

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: November 26, 2024

Time: 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. Select Board members participating were Joanne Joy, Mark Favreau, Jason Hodde, Allen Acker, Peter Feeney, and Nicole Briand, Town Manager.

II. **Amendments to the Agenda- None**

III. **Executive Session**

A. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (E) to consult with Town Attorney regarding the end portion of Dingley Road.
Convened 5:01 pm. Adjourned 5:52 pm.

Acker moved the Board enter Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (E) to consult with Town Attorney regarding the end portion of Dingley Road; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

Acker moved the Board leave executive session; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

Acker moved the Board hold a meeting and public hearing on the potential abandonment of Dingley Road on January 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm and to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to send appropriate notices as required by law; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

B. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (E) to consult with Town Attorney regarding pending Gallant court cases.
Convened 5:54 pm. Adjourned 6:08 pm.

Favreau moved the Board enter Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (E) to consult with Town Attorney regarding pending Gallant court cases; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

**Acker moved the Board leave executive session; seconded by Hodde. Vote was 5-0.
No action was taken.**

Change in Order of Meeting

Due to the Executive Sessions being finished prior to 6:30 the Consent Calendar, Action Items: B-D and the Town Mangers Report were addressed ahead of the Public Hearing. Action Item A was addressed after the Public Hearing.

IV. **Approval of Consent Calendar**

- A. Meeting Minutes
 - 1. November 5, 2024
 - 2. November 12, 2024
- B. Warrants & Financial Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's Warrant #10

Acker moved the Board approve the Minutes and Warrant, as presented; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

- C. Communications
 - 1. Lisbon Emergency's October Report
 - 2. Xfinity Notice

Acker had questions concerning the 'on scene time' for Lisbon calls versus Bowdoinham calls. His concern that the calls were longer. Favreau commented that he believed the time included response time, which would be longer because Bowdoinham is further away.

Acker moved the Board approve the Communications as presented; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

V. Action Items

- B. Act on Interpretive Signage Project Award

Favreau moved the Board award the Interpretive Signage Project to Banana Banners and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

- C. Act on Lifelong Community Connections Mini Grant Acceptance

Acker moved the Board accept the Lifelong Community Connections Mini Grant; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

- D. Act on Quitclaim Deed for R04-046-B

The owner has paid the back taxes on the property, a quitclaim deed is needed because the Town had foreclosed on the property.

Acker moved the Board approve the quitclaim deed for property Tax Map R04-046-B, as presented; seconded by Feeney. Vote was 5-0.

VI. Town Manger's Report

- November 27th the office will be open 8 am to Noon.
- The office will be closed November 27th at noon through Friday November 29th.
- Recycling will be closed for Thanksgiving.
- Trash pick-up will be on Saturday.
- The Auditor is scheduled to attend the Board's December 10th meeting to review the Town's FY24 audit.
- Cemetery Road (from the Community School to Center St) will be closed Monday, December 9th for Village Cemetery tree work.
- Maine-ly Paving has completed paving. The Town Manager is waiting for a date for them to do the curbing. Due to the weather, it may not be done until spring.

Joy added that the Comprehensive Planning Committee is planning to have 3 informational sessions.

- 1. Caring for trees on your property.

2. What is a community tree?
3. Forestry Issues such as invasive pests.

Joy asked if there was time for the Committee to give the Board an update on these meetings at the December 10th meeting.

Favreau asked if when the topcoat is put on the parking lot and it is restriped if they could widen the parking space to allow for larger vehicles such as trucks.

VII. **Public Hearing**

Convened 6:30 pm. Adjourned 6:35 pm.

A. **Solid Waste and Recycling Rules**

Joy made note of changes that were previously made to the draft rules and that she would like to see a line added regarding where folks could find the list of Acceptable Recyclable Materials to the Solid Waste and Recycling Rules.

Acker moved the Board approve the Solid Waste & Recycling Rules; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

VIII. **Action Items**

A. **Act on Solid Waste and Recycling Rules**

Acker moved the Board approve the Solid Waste & Recycling Rules, as amended: seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

IX. **Comments from the Public-None**

X. **Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting-None**

XI. **Announce Future Select Board Meetings**

- A. December 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting
- B. December 23, 2024, at 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting

XII. **Adjourn**

Adjournment was at 6:40 p.m.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Joanne Joy, Chair

Mark Favreau, Vice-Chair

Jason Hodde

Allen Acker

Peter Feeney

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa-Marie Curtis, Administrative Assistant