The Board of Selectmen has asked the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee to develop a long-term plan for the future of the town’s recycling program. In order to do that, we’d like to know what you think. What are your priorities when it comes to recycling? What aspects of the town’s program do you value the most? What services do you value less? Our hope is to design the ideal program for Bowdoinham and find creative solutions to make it financially feasible.

Please consider the importance of the services that have been offered by Bowdoinham’s recycling program over its more-than-30-year history, and mark them from 1-5 (1 being not at all important to you and 5 being extremely important):

\_\_\_Free curbside recycling collection.

\_\_\_Access to a local recycling facility, such as the Recycling Barn.

\_\_\_Hazardous waste disposal (lightbulbs, paint, batteries etc.).

\_\_\_Electronics disposal.

\_\_\_Bulky waste disposal (furniture and other large items).

\_\_\_Tire disposal.

\_\_\_The “Store,” where people donate reusable household items that other residents can take for free. (Excess items are donated or disposed of).

\_\_\_The books section of the Store, where residents donate books for others to claim.

\_\_\_The “Clothing Exchange,” where people donate reusable clothing, linens, and fabric that residents can take for free. (Excess items are donated to other local organizations.)

\_\_\_Returnable bottle collection, where the proceeds are donated to specific non-profit causes (e.g. the Community School, the Food Pantry, heating assistance, etc.).

\_\_\_How important is it to you that items like plastic, metal, paper, etc. are recycled rather than added to the waste stream?

\_\_\_Are you willing to sort your recyclables?

Is there any service that the town is not currently providing that you would like to see added to the recycling program?

Is there anything you’d like to comment on that we did not think to ask?