

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY

## COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026 AT 6:30PM**

#### **Meeting Held via Zoom**

**Present:** Jean DeBellefeuille (Chair), John Scribner (Vice Chair), Lee Parker, Ian McConnell (Secretary), Finn Smith, Yvette Meunier (Staff)

**Absent:** Marty Szydlowski

- I. Meeting called to order with requirements for a Quorum met
- II. Pavilion Discussion with Artisan Representatives
  - Wayne Sanford, Secretary of the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans, was the only representative for the local arts community able to attend.
  - He reinforced the importance of several of the key attributes for the pavilion that had been highlighted by the farmer's market representatives including the following:
    - Essential
      - Strong wifi signal
      - Protection from the elements – perhaps one side closed to the prevailing wind, could use plastic walls that roll down
      - Access to make it as quick and easy to setup as possible
    - Helpful, but not essential
      - Electric power at each stall
      - Tables stored at the pavilion
  - The group then had a robust discussion regarding the dimensions of the pavilion stall layout and if there would be enough space in the aisles between stalls. Pavilion width may need to be increased from proposed 40' to as wide as 48' which would allow for 9' wide aisles. Committee agreed that it would be helpful to review designs of other markets to determine the appropriate width.
  - The committee again discussed the potential challenges of vehicle access for setup with the current park design. Some modifications to the current layout may be necessary. The committee acknowledged the challenge of having to balance vehicle access while retaining a natural park-like atmosphere around the pavilion. At worst, vendors are already accustomed to using carts to transport goods from a nearby parking area.
  - It was noted that sufficient parking may become a challenge as the market grows, even with the existing parking available at Mailyly.
- III. Agenda accepted
- IV. Meeting minutes from 12/2/2025 approved as submitted
- V. Staff update

- a. **Maine Trails Program Grant** – We were awarded this ~\$65,000 grant to improve accessibility of the Cathance trails. This will be used to improve the blue trail to its junction with the orange trail and will create a new trail to the observation platform.
  
- b. **Land and Water Conservation Fund** – Town submitted letter of intent for new grant for \$600k to add Maily into the program that has supported investment in the new waterfront park. By expanding the footprint of the current grant to include Maily it would enable the Town to create a leach field that can service bathrooms at the new park and tie in the Maily bathroom so that it is no longer pumped out. It would also cover the costs of the construction of the pavilion, bathrooms for the waterfront park, a atural play area, and a skating rink system. It would also enable realigning the entrance of Maily with the new park entrance, as well as paving the Maily parking lot. It is 50/50 match grant.
  
- c. **Riverview House Meeting** is scheduled for 1/8/2026 @ 6:00pm
- d. **Selectboard Committee Updates Meeting** is scheduled for 1/13/2026 @ 5:30pm
- e. **Merrymeeting Trail** – no updates, we are still awaiting response to federal grant application

VI. Next CDAC meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

VII. Meeting Adjourned