement
19						
20						
21	\$40,450	\$ 41,500	\$ 48,500	\$ 7,000	16.87%	
22						
Utilities Expense						
23	2,200	2,200	3,500	1,300	59.09%	anticipated increase with new cmp rates and new solar agreement
24	2,500	2,500	3,500	1,000	40.00%	
25	300	300	400	100	33.33%	
26	1,500	1,800	1,200	-600	-33.33%	
27	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,800	\$ 8,600	\$ 1,800	26.47%	
28						
Vehicle Maintenance						
29	3,400	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%	
30	4,500	9,000	5,000	-4,000	-44.44%	
31	\$ 7,900	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000	\$ (4,000)	-33.33%	
32	\$98,943	\$ 106,801	\$ 115,404	\$ 8,603	8.69%	

TOWN of BOWDOINHAM FY 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

TOWN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Town Facilities Maintenance						
1 Custodial & Supplies	5,000	5,000	7,000	2,000	40.0%	Cleaning Supplies (Park & Office) & Office Cleaning
2 Town Hall-Office Maint & Repair	6,000	7,500	5,000	-2,500	-33.3%	Pest Services (1500), Inspections, Gardens, Other
3 Town Hall Maint, Repair, Utilities			5,300	5,300		Water (400), Electricity (2400), Heat (2000)
4 Waterfront Maintenance/Parks-& Repair	10,000	10,000	5,000	-5,000	-50.0%	Docks, Buildings, Parking, Paths,
5 Waterfront Utilities			10,800			Water (1000), Heat (1000), Internet (1800), Septic (6000), Electricity (1000)
6 Hydrant Rental	55,235	55,235	60,000	4,765	8.6%	
7 Street Lighting	13,500	13,500	15,000	1,500	11.1%	
8 Memorial Day	650	650	750	100	15.4%	
9 Riverfront-Yellow Bldg Maint & Utilities			500			
10 Town Landfill (Carding Machine Rd)	-	-	1,000	1,000		Pipe Replacement
11 Town Facilities Maintenance:	\$ 90,385	\$ 91,885	\$ 110,350	\$ 18,465	20.10%	

ACO/HARBOR MASTER

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Notes</u>
PERSONNEL						
1 ACO Salary	9,841	10,038	10,628	590	5.9%	On Call 24/7 - \$13.63/hr at 15hr per week & \$20.44/hr at 10hr/wk
2 Harbor Master salary	1,956	1,985	2,340	355	17.9%	\$18/hr for 5/hrs per week for 26 weeks
3 Earned Paid Leave		500	1,000	500	100.0%	
4 FICA	902	958	1,069	111	11.5%	
5 Sub-total	\$ 12,699	\$ 13,481	\$ 15,037	1,556	11.5%	
ACO						
8 Pager/Phone	600	400	400	0	0.0%	
9 Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	3,600	2,600	260.0%	
10 Animal Shelter Contract	4,200	4,200	4,420	220	5.2%	
11 Feral Cat/Disposal	300	300	0	-300	-100.0%	
12 Supplies & Equip.			250			
13 Training	450	450	400	-50	-11.1%	
14 Sub-total	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,350	\$ 9,070	2,720	42.8%	
HARBOR MASTER						
16 Training & Membership	50	525	525	0	0.0%	
17 Supplies & Equip	1,000	800	800	0	0.0%	
18 Telephone	90	100	100	0	0.0%	
19 Sub-total	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425	0	0.0%	
20 Animal Control/Harbor Budget:	\$ 20,389	\$ 21,256	\$ 25,532	4,276	20.1%	

TOWN of BOWDOINHAM FY 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
PUBLIC WORKS

	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Re- quest	Inc/Dcr 21/22 -22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22- 22/23	Notes
	Personnel					
1		47,840	56,160	8,320	17.4%	
2	175,109	119,325	133,120	13,795	11.6%	Minimum wage increased to \$21/hour
3	3,502	3,343	3,786	443	13.2%	
4	\$ 178,611	\$ 170,508	\$ 193,066	22,558	13.2%	
5						
6	15,485	15,519	17,965	2,446	15.8%	
7	51,142	76,164	88,122	11,958	15.7%	
8	\$ 66,627	\$ 91,683	\$ 106,087	14,404	15.7%	
9						
10	Operating Expense					
11	2,200	2,200	1,600	-600	-27.3%	
12	2,000	2,000	2,600	600	30.0%	Computer
13	17,000	15,000	20,000	5,000	33.3%	
14	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	
15		2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	
16	4,200	4,200	7,000	2,800	66.7%	Crane inspection, Tank Clean-outs & CO monitors
17	\$ 30,400	\$ 30,400	\$ 38,200	7,800	25.7%	
18	2,700	1,400	2,000	600	42.9%	Facility Phone & Internet & Cell Phone
20		1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	
21						
22	4,800	5,000	8,000	3,000	60.0%	anticipated increase with new cmp rates and new solar agreement
27						
24						
25	Highway Maintenance					
26	5,700	6,000	10,000	4,000	66.7%	
27	17,500	5,000	30,000	25,000	500.0%	Crack Seal (10 miles)
28	8,000	8,000	14,000	6,000	75.0%	
29	\$ 43,200	\$ 40,500	\$ 85,500	45,000	111.1%	
30	Snow & Ice Removal					
31	0	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%	
32	27,311	32,353	41,769	9,416	29.1%	300hr/employee at time and a half
33	100,000	90,000	100,000	10,000	11.1%	
34	14,000	14,000	17,500	3,500	25.0%	
35	20,000	20,000	25,000	5,000	25.0%	
36	\$ 161,311	\$ 181,353	\$ 209,269	27,916	15.4%	
37						
38	\$ 499,249	\$ 532,544	\$ 654,821	122,278	23.0%	

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Solid Waste & Recycling Dept.

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Request</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personnel						
1	43,100	31,296	33,142	1,846	5.9%	
2	21,875	25,229	28,997	3,768	14.9%	COLA and Increased Hours to 27/wk
3		1,131	1,243	112	9.9%	
4	\$ 64,975	\$ 57,656	\$ 63,382	5,726	9.9%	
5						
Support & Benefits						
7	4,971	4,457	4,925	469	10.5%	
8		600	1,000	400	66.7%	
9	2,954	3,600	3,765	165	4.6%	
10	\$ 7,925	\$ 8,657	\$ 9,690	1,034	11.9%	
Operating Expenses						
12			750			
13			3,000	1,000	50.0%	Trash Tickets, Parts, Supplies, Computer
14	3,375	2,000	3,000	250	50.0%	Forklift and Baler need maintenance and work, propane for lift
15	3,000	500	750	0	0.0%	
16	16,392	0	0	0	0.0%	
17	1,200	0	0	0	0.0%	
18	2,000	0	0	0	0.0%	
19		0	0	0	0.0%	
20	2,400	0	0	0	0.0%	
21		750	750	0	0.0%	
22	\$ 28,367	\$ 3,250	\$ 5,250	2,000	61.5%	
Utilities Expense						
24	1,300	750	650	-100	-13.3%	
25	\$ 1,300	\$ 750	\$ 650	-100	-13.3%	
Recycling & Disposal Expenses						
27	35,000	24,000	33,000	9,000	37.5%	Silver Bullets
28	6,000	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
29	66,500	67,000	67,500	500	0.7%	Plummer Contract
30	22,020	23,000	24,000	1,000	4.3%	
31	3,500	2,500	1,500	-1,000	-40.0%	
32	\$ 133,020	\$ 118,000	\$ 127,500	9,500	8.1%	
Solid Waste & Recycling Budget:						
	\$ 235,587	\$ 188,313	\$ 206,472	18,160	9.6%	

Note: The Department is estimated to receive revenue in the amount of: \$107,600. The net cost to taxpayers for this department is: \$98,872.

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RECREATION

		Personnel					Notes
		FY 20/21 Budget	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 Re-quest	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	Inc/Dcr 21/22-22/23	
1	Recreation & Older Adult Services	20,879	29,047	39,468	10,421	35.9%	30hour/week position with budgeted additional hours
2	Allowance for Merit Wage Increase		593	789	196	33.1%	
3	Subtotal:	\$ 20,879	\$ 29,640	\$ 40,257	10,617	35.8%	
5	Support & Benefits						
6	Earned Paid Leave			1,000			
7	FICA	1,597	2,267	3,080	812	35.8%	
8	Subtotal:	\$ 1,597	\$ 2,267	\$ 4,080	1,812	79.9%	
10	Operating Expenses						
11	Misc. Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	Includes mileage
12	Postage	100	250	250	0	0.0%	
13	Food Service Expense	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	
14	Recreation Advertising						
15	Recreation Facilities	8,000	8,500	12,000	3,500	41.2%	Includes Utilities
16	Operating Expenses	\$ 12,400	\$ 13,050	\$ 16,550	3,500	26.8%	
17							
18	Athletic Program						
19	Program Expenses	8,500	9,000	8,500	-500	-5.6%	
20	Athletic Program Expense	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,500	-500	-5.6%	
21							
22	Activities Program						
23	Activities	3,000	4,000	3,000	-1,000	-25.0%	
24	Activities Expense	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	-1,000	-25.0%	
26	Age-Friendly Initiative						
27	Programs & Events	100	2,000	2,300	300	15.0%	
28	Postage, Printing, advertising			620	620		
29	Supplies	100		380	380		
30	Subtotal:	\$ 200	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,300	1,300	65.0%	
32	Recreation Budget:	\$ 46,576	\$ 59,958	\$ 75,687	15,729	26.2%	

Note: The Recreation Department is budgeted to receive \$27,900 in revenue. The net cost of the department to taxpayers is \$47,787.

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CONTINGENCY & ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Re- quest</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22- 22/23</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22- 22/23</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Contingency Budget:						
1 Contingency	15,000	15,000	10,000	-5,000	-33.33%	
Contingency Budget:	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ (5,000)	-33.33%	
Organization Requests						
4 Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
5 The Lifelight Foundation			723			
6 Waldo Community Action Partners	539					Requested \$377
7 Community Health & Counseling Services						Requested \$100
8 Kennebec Behavioral Health						Requested \$100
9 Historical Society - Merrymeeting Hall	2,182					
Organization Requests Budget:	\$ 4,221	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,223	\$ 723	17.13%	

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CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	<u>FY 20/21 Budget</u>	<u>FY 21/22 Budget</u>	<u>FY 22/23 Re- quest</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22- 22/23</u>	<u>Inc/Dcr 21/22- 22/23</u>	<u>Notes</u>
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS						
1 Town Hall & Town Office	40,500	35,000	25,000	-10,000	-28.6%	Replace Town Hall Roof
2 Cemetery Maintenance	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	Annual Maintenance
3 Solid Waste & Recycling	5,000	26,500	44,500	18,000	67.9%	Facility Studies for Recycling Barn and Pond Road
4 Public Works Reserve		5,000	26,000	21,000	420.0%	For future replacement trucks & equipment.
5 Capital Improvements	111,339	76,500	3,500	-73,000	-95.4%	
6 Fire Reserve			26,000	26,000		SCBA Airpack Replacements in FY26
7 Recreation Reserve			4,000	4,000		Facility Maintenance
8 Riverfront-Yellow Building	5,000	3,000	500	-2,500	-83.3%	
Town Facilities Maintenance Budget:	\$ 164,839	\$ 149,000	\$ 132,500	\$ (16,500)	-11.07%	

Municipal Budget

FY '23 Estimated Revenues

	FY20/21		FY21/22		FY22/23		% Inc/Dec
	Budgeted	Received	Budgeted	As of 5/1/2022	Budget Request	\$ Inc/Dec	
Tax Collector's Revenue							
Excise - Boat	6,000	6,345	6,000	2,180	6,000	0	0.0%
Excise - Automobile	606,250	724,410	680,000	545,858	700,000	20,000	3.3%
Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	11,000	16,753	11,000	12,248	11,000	0	0.0%
Veterans Reimbursement	4,500	3,726	4,000	3,770	4,000	0	0.0%
Interest on Taxes	16,000	5,570	10,000	13,863	13,000	3,000	18.8%
Total Tax Collectors Revenue	643,750	756,804	711,000	577,919	734,000	23,000	\$ 0.04
Treasurer's Revenue							
Local Road Assistance	35,264	33,896	33,896	36,988	36,988	3,092	8.8%
Snowmobile Reg. Fees	1,000	986	1,000	933	1,000	0	0.0%
General Assistance Reimb.	2,250	1,089	2,500	2,331	2,500	0	0.0%
State Park Fees							
Tree Growth Reimbursement	9,000	8,260	9,000	9,163	9,000	0	0.0%
Total Treasurer's Revenue	47,514	44,231	46,396	49,415	49,488	3,092	6.51%
Solid Waste Revenue							
General Disposal Fees	7,500	902	2,000	780	2,000	0	0.0%
Solid Waste Tag Fees	75,000	82,420	85,000	66,559	100,000	15,000	20.0%
Hazardous Waste Disp Fees	500	0	600	433	600	0	0.0%
Recyclable Materials Sales	13,000	6,049	5,000	10,101	5,000	0	0.0%
Total Solid Waste Revenue	96,000	89,371	92,600	77,873	107,600	15,000	15.63%
Recreation Revenue							
Recreation Advertising/Banners	800	2,025	3,000	0	3,000	0	0.0%
Recreation Fundraising	700	0	2,450	0	9,000	6,550	935.7%
Recreation Food Sales	3,000	188	3,500	0	2,500	-1,000	-33.3%
Recreation Registration	7,000	3,630	11,555	7,600	7,000	-4,555	-65.1%
Recreation Sponsors	2,000	1,750	1,800	25	2,000	200	10.0%
Age-Friendly Activities & Events			1,000	0	3,400	2,400	
Total Recreation Revenue	13,500	7,593	23,305	7,625	26,900	3,595	199.26%

Municipal Budget

FY '23 Estimated Revenues

	FY20/21			FY21/22			FY22/23		
	Budgeted	Received	Budgeted	As of 5/1/2022	Budget Request	\$ Inc/Dec	% Inc/Dec		
Local Revenue									
Plumbing Permit Fees	7,000	6,484	7,000	4,303	6,000	-1,000	-14.3%		
Building Permit Fees	9,500	9,930	9,000	5,567	9,000	0	0.0%		
Ordinance Violations/Fines/Fees	1,000	5,600	500	100	500	0	0.0%		
Planning & Appeals Board Fees			4,000	2,775	3,000	-1,000			
Select Board Licensing			4,000	3,500	5,500	1,500			
Public Works Recycling	100	50	100	0	100	0	0.0%		
Canoe/kayak rental space	0	750	720	510	810	90			
Mooring Fees	600	680	500	390	600	100	16.7%		
Rentals of Town Property	7,000	7,290	7,200	4,470	7,200	0	0.0%		
Fire Station Rental	500	0	250	375	250	0	0.0%		
Cemetery Trust Transfers	7,000	7,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	-142.9%		
Worthy Poor Trust Transfer		0		0	0	0			
Cable Franchise Fees	15,800	16,420	16,500	16,965	16,500	0	0.0%		
Property Tax Lien Fees	5,000	2,743	2,500	3,288	3,000	500	10.0%		
Investment Income	14,000	17,091	15,000	0	15,000	0	0.0%		
Fire Donations	400	50	0	10	0	0	0.0%		
Total Local Revenue	67,900	74,087	77,270	42,253	67,460	-9,810 \$	(0.14)		
Town Clerk Revenue									
IF & W Agent Fees	1,000	842	1,000	494	1,000	0	0.0%		
Dog Agent Fees	1,100	1,147	1,000	856	1,200	200	18.2%		
Late Dog Fees	900	0	700	600	500	-200	-22.2%		
Dog Control Fees									
Vital Statistics Fees	2,100	1,300	1,800	1,902	1,800	0	0.0%		
Misc. Revenue	4,000	4,394	5,000	4,786	5,000	0	0.0%		
Total Town Clerk Revenue	9,100	7,683	9,500	8,638	9,500	0	0.00%		
Subtotal Non Property Tax Revenue	877,764	979,769	960,071	763,723	994,948	34,877 \$	0.04		

Municipal Budget
FY '23 Estimated Revenues

	FY20/21		FY21/22		FY22/23		
	Budgeted	Received	Budgeted	As of 5/1/2022	Budget Request	\$ Inc/Dec	% Inc/Dec
Undesignated Fund Balance Transfers							
Undesignated FB Transfers	140,000	140,000	140,000		100,000	-40,000	-28.6%
Total Non-Property Tax Rev	1,017,764	1,119,769	1,100,071	763,723	1,094,948	-5,123	\$(0.01)
Property Tax Related Revenues							
Homestead Reimbursement	241,245	202,061	200,000	234,687	232,000	32,000	13.3%
Municipal Revenue Sharing	241,318	295,511	241,000	322,310	390,000	149,000	61.7%
BETE Reimbursement	337	359	1,000	763	800	463	137.7%
Total Property Tax Related Revenue	482,899	497,931	442,000	557,760	622,800	180,800	\$0
Total Revenues	1,500,663	1,617,701	1,542,071	1,321,482	1,717,748	175,677	\$ 0.12

**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 15, 2022 at 7:00pm**, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 45 as set out below.

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

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 2: Shall an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Add Clarifying Provisions Regarding Select Board Licensing Applications and to add Liquor Licensing Fees” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Format and Renumber within the Approval Criteria and General Performance Standards of Site Plan Review” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 4: Shall an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Regulate Solar Energy System Development” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 5: Shall an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Allow Petroleum and Petroleum Product Storage in the General Development I Shoreland Zoning District” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 6: Shall an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance Table of Uses to Prohibit Incompatible Commercial and Industrial Land Uses in the Residential/Agricultural District and in the Village District I” be enacted?

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

ARTICLE 7: Shall an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Animal Control Ordinance" be enacted?

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

CITIZENS PETITION FOR LEASE OF RECYCLING BARN

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Selectboard to negotiate and enter into a 10-year lease agreement with the Sagadahoc Recycling Company to lease 15,500 sq. ft. of its building at 243 Post Road for \$19,392 per annum, plus 10% of costs related to specific improvements required by the Town, with terms and conditions of the lease to be agreed upon by the Board of Selectmen, and the lease signed by September 1, 2022?

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends this article not pass, 4-1.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote: (1) to approve the reconstruction, paving and maintenance of various town roads, including all other reasonably necessary costs related thereto (the "Project"); and (2) to appropriate \$400,000 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 \$400,000; 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:

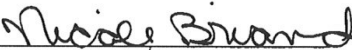
A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$6,401,841.06
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,801,841.06

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 3% for an assumed 10-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$400,000.00
Interest:	\$68,922.03
Total Debt Service:	\$468,922.03

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 recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement in a principal amount not exceeding \$60,000 (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 a heavy-duty work truck, including plow gear for the Public Works & Solid Waste & Recycling Departments? (\$145,000 being the total estimated acquisition cost, \$85,000 of which is proposed from ARPA funds).

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

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$322,761.90 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?

<u>Projects:</u>	<u>Project Estimates (<i>actual cost may vary</i>)</u>
Purchase & Installation Server for Town Office	\$7,500
Purchase & Installation of Remote Meeting Technology at Kendall Meeting Room and Fire Department Meeting Room	\$30,000
Gear Extractor & Dryer	\$30,000
Fit Test Machine	\$15,000
Public Works/Recycling Truck with Plow Gear	\$85,000
Deck over Trailer	\$15,000
Purchase & Installation of Compacting Dumpster	\$20,000
Leaf Vacuum	\$5,000
Tractor with Bushhog	\$8,000
<u>Road Maintenance</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total (<i>not to exceed</i>)	\$322,761.90

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

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$132,500, as itemized below, for the CAPITAL RESERVE Budget?

Capital Improvements:	\$3,500
Town Hall & Town Office:	\$25,000
Cemetery Maintenance:	\$3,000
Solid Waste & Recycling:	\$44,500
Public Works Reserve:	\$26,000
Fire Reserve:	\$26,000
Recreation Reserve:	\$4,000
<u>Riverfront Building:</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$132,500

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

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to \$40,500 from the Capital Improvements Reserve, and, up to \$84,700 from the Solid Waste & Recycling Reserve for design, engineering and environmental services relating to: improvements to the recycling barn at 243 Post Road and a new recycling/transfer station facility co-located with Public Works on Pond Road?

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

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to establish the Age-Friendly Reserve Fund for the purpose of supporting Age-Friendly expenses and programs, to appropriate the sum of \$3,391.13 that was received from donations, and to expend from said fund in the manner consistent with said purpose?

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

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to establish the Animal Medical Emergency Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding emergency medical care for animals in the Town's possession, if the owner is not known, and to appropriate and expend from said fund in a manner consistent with said purpose?

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of Waterfront and Recreation Improvements; authorize Board of Selectmen to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate up to \$600,000 from the CMP/Riverfront TIF Fund and Rideout Memorial Reserve Fund for all or part of the local share of the project cost.

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

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$633,436 for the ADMINISTRATION Budget?

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

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$137,990 for the PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the CONTINGENCY Budget?

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

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$86,500 for the GENERAL SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$486,120 for the DEBT SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$115,404 for the FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$110,350 for the TOWN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE Budget?

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

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,532 for the ANIMAL CONTROL AND HARBOR MASTER Budget?

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

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$654,821 for the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$206,472 for the SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$75,687 for the RECREATION Budget?

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

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for SPECTRUM GENERATIONS?

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

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$723 for The Life Flight Foundation?

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

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote appropriate the sum of \$1,617,748 from the ESTIMATED REVENUES ACCOUNTS (Non-Property Tax Revenues) to be applied to reduce the 2023 tax commitment?

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

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$959,737 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, due to a reduction in estimated revenues from the State of Maine.

Explanation: The budget as presented will result in a tax commitment of \$959,287, which is below the property tax levy limit.

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

FUND BALANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE to be applied to reduce the 2023 tax commitment?

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

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$100,000 from the UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE to be used for the town revaluation?

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

ARTICLE 34: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$1,000 from the UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE to the Animal Medical Emergency Reserve Fund to be used in a manner consistent with the said Fund purpose?

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

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town vote to fix the first day of November 2022 and the first day of May 2023 when all 2022 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 4.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

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

ARTICLE 36: Shall the Town vote to establish the interest rate of 2.00% 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:

ARTICLE 37: 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 38: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2023 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2022, who pay the total amount of 2023 taxes by monthly payments from September 2022 to June 30, 2023, 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 39: Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of any overdrafts that may occur in the Town's 2022/2023 budget to be paid out of the undesignated fund balance?

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

ARTICLE 40: 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 41: 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 FY22-23 but which are not expended in FY22-23, in to related reserve accounts?

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

ARTICLE 42: 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 43: 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 44: 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 45: 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 46: 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 47: 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 48: 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 49: 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 50: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to collect Solid Waste Management User Fees for Fiscal Year 2022 at the rate of \$3.00 per bag?

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

ARTICLE 51: 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 52: 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 10th day of May 2022.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham



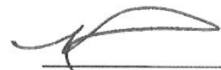
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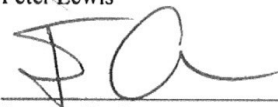
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Peter Lewis



Jeremy Cluchey

Witness to All:



Nicole Briand, Town Manager

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Ambulance (Emergency Only)	911
County Sheriff's Dept. (Non Emergency)	443-8201
State Police	1-800-452-4664
Bowdoinham Town Office	666-5531
Bowdoinham Solid Waste & Recycling	666-3228
Bowdoinham Fire Station	666-3505
Bowdoinham Community School	666-5546
Mount Ararat High School	729-2950
Mount Ararat Middle School	729-2951
MSAD/RSU 75	729-9961
Bowdoinham Post Office	666-3465
Bowdoinham Public Library	666-8405
Cliff Daigle, Animal Control	522-8816

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Tuesday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday	8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday	8:30am - 4:00pm

BOWDOINHAM RECYCLING

DEPARTMENT

(207) 666-3228

Tuesdays	2pm - 6pm
Thursdays	8 am - 4pm
Saturdays	8am - 4pm

MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS 2021-2022

Independence Day	Monday	07/04/2022		Christmas	Monday	12/26/2022
Labor Day	Monday	09/05/2022		New Year's Day	Friday	01/02/2023
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday	10/10/2022		MLK, Jr. Day	Monday	01/16/2023
Veterans Day	Friday	11/11/2022		Presidents' Day	Monday	02/20/2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	11/24/2022		Patriots Day	Monday	04/17/2023
Thanksgiving	Friday	11/25/2022		Memorial Day	Monday	05/29/2023
Christmas Eve	Friday	12/23/2022		Juneteenth	Monday	06/19/2023

- 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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