

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 23, 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

5.J Lisbon Emergency Service's FY27 Contract

III. Comments from the Public - None

IV. Approval of Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. June 9, 2026

B. Warrants & Financial Reports

1. Treasurer's Warrant #24

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

V. Action Items

A. Act on Open Space Plan Award

Favreau opened the discussion by stating that he was pleased with the revised proposal but expressed concern that a conversation with the Select Board was not scheduled until December 2027. He felt communication with the Board should occur sooner to ensure everyone remains informed and aligned. Joy agreed.

Acker expressed objection to any form of open space plan and asked where the 30% goal referenced on page 7 of the proposal originated. Jan Marks of the CPC noted that she believed the Town was already close to 30% in conservation or preservation land and added that surrounding towns have similar goals. Acker stated that he believed the figure was closer to 21% but did not explain how he arrived at that number.

Hooper suggested reading the exact wording of the proposal to clarify that the language was intended as a recommendation and that nothing in the proposal was final. Her understanding was that the company would be providing the Town with information and suggestions, rather than making changes directly. She explained that the work would include inventorying existing critical natural resources, such as farmland, undeveloped habitat, and wildlife corridors, as well as community resources, including trails, parks, historic sites, and scenic vistas. The information would then be used to develop printed and online maps for public use.

Yvette Meunier, Director of Planning and Development, asked the Select Board when they would like to meet with the company. The Board indicated that meeting at an approximate time in the process, possibly around six months after the company begins work would be appropriate.

Hooper moved the Board award the Open Space Plan project to Viewshed/FB Environmental and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 4-1. Acker opposed.

B. Act on Land & Water Conversation Fund Grant Approval

Acker moved the Board approve applying for the Land & Water Conservation Fund grant for Maily Waterfront and Bowdoinham Riverfront Parks; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

C. Act on Maily Park Submerged Lands Lease

The Town's 30-year Submerged Lands Lease for the boat ramp and float system is expiring and needs to be renewed.

Acker moved the Board approve renewing the 30-year Submerged Lands Lease for Maily Park's Boat Ramp and Float System; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 5-0.

D. Act on Public Works Reserve request – 2500 GMC

Favreau moved the Board authorize: expending up to \$70,000 from the Public Works Reserve for the purchase and outfitting of the 2026 GMC Sierra 2500HD 4WD Crew Cab, the Town Manager to issue payment for the truck and sell the 2014 Dodge RAM; seconded by Hodde. Vote was 5-0.

E. Act on Transfer of Unexpended Funds to Reserve Accounts

Acker moved the Board approve transferring up to the requested amount to the listed reserve from the department expense accounts, as presented; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

F. Act on Appointments

1. Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointments for Fiscal Year 2027

Favreau moved the Board confirm the Town Manager's appointments for FY2027, as presented; seconded by Hodde. Vote was 5-0.

2. Committee/Board Reappointments

Favreau moved the Board approve the Committee and Board appointments, as presented; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 5-0.

3. Committee Appointments

Favreau moved the Board appoint Carol McInnis to the Advisory Committee on Age Friendly Bowdoinham for a term ending June 30, 2029; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 5-0.

G. Act on Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee

Hooper moved the Board vote for Nicole Briand and Fred Libby Jr. for Maine Municipal Association's Policy Committee; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

H. Act on Back Hill Road and Spring Street Road Reconstruction Award

Acker expressed concerns with taking the lowest bid, he felt the lower bid represented poorer workmanship. Favreau expressed concerns because the company had split off a company with a similar name who he was unsatisfied with and suggested having increased oversight by engineering company to make sure work was done correctly. Briand was going to ask Pine Tree for additional oversight of the project.

Favreau moved the Board award the Back Hill Road and Spring Street Road Reconstruction Award to J. Pratt Construction, authorize expending the funds from the Public Works Reserve for the project and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract; seconded by Hooper. Vote was 4-1. Acker opposed.

I. Act on Consent Agreement 1441 River Road

Briand explained to the Board that they did not have a signed consent agreement and that they had received more communications like ones received in the past. If the Board wished to move forward with filing ADK paperwork no action was required. The Board agreed to move forward with the ADK filing.

J. Act on Lisbon Emergency Service's FY27 Contract

Favreau moved the Board approve the FY27 Lisbon Emergency service contract and authorize the Town Manager to sign contract; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

VI. Discussion Items

A. MaineDOT Speed Limit Determination

Briand reviewed the MDOT response to speed limit change request the Town had requested of MaineDOT. DOT reduced speed in some of the requested areas. Changes in speed limits will go into effect once the commissioner records are signed.

VII. Town Manager's Report

MDOT soil investigations will be taking place in town, this time at the Abagadasset bridge on Rt 24. They will not be nearly as impactful as the ones at the Lower Abby; they will not need to close the bridge or detour traffic. The boring taking place has been pushed out by two days. The drilling company is now planning to begin Wednesday, June 24th. Everything else remains the same.

Lewis Bridge Closure - The replacement of Lewis Bridge on Route 125 in Bowdoin has been Awarded to Sargent Corporation and construction will be starting soon. The actual road closure is scheduled to begin 7/14/26 and be reopened by 8/13/26. This construction will impact the response time for Lisbon Emergency; they are planning on staging an ambulance in Bowdoinham/Bowdoin 8:30am-6pm during this period.

Town Office Hours:

June 30th – Closed to the Public for End of Year Processing

July 3rd – Closed for Independence Day Holiday

Updates:

- Briand discussed Sagadahoc Recycling Company's request for the glass crusher and dock plate with our Solid Waste and Recycling Director. The Town currently uses dock plate for access into the Conex boxes and is planning to create a loading dock area when the impervious area expansion project is completed. As for the glass crusher, the Town is not using the equipment, and should a glass crusher be needed in the future the Town would need to purchase one that could run on 1-phase power. Briand recommend selling the equipment, as used equipment goes for \$500-\$1,000.
- Ridge Road Junkyard Violation – The property owner was able to make progress on the clean-up; the Town has given them 4 weeks to complete the clean-up with an inspection scheduled for 2 weeks and 4 weeks.
- The State will be paving a portion of Pond Road and Main Street this summer.
- The Town has submitted their demonstration project proposals to MaineDOT and is awaiting their approval.

- RH Construction is working to get the insulation installation scheduled at public works and expects to complete the work in Town Hall in July.
- The Center Street retaining wall has been completed. The Ridge Road retaining wall is scheduled for this week.

Acker asked for records regarding the plate and glass crusher.

VIII. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

- A. July 14, 2026 at 6 pm – Regular Meeting
- B. July 28, 2026 at 6 pm - Regular Meeting

IX. Comments from the Select Board Members

Acker requested that meetings begin at 6 pm for the remainder of the summer. Other members agreed.

X. Comments from the Public - None

XI. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 7:36 p.m.

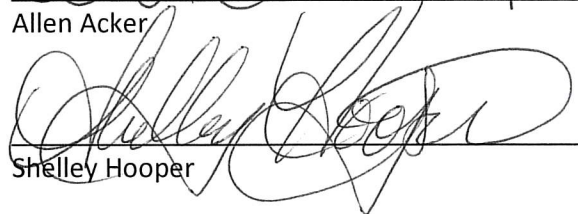
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Respectfully Submitted,


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