

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (1994)

### *An Ordinance to Amend the Bowdoinham Code by Repealing Article 7 and Enacting Article 7—Solid Waste Management (1994).*

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purposes of this ordinance are several.

##### 1.1. SATISFY STATE MANDATES

The State of Maine requires all municipalities to reduce the volume of solid waste directed to landfills and waste-to-energy plants. This will be accomplished by recycling and composting.

##### 1.2. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

As current methods of solid waste disposal may harm the air and water we breath and drink, it is necessary to minimize the volume of waste placed on landfills or burned at waste-to-energy plants. This will be accomplished by recycling, composting and producing less waste.

##### 1.3. MANAGE COST OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

In order to manage solid waste disposal costs, it is necessary to exercise local control of as many cost factors as possible. This will be accomplished by encouraging separation of wastes at their origin, by recycling and selling as many materials as feasible and by reducing the volume of waste to be hauled out of town.

##### 1.4. GOVERN WASTE DISPOSAL

In order to ensure that the Town adheres to state and federal environmental statutes and regulations, it is necessary to govern waste collection and disposal within the Town.

#### 2. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Home Rule powers as granted in Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution, Title 30A, M.R.S.A. Sections 3001, and Title 38, M.R.S.A. Section 1305.

The Selectmen of the Town of Bowdoinham will administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

The Selectmen may hire a Solid Waste Manager to administer the Town's Waste Facilities in compliance with this ordinance.

The Selectmen of the Town of Bowdoinham shall appoint at least five (5) citizens of the Town of Bowdoinham to serve as the Waste Advisory Committee on such matters related to waste management and recycling as may be requested by the Selectmen. Preference for appointment to the committee shall be given to abutters of the Solid Waste Facilities. The appointments shall be for two (2) year terms, which shall be staggered by the Selectmen.

#### 3. DEFINITIONS

##### 3.1. APPROVED CONTAINER