

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

TIME: 6:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, Joanne Joy, at 6:30 pm. Select Board members participating were Joanne Joy, Mark Favreau, Jason Hodde, Allen Acker, Shelley Hooper and Nicole Briand, Town Manager.

II. Amendments to the Agenda - None

III. Comments from the Public

David Berry requested that the Board consider adding glass to the Town's recyclable materials, noting its potential use as a substitute for crushed rock in certain municipal projects. The Board agreed to refer this suggestion to the Solid Waste Committee for further review of glass recycling options. David requested to be notified of the meetings.

IV. Approval of Consent Calendar

- A. Meeting Minutes
 - 1. February 10, 2026
- B. Warrants & Financial Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's Warrant #16

Favreau moved the Board approve the Consent Calendar, as amended; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

V. Licensing

- A. Cannabis Business License – Funk House Farm
 - Property: 112 Pond Road (Map R02, Lot 063-F)

Hooper moved the Board find Funk House Farm's application for a Cannabis Business License complete; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

Acker moved the Board schedule a public hearing for Funk House Farm's application for a Cannabis Business License on March 10, 2025; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 5-0.

VI. Action Items

- A. Act on Community Development Advisory Committee Appointment

There are two applicants for the committee. The Committee By-laws call for seven members, and the Committee currently has six. One of the members who was appointed in June has not attended a meeting. The Committee can request to have them removed at their next meeting.

Hope Libby told the Board that she was willing to wait until the March meeting to allow for the process to have the nonactive member removed. Board members thanked her for willingness to wait until March.

Hodde moved the Board appoint Wayne Sanford to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term of February 24, 2026 to June 30, 2029; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

B. Act on Coastal Community Grant/Shore & Harbor Planning Grant Acceptance

Favreau moved the Board accept the \$50,000 Coastal Community Grant/Shore & Harbor Planning Grant and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 5-0.

C. Act on AARP Challenge Grant Support

Jason Lamoreau informed the Board that the grant would provide funding for the Age-Friendly Committee to conduct home safety assessments and to purchase items such as grab bars and non-slip stair runners—that the Handy Brigade can install for residents when needed.

Favreau moved the Board support applying for AARP's Challenge Grant; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

D. Act on Old Cemeteries Association Project

Bowdoinham has been selected to host the Maine Old Cemeteries Association's four-day workshop from June 12–15. The Association will provide the instructor and approximately thirty volunteers who will work in one of the Town's cemeteries, either Ridge Cemetery or Village Cemetery.

Town would be responsible for supplying a space for the classroom session, water for stone cleaning, crushed stone and sand, a porta-potty at the cemetery, and lodging for the instructor. The estimated cost for the Town is up to \$3,000, which would be funded from the Cemetery Reserve.

Hodde moved the Board approve hosting Maine Old Cemeteries Association's four-day workshop, June 12-15th and expending up to \$3,000 from the Cemetery Reserve for the workshop; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

E. Act on Small Claims Court

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing small claims court as a method for collecting unpaid property taxes. The Board also discussed the potential use of this approach to recover delinquent personal property taxes.

Favreau moved the Board to authorize the Treasurer, Nicole Briand to pursue small claims court for the collection of FY22-FY24 property taxes for tax accounts: 1769 and 1804; seconded by Hodde. Vote was 4-1. Acker opposed.

F. Act on Property Tax Abatement #2

Acker moved the Board approve FY26 Property Tax Abatement #2 as presented; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 5-0.

VII. **Town Manager's Report**

The Ice & Smelt Festival is scheduled for the weekend of February 28th – March 1st various activities in the village.

The 2nd Riverview House Public Meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday, February 25th. The meeting will be held in the Kendall Meeting Room with an online Zoom option.

The Town submitted the BUILD application for the design and engineering of the Merrymeeting Trail, from Gardiner's Waterfront Park to just south of Bowdoinham Riverfront Park.

The Town's Site Plan application is on the Planning Board's February 26th agenda. This application is for the expansion of the impervious area and the proposed changes related to the transfer station. The MDEP Stormwater and Transfer Station applications have been submitted, updates are expected this spring.

Maine Solar Solutions installed solar panels on the Fire Station last week.

VIII. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

- A. March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting
- B. March 24, 2026, at 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting

IX. Select Board Member's Comments and Request

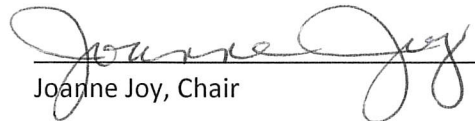
Acker stated that materials purposed to be used to rebuild the Center Street retaining wall, keystone block, are not a MDOT certified block. Briand said she would reach out to the contractor.

X. Comments from the Public - None


XI. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 7:20 p.m.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine



Joanne Joy, Chair



Mark Favreau, Vice Chair



Jason Hodde



Allen Acker

Shelley Hooper

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa-Marie Curtis, Administrative Assistant