

Town Manager Report
March 10, 2026
Prepared by Nicole Briand, Town Manager

Town Office – Closures

- Friday, April 17th – Attic Clean-Out
- Monday, April 20th – Patriots Day

Updates:

We've been encouraged to repackage our BUILD application for the design and engineering of the Merrymeeting Trail, from Gardiner's Waterfront Park to just south of Bowdoinham Riverfront Park for the Congressionally Direct Spending applications. No match is required for these applications.

Cemetery Workshop - We've secured accommodations for the instructor in Bowdoinham for \$700.

Small Claims – I wrote letters to both property owners give them an opportunity to resolve the outstanding balance on their property tax account before further action is taken. Unfortunately, neither property owner responded to my letter by March 9th, so we'll be proceeding with small claims court.

Please refer to the attached Department monthly reports.



Outlook

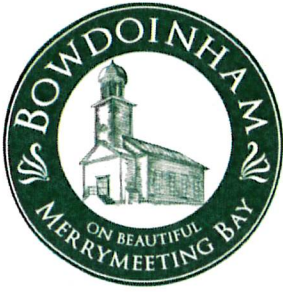
February Monthly Report

From pworks <pworks@bowdoinham.com>

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To Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>

This month started off with the work at the town office moving work spaces around along with plowing, dug out all fire hydrants snow blow sidewalks took sand deliveries and salt, worked on new entrance for recycling. We had repairs made to the backhoe/ Trk#10/ Trk#3 Trk#9 Trk#5. We have removed snow pile at the town office along with the snow pile at the water front and have been doing building maintenance.



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Planning:

The Planning Board met on February 26, 2026, from 6:00pm to 9:44pm.

Item 1: Consideration of Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026. Voted 4-0 in favor to approve the minutes as amended.

Item 2: Completeness Review- Site Plan Review – Tier II

- i) Tax Map: R02, Lot: 62
- ii) Applicant: Town of Bowdoinham
- iii) Representative: Pine Tree Engineering, Inc.
- iv) Location: 121 Pond Road
- v) Zones: Village II District and Zone A within the Flood Plain Management Area.
- vi) Proposal: The applicant is proposing an expansion that will create 1.38 acres of additional gravel lot area for the Public Works storage and will include a secondary entrance for public access to the expanded transfer station and recycling facility.

Outcome:

- The Planning unanimously voted to grant three (3) waivers requested by the applicant. More specifically, Article 10, D (9) Landscaping, Article 10, D (10) Buffering, and the application fee were waived. The board voted 4-0 to grant the three waivers. The board deemed the application complete by a vote of 4-0. Next, the board voted 4-0 to hold a site visit at 121 Pond Road on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 9am. Lastly, the board voted 4-0 in favor of scheduling a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Item 3: Site Plan Review- Tier I Application

- i) Tax Map: R02, Lot: 63-C-On
- ii) Applicant: Verizon Wireless c/o Darryl Gresham
- iii) Property Owner: Timothy Dubuc
- iv) Tower Owner: American Tower/Global Tower Holdings
- v) Location: 12 Quarry Lane
- vi) Zone: Village II District
- vii) Proposal: The applicant is proposing to remove three (3) sector mounts and 12 antennas. Also, install three (3) sector mounts, 9 antennas, six (6) RRHs, one (1) OVP's, one (1) NGOVPs, one (1) 6 x 12 hybrid, and one (1) 3 x 6 hybrid cable.

Outcome:

- This Site Plan Review Tier I application was pushed to the Planning Board because condition #10 of the original approval states that any modification shall be reviewed by

the Planning Board. The board deemed the application complete by a vote of 4-0. The board went on to review the application and approved it by a vote of 4-0 in favor.

Item 4: Completeness Review- Site Plan Review – Tier II

- i) Tax Map: R06, Lot: 40
- ii) Applicant: Sumner Properties, LLC
- iii) Representative: Yunjin Zhang
- iv) Location: 205 Carding Machine Road
- v) Zone: Residential/Agriculture District
- vi) Proposal: The applicant is proposing a medical cannabis cultivation facility within an existing structure.

Outcome:

- The board deemed the application complete by a vote of 4-0 in favor, with one condition that the applicant provides a site plan with a signature block a week before the public hearing. The board then voted 4-0 in favor of scheduling a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Item 5: Land Use Ordinance: Reorganization Discussion:

- Articles 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10 of the Land Use Ordinance.
- Discussion of LD 1829: An act to build housing for Maine families and attract workers to Maine businesses by amending the laws governing housing density.
- Discussion of LD 427: An act to regulate municipal parking space minimums.
- Discussion: Adding language to the Land Use Ordinance in Article 11. that would exempt the Town of Bowdoinham from town application fees and charges.

Outcome:

- The team reviewed and discussed changes to various articles of the ordinance, focusing on updates to tables, performance standards, and review procedures. They agreed to add specific land uses to Table 5.1 and ensure consistency in review procedures across different types of applications. Yvette and Town discussed the need to streamline the list of departments to be notified for site plan reviews and subdivisions, deciding to use the same list for both. They also addressed the need to update language related to the Planning Department and review timelines.
- The group discussed several ordinance updates, including the handling of email distributions and the distinction between daycare centers, preschools, and nursery schools. They agreed to simplify the terminology by replacing "nursery school" with "preschool" and to use "daycare center/preschool" as a combined term where appropriate. The team also confirmed that large solar energy systems would require site plan review

while smaller systems would not, and they discussed the need to maintain clear definitions and distinctions in the ordinance.

- The meeting focused on reviewing and discussing changes to the town's land use ordinance, particularly regarding solar energy systems and growth areas. Town and Yvette clarified that only large solar energy systems require site plan review permits, while individual residential systems do not. They also discussed concerns about the lack of specific minimum lot sizes and density requirements in the ordinance, with Town suggesting they could be added from state statutes. The group acknowledged the need for a clearer definition of designated growth areas, as the current reference to the comprehensive plan is not sufficient for practical application.
- The board discussed several ordinance changes, focusing on designated growth areas and parking requirements. They decided to add a footnote to the designated growth area section, stating that it would not take effect until a later date, allowing time to better define these areas. The board also reviewed changes related to municipal parking, determining that they were not applicable to their current ordinance. They scheduled a follow-up meeting for March 12th at 6pm to review remaining documents and make final decisions.

Item 6: Future Meeting Discussion:

Outcome:

- Planning Board Workshop: Land Use Ordinance discussion scheduled for March 12, 2026.
- Planning Board Public Meeting (Site Visit) scheduled March 24, 2026, at 121 Pond Road (Public Works/Recycling Facility).
- Planning Board Meeting (Public Hearings) scheduled March 26, 2026, for the Public Works expansion at 121 Pond Road, as well as the cannabis use application at 205 Carding Machine Road.

Code Enforcement Report

Permits :

Permit Type	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	YTD
Building	1	0	3	4	7	144
Plumbing/Septic	0	1	2	7	4	146
Floodplain	0	0	0	0	1	2
Site Plan Review -Tier I	1	0	0	0	0	12
Land Use	0	0	0	0	0	9
New Dwelling Units	0	0	1	1	4	47
Demolished Dwellings	0	0	0	0	0	8
Inspections	3	6	8	14	30	341

Active Inspections and Violations :

- 1) **371 Carding Machine Road** (R06-033-B) – Issued a 3rd Notice of Violation (NOV) on October 15, 2024, and I sent it certified mail. I have received confirmation that Mr. Aase received all NOV's by signature confirmation. I did receive an email from Mr. Aase that

Active Inspections and Violations (cont'd):

described his plan of selling the property, however, there was no mention of working toward compliance. Property is now for sale. **No Change from the last report.**

- 2) **1441 River Road** (R12-019) – Currently, the Code Office issued a 4th N.O.V. and as a result, the Select Board authorized the Code Officer to work with the town's attorney regarding this matter. **Update for November:** As of December 1, 2025, the boats have not been removed, and for this reason, the Select Board has approved the town's attorney to work with the Code Officer to begin the legal process to bring the property into compliance. **Update for December:** No change from the November report. **Update for January 2026:** The Code Officer is working with the Town's Attorney to draft a final letter requesting compliance before filing in court. **Update for February 2026:** Waiting on the final letter from the Town Attorney.

- 3) **780 Ridge Road** (R3-28) – At this time, the Code Office is scheduled to conduct a site visit with Nicole Briand at 780 Ridge Road on Friday, October 10, 2025. Also, the Select Board has authorized the Code Officer to work with the town's attorney on this matter. **Update for November:** The Code Officer met with Mrs. Billington on November 24, 2025, at the Town Office and she presented pictures of the clean-up progress. The Code Officer conducted an inspection of the property from the public-way to confirm the progress. Unfortunately, the Code Office expected more items to be removed by December 1, 2025, and for this reason, The Code Officer requested the large pile of lumber to be removed by February 2, 2026. And another site visit on April 1, 2026, to see if the white building with no roof was removed. **Update for December:** Gail Billington stopped by the Code Office to discuss the two action items that were proposed by the Code Office via email on December 1, 2025. She stated that the lumber pile could be burned by February 2, 2026. However, she stated that the removal of the white building would be difficult by April 1, 2026. Ultimately, she asked to remove the second action item. To conclude, I agreed to remove the second action item, but I expressed my discontent with the current progress of the clean-up, and told her that the town would like to see a bigger effort in the spring of 2026. **Update for January 2026:** No change from the last report. **Update for February 2026:** All communication has ceased from the property owner. The Code Office requested an update on February 2, 2026, however, Mrs. Billington never responded. It appears that the large pile of lumber was not removed as determined from a visual inspection from the public way. Unfortunately, the agreement that the town and Mrs. Billington is no longer in effect. The Code Office is moving towards a more aggressive time frame to have the property completely cleaned up by June 1, 2026. If this deadline is not met then the Code Office will recommend legal action in relation to the current Notice of Violation.

- 4) **473 Carding Machine Road** (R05-51) – I have been in contact with the property owner and Mr. Skipper has agreed to clean-up the property. I plan on conducting an inspection on September 26, 2025, for compliance. **Update for November:** Mr. Skipper is continuing to clean up the property; however, the wintertime may slow the progress of

Active Inspections and Violations (cont'd):

clean-up. **Update for January 2026:** No change from the last update. **Update for February 2026:** No Change from the last update.

- 5) **112 Pond Road** (R02-63-F) – The Code Office received a cannabis odor complaint from Mr. Booty, an abutter to 112 Pond Road, on August 14, 2025. I sent a letter to the property owner and the individual grow-facilities on August 18, 2025, requesting that each caregiver install additional carbon filters. It is valuable to note that I had not received a complaint from an abutter since May 16, 2025. Currently, five (5) out of the seven (7) grow facilities have contacted the Code Office regarding the latest request for more carbon filters. **Update for November:** I received another complaint from Mr. Booty on November 10, 2025. I conducted a site inspection and observed the odor of cannabis over the property line. I sent an update letter about the two (2) Notice of Violations, requesting an inspection of the new filters by December 5, 2025, because the filters needed to be ordered. **Update for December:** It was brought to my attention from the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) that four (4) licenses had lapsed at 112 Pond Road, and as a result, OCP is working with each of the four (4) caregivers to get them licensed. **Update for January 2026:** The Office of Cannabis Policy has indicated that three (3) of the caregivers are currently working to get their state license updated. One of the caregivers has indicated that they are not cultivating cannabis at 112 Pond Road, currently. **Update for February 2026:** Two letters were sent to Ganja Babes LLC and Cannabis for Medium LLC regarding their lack of a state license from the Office of Cannabis Policy, and the town's right to revoke their Cannabis Business Licenses because they failed to maintain State of Maine licenses. They were given a deadline of March 7, 2026 to submit a complete application with the Office of Cannabis Policy.
- 6) **5 Brook Lane** (R03-44F) – It was brought to the attention of the Code Office that a different business is operating at 5 Brook Lane than what was originally approved. The Code Office has not made contact with the property owner but plans to request a Site Plan Review Tier I application for a change of use. **Update For November:** The CEO sent a letter on October 21, 2025; however, the property owner did not respond to the letter. **Update for December:** The property owner at 5 Brook Lane has agreed to file a Site Plan Review Tier I application with the Code Office, but the application has not been filed yet as of December 2025. **Update for January 2026:** The property owner has not submitted the requested application. So, I emailed the property owner asking if they needed help with the application. The property owner responded that he is still working on the SPR Tier I application. **Update for February 2026:** No Change from the last report.
- 7) **14 Cemetery Road** (U03-13) – I contacted the property owner on August 18, 2025, concerning the condition of the property (Junkyard). Mr. Skelton contacted the Code Office on August 26, 2025, and we discussed a plan for action to clean up the property. He is the landlord for the property, and he is currently using the legal system to evict the tenants from the property. We agreed that Mr. Skelton would contact the Code Office

Active Inspections and Violations (cont'd):

every two weeks with an update, and Mr. Skelton has provided an update every two weeks as promised. **Update for November:** Mr. Skelton has contacted the Code Office approximately every two weeks and has kept the Code Office updated. The latest update is that Mr. Skelton has a court date on December 10, 2025, concerning his tenants. **Update for December:** The tenants have been removed from the property, and the landlord has begun to clean-up the property as the Code Office has requested. Due to winter weather some items will be difficult to access under the snow and ice. The owner has requested more time in the spring to remove what items remain that constitute a junkyard, and I am willing to give him that extension because of the effort put in so far at the property. **Update for January 2026:** Mr. Skelton is continuing to clean up the property as the weather will allow for it. He anticipates that the property will be completely cleaned up in the spring of 2026. **Update for February 2026:** No Change from the last update.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Committee held their regular monthly meeting on February 11. Peggy Christian was elected Chair, Jason Lamoreau was elected Vice Chair, and the group chose to continue rotating notetaking responsibilities instead of electing a Secretary. Yvette Meunier shared important staff updates, including the Town's award of a \$75,000 CRP grant to hire a consulting firm for the Open Space Plan. A draft RFP is under review, with proposals expected for the committee's March meeting and consultant work beginning in April. She also reported no applications were received for the intern position though Bowdoin College yet and announced the Town's award of a Coastal Community Grant to explore fishing and hand-carry boat launch locations.

The Tree Sub-committee presented its expanded Tree Care Plan, which led to broader questions about whether the document represented an implementable plan or a request to form a standing committee. The group ultimately voted unanimously to support the sub-committee in bringing forward a proposal to create a Municipal Tree Care Committee. Members also reviewed habitat maps from other towns to identify which habitat types to include in Bowdoinham's mapping work, and began discussing recreation mapping needs. The committee plans to review RFP responses and receive an update from the Tree Committee at its next meeting.

Economic Development:

Community Development Advisory Committee

The Community Development Advisory Committee held their regular monthly meeting on February 4, to discuss the developing design for the new waterfront pavilion. The committee reviewed updated plans that propose a 40' x 80' structure—with discussion of a wider 48' x 80' option to accommodate up to 20 vendor booths and allow for future market expansion. Residents shared mixed feedback: some saw value in expanding vendor capacity, while others worried the pavilion could feel too large for the waterfront. Additional discussion covered maintenance costs, which are expected to depend heavily on materials and build quality; potential winter adaptations

such as infrared heaters and drop-down wall panels; and recreational uses including ice skating, roller skating, and possible seasonal events like ice carving. Musical performance needs were also reviewed, with recommendations for sound-absorbing materials, adequate power, and future investment in lighting and audio systems.

The committee also addressed several operational matters. Officer elections were held confirming Jean DeBellefeuille as Chair, Marty Szydowski as Vice Chair, and Ian McConnell as Secretary. A staff update noted the upcoming second public meeting on the Riverview House project scheduled for February 25, 2026, as well as continued uncertainty regarding a prior \$750,000 federal grant application for the Merrymeeting Trail. The meeting concluded with a reminder that the next CDAC meeting will be held on March 3 and will feature a presentation from the Maine Arts Commission.

Bowdoinham Waterfront Park

Projects are on hold while we wait for seven streetlights to be installed which are still on backorder. The change order with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is still pending to pave the pathways at the park to make them more accessible. In March Staff had a call with program staff who determined that another request to the LWCF for the next phase of development at the waterfront which would include developing a pavilion with a solar array, new bathhouse, security cameras, septic, natural play area and ice skating rink materials for the Bowdoinham Riverfront Park and incorporation of Maily into the project area which would include realignment of the park entrances, and paving the parking lot is eligible. There is a pending inquiry as to if wi-fi is an approved cost.

Yellow Building

On February 25 the staff and Acorn Engineering held the second public meeting on the BRIC grant. The project team presented survey results, site constraints, and five potential options for the future of the Riverview House property at 8 River Road. The public survey indicated that 65.9% of respondents preferred demolishing the building and converting the area to open space, while many were unsure about renovation vs. rebuilding, and 40.7% did not want a new revenue-generating building. The design and engineering team reviewed existing building conditions, flood zone implications, setbacks, utilities, and several scenarios: doing nothing, demolishing the structure and landscaping the site, renovating the existing building, constructing a new building of the same size of the existing building outside the floodplain setback, or repurposing the property as a town-owned facility. Each option included pros and cons, ranging from cost impacts and revenue potential to long-term maintenance obligations. The BRIC grant funded this assessment, and the completion of the presentation marked the end of that grant's scope.

Here is a summary of the options:

Option	Description	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Annual Maintenance Cost (est.)	Net Annual Revenue	Pros	Cons

1. Do Nothing	Keep current tenant; minimal maintenance.	\$0	N/A	\$1,784 (septic \$300, water \$400, general \$600, insurance \$484)	+\$5,416	No change for existing tenant	Defers problems
2. Demolish	Convert to open space.	\$125k – \$150k	General Fund	Not specified; no future building maintenance	-\$5,416 (Loss)	Single-time expense; no future building maintenance	Loss of rental revenue; location not grandfathered with shoreland zone; cost to taxpayers
3. Rehab House	Complete renovation in current spot.	\$625k – \$675k	TIF	\$1,484 (no septic pumping)	+\$22,516	Maintains/expands revenue; not funded by GF; potential to charge higher rent; grading removes structure from floodplain	Requires future maintenance (suggest allocating portion of rent to reserve)
4. New Build 930 sq ft	Construct new outside flood zone.	\$700k – \$800k	TIF	\$1,484 (no septic pumping)	+\$22,516	Maintains/expands revenue; not funded by GF; potential to charge higher rent; locates new structure outside floodplain	Requires future maintenance (suggest allocating portion of rent to reserve)

5. Town Facility	Convert to town office/comm community space.	\$625k – \$800k	General Fund	Heat, electricity, telephone/internet (amount not specified)	-\$ (cost of utilities)	More office/community space; maintains municipal presence at waterfront	Funded by General Fund; loss of rental revenue
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Public comments emphasized strong support for demolition due to concerns about high renovation costs, unknown future maintenance needs, the age and condition of the structure (including mold), and uncertainty about future renters or revenue. Several residents questioned cost estimates, the feasibility of selling the building, or using grants to offset demolition costs. Town staff clarified that selling to a private owner in the middle of a public park was not advisable, and that no grant currently exists to cover demolition. Many commenters argued that maintaining the building could lead to greater long-term losses and that open space would be the most beneficial outcome. Ultimately, the Select Board will decide how to proceed, guided by survey data, technical assessments, and ongoing public input.

Further, there is no update on the Brownfields program as part of a Phase 1 site assessment funded by the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) with no cost to the Town. If during this initial report if they observe hazardous materials a Phase 2 analysis would be completed which would also give us estimates for abating hazardous materials. This process is redundant to the work Acorn is doing but could yield additional funding for abatement through the Brownfields program which would be available to us. MCOG has indicated that if we sought remediation funds they would be available this summer and would expect us to use them within a year.

Cathance Meadow Trail Improvements

In December the Selectboard voted to accept a \$62,820.97 Maine Trails Program grant award to improve 360 feet of the existing blue trail in the Cathance Meadows Trail System along with the creation of 220 feet of new trail, both surfaced with gravel and reclaim top dress, leading to a 20’ x 20’ observation platform. An 18” culvert is also included which would improve drainage in a low area. An existing foundation on site would be restored and fitted with a ramp, handrails, and guardrails to create a new accessible viewing area. Updated trail maps and five wayfinding signs are included to enhance navigation and overall user experience. A 10% match (\$6,283) from the CMP TIF will required. Contracts with the state should be issued by March and soliciting for contractors will begin after that.

Transportation Projects

1. DOT Bike/Ped Grant Sidewalk Project – In November the Selectboard reviewed an updated report from DOT for the sidewalk project on Main Street from its intersection with Center Street up to Post Road. The hybrid option was still DOT’s recommended strategy with an alternative of placing it entirely on the North side of Main Street. The Selectboard’s unchanged opinion to keep it entirely on the North side of Main Street has

been shared with DOT and we are still waiting to hear when a public meeting on the project will be scheduled. **NO NEW INFORMATION**

2. Active Transportation Partnership Initiative (ATPI) – This grant program supports targeted implementation projects identified during the VPI process. The match is 20% or 10% where a demonstration project has already been implemented, such as the crosswalk leading to Three Robbers across Rt 24. Pine Tree Engineering completed the conceptual designs and cost estimates have been completed in preparation for an ATPI grant submission in the Winter of 2026 for a crosswalk at Three Robbers Pub with a rapid flashing beacon, and a new pedestrian crossing between the new park and the old park, where the Riverfront Park sidewalk currently terminates at Route 24 and closure of a sidewalk gap along Route 24, connecting the new park to Back Hill. The total project is estimated at \$173,000 and the 10-20% match would come from the CMP TIF. We expect the grant application to be open within the next few weeks and will present a draft application to you for consideration. **NO NEW INFORMATION**
3. DOT Demonstration Project – On February 11 staff submitted an application to the DOT to allow for a demonstration project of an All-Way Stop at Rt 24/Lower Main Street intersection which was approved by the Selectboard in early February.
4. Merrymeeting Trail – On February 24 staff submitted a no-match grant application with the federal BUILD grant program to fund the Planning and Preliminary Engineering for the 19.5-mile segment from Bowdoinham to Gardiner. Awards to be announced by the end of June 2026.

On September 8, 2025 staff submitted a no-match grant application with the Rural Tribal Assistance Pilot Program for preliminary design and final engineering for 8.6 miles of rail to trail conversion from downtown Bowdoinham to downtown Richmond. Awards scheduled before the shutdown to be announced on November 28, 2025, but that deadline has passed. **NO NEW INFORMATION**

Maine Coastal Grant

On January 5 the Town applied and in February was awarded a \$50,000 from the Maine Coastal Program Shore and Harbor Planning Grant with a commitment of a 10% match (\$5,000) from CMP TIF funds to conduct a comprehensive planning initiative focused on fishing and paddle put-in locations in Bowdoinham. Fishing spots were identified on the Master Site Plan for the new park, however those uses may be at odds with the shoreline stabilization project. We are now waiting on a contract from the State before releasing the RFP to find a consultant.

Summer Interns

Planning & Development Department Staff prepared a job description to be advertised at Bowdoin College for up to two full-time interns to be hosted from mid June though early August for 10 weeks at no cost to the town. They would provide support of the Town's Comprehensive Plan/Open Space planning process by creating GIS maps, assist with survey design and distribution and analysis, develop associated marketing materials, design ways to improve permitting workflows, and expand public access to land-use information through GIS and clear,

plain-language public and internal resources related to the permitting process. In February staff was notified that no interns applied, however they are posting the opportunities through another avenue with. More information should be available in the coming weeks.

Event Planning

Ice & Smelt

Ice & Smelt began on February 27 and runs through March 1st. A report on the event will be included in the March monthly report.

Concert Series

Staff is working on scheduling potential acts for the Sunday Summer Concert Series running on Sundays during July and August. Staff have also put out a request to non-profits regarding their interest in hosting benefit dinners at the concerts. We hope to have a completed roster and budget before the Selectboard in April.

Tour de Bowdoinham

Staff have begun initial discussions with volunteers for the upcoming event this August.

Celebrate Bowdoinham

Staff scheduled a Celebrate 2026 planning meeting and included contacts who had expressed interest during Celebrate in 2025 to help us plan for March 10th.



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Recreation and Older Adult Services February 2026:

Recreation:

- Ararat Youth Softball League had our first meeting of the season this month to discuss the upcoming season. Towns involved for scheduling minor and major softball this season include Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, Topsham, Harpswell, Brunswick, Bath, Richmond, Litchfield, Wiscasset and Boothbay. Bowdoinham will be hosting the scheduling meeting on April 16th at 1pm. Games will begin the week of May 8th.
- Youth Basketball games concluded this month. We hosted eight Saturdays this season. All five Bowdoinham teams had an opportunity to play at "home" at least twice over the season.
- Bowdoinham hosted two AYBL travel league scrimmage games this month.
- Registration is open for "Little Dribblers" basketball which will run on four Saturdays in March. Registration closes March 1 and sessions begin March 7th. Holloway Concrete Construction is this year's Little Dribblers program sponsor.
- Registration is now open for baseball and softball programs for all youth ages.
- Registration is now open for Spring Cross Country running. Bowdoinham will not be hosting a meet this spring due to planned construction work on Cathance Meadow Trail.
- Adult Volleyball continues indoor play in the school gym and meets on Friday evenings from 5-7pm through May.
- Family Swimming at Bowdoin College pool continues for the Winter/Spring 2026 session and runs on Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30 through March.
- Committee meetings attended this month: Age-Friendly, AYBL board, AYSL, MidCoast Cash, Sagadahoc County Board of Health, Get Active Maine and Bath Brunswick Resource Coalition.
- Continued work with contractors and designers at the "Yellow building" as part of the FEMA BRIC grant process as well as attended public meetings.
- Skating at the ice rink has been great this month with the cold temperatures. Equipment available to borrow for winter activities: Snow shoes, skis and skates.
- Ice and Smelt Festival, for Recreation, included skating, sledding and snowshoeing as well as a Movie showing at Town Hall. Attendance for both activities was very low compared to past events.



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Older Adult Services:

- This month the Committee met on Monday, February 9th. Discussions were mostly centered on the 2026 AARP Challenge Grant proposal to the Select Board. Age Friendly Committee will be applying for a \$2500 mini-grant to fund a home assessment project. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th and will be held at the Fire Station.
- Bowdoinham Community Connections: This month volunteers continued to meet to update on progress with residents they are working with. The group agreed to, again this Spring, host a "Bulky Waste Day" event where volunteers will go to homes to load and haul unnecessary items that residents are not able to transport themselves to the Solid Waste Facility.
- Bridge and Cribbage continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively.
- Luncheon this month was held on Thursday, February 13th. About 55 people attended, a very high number. The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th.
- Medical Equipment loaned out this month includes one electric lift chair, walkers, 1 commode and 1 pair of crutches. Donations this month included 3 walkers, one wheelchair and 2 shower benches.
- The first of two Free Tax Preparation Clinics was held at the Fire Station on Saturday, February 28th with 41 appointments filled. This was the most ever served at a Bowdoinham tax clinic. A few appointments do remain open for the Tuesday, March 17th clinic.

Re: Reminder - Monthly Reports

From Arthur Frizzle <firechief@bowdoinham.com>

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To Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>

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We have completed our final inspection of the new engine on 3/3. It is currently at the Bulldog Manufacturing shop in Hopkinton, Mass. The manufacturer will now have their technician go over everything one final time to make sure there are no dents, dings, paint defects or scratches from the manufacturing / upfitting process. I told them we are ok holding off on delivery to ensure travel and road conditions (salt/sand/snow) are optimal. We left the delivery date open ended for now with the earliest being the end of next week.

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Subject: Reminder - Monthly Reports

Hello All,

Don't forget your monthly reports (and inspection reports) are due by noon on March 6th.





Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue
February 2026

	FIRE	EMS	BURN PERMIT
2/1/2026		White Road - unconscious person	1
2/2/2026	1295 mm 38 - vehicle fire	Main Street - sick person	
2/3/2026		Post Road - fall	
2/4/2026		Browns Point Road - seizures	
2/5/2026		M/A Bowdoin Doughty Road - allergic reaction	
2/6/2026		M/A Bowdoin Erica Lane - EMS assist	
2/7/2026	M/A Richmond River Road - structure fire	White Road - chest pain	
2/8/2026		Ridge Road - sick person	
2/9/2026		Raspberry Rlane - chest pain	1
2/10/2026		Post Road - unconscious person	2
2/11/2026	River Road - fire alarm	Main Street - sick person	1
2/12/2026	Post Road - EMS assist	Centers Point Road - fall	
2/13/2026	M/A Richmond Post Road - structure fire	White Road - sick person	5
2/14/2026		White Road - breathing problem	
2/15/2026		Post Road - breathing problem	
2/16/2026	Centers Point Road - EMS assist wildland rescue	Preble Road - fall	
2/17/2026		Preble Road - sick person	
2/18/2026		Preble Road - sick person	
2/19/2026		Preble Road - psychiatric evaluation	
2/20/2026	M/A Bowdoin Deer Run Road - CO incident	Post Road - unconscious person	2
2/21/2026		Main Street - stroke	5
2/22/2026			
2/23/2026			
2/24/2026			
2/25/2026			
2/26/2026	M/A Bowdoin Main Street - MV Crash with injuries		
2/27/2026			
2/28/2026			
TOTALS	8	21	17

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Feb 2026 REPORT

1. Baled OCC for a total of 6 bales weighing an estimated 5700 lbs.
2. Collected and packaged for recycling 21 gallons of mixed paints.
3. Collected and packaged for recycling 2 U bulbs.
4. Collected and packaged for recycling 18 CFL bulbs.
5. Collected and packaged for recycling 7 fluorescent bulbs.
6. Collected and packaged for recycling 6 lead acid batteries.
7. Collected and packaged for recycling 42 lithium-ion batteries.
8. Collected and packaged for recycling 3 Ni-Cad batteries.
9. Collected and packaged for disposal 1 PCB ballast.
10. Collected and packaged for recycling 5 flat panel tv's.
11. Collected and packaged for recycling 2 CRT TVs.
12. Collected and packaged for recycling 1 laptop.
13. Collected and packaged for recycling 2 printers.
14. Collected and packaged for recycling 3 cell phones.
15. Shipped 1 container of light iron.
16. Shipped 1 box of mixed batteries.
17. Shipped 2 containers of mixed recyclables.
18. Attended monthly safety meeting.
19. Conducted February monthly facility safety inspection.
20. 2-21-2026 Late opening for storm clean up.
21. 735 recycling visits

Respectfully submitted

Bryan Benson

	AMOUNT		
Vitals Statistics			State Share
Certified copies of:			
Birth	\$ 8.00	4	\$ 8.00
Birth Extras	\$ 0.80	2	\$ 0.80
Death	\$ 2.00	1	\$ 2.00
Death Extras	\$ 1.60	4	\$ 1.60
Marriage	\$ 2.00	1	\$ 2.00
Marriage Extras	\$ -	0	\$ -
Marriage Licenses	\$ 4.00	1	\$ 4.00
Disposition Permit	\$ -	0	\$ -
Disposition Permit	\$ -	0	\$ -
Totals			\$ 18.40
Animal Welfare (Dog License)	Amount	Fees	TOTAL SOLD
Male/Female	0	\$ 10.00	
Neuter/Spay	12	\$ 3.00	\$ 36.00
Dangerous	0	\$ -	
Nuisance Dog	0	\$ -	
Kennel	0	\$ -	
Totals			\$ 36.00
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife		Town Share	State Share
Fishing/Hunting		\$ 8.00	\$ 78.00
Snow		\$ 75.00	\$ 825.00
Boat		\$ 3.00	\$ 117.00
ATV		\$ 10.00	\$ 140.00
Sales Tax		\$ 121.80	\$ 715.00
Excise Tax			\$ -
			\$ 1,875.00
Voters at the end of February Counted		TOTAL	2498

BMV REPORT 25 CATEGORY	01/27 - 02/03	02/03 - 02/10	02/10 - 02/17	02/17 - 02/24	END OF MONTH TOTALS
PASSENGER - RENEWALS	31	24	29	28	112
PASSENGER - NEW	6	13	2	7	28
PASSENGER - NO FEE	0	0	0	0	0
PASSENGER - HALF RATE	0	0	1	0	1
PASSENGER - TRUCK	1	1	1	0	3
ANTIQUE - RENEWALS	0	0	0	0	0
ANTIQUE - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR HOME - RENEWALS	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR HOME - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL - RENEWALS	5	4	3	0	12
COMMERCIAL - NEW	0	1	1	0	2
TRAILER - RENEWALS	2	1	2	1	6
TRAILER - NEW	0	3	0	1	4
TRACTOR/SPECIAL MOB - RENEWALS	1	0	0	0	1
TRACTOR/SPECIAL MOB - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
FARM TRUCK - RENEWALS	0	0	1	0	1
FARM TRUCK - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
MOTORCYCLE - RENEWALS	0	0	0	0	0
MOTORCYCLE - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
MOPED - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
STREET ROAD - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - RENEWALS	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
VANITY PLATES	4	1	1	0	6
LOST PLATE	1	0	0	0	1
DUPLICATE STICKERS	2	4	0	2	8
DUPLICATE REGISTRATION	1	0	0	0	1
TRANSIT PLATES	0	1	1	0	2
TRANSFERS	1	3	2	3	9
INCREASE RVW	0	0	0	0	0

SALES TAX FORMS	2	7	4	4	4	17
SALES TAX FORM - NO FEE	0	0	0	2	2	2
TITLES	2	3	3	5	13	13
E-CORRECT	1	1	1	0	3	3
RETURNED PLATE CARDS/CANCEL PLATES	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADDITION/DELETION FORMS/VOIDS	1	3	0	0	4	4
TOTAL	61	70	52	53	236	236