

**MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
SITE VISIT
MARCH 24, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Krueger – Acting Chair
Chris Vonderweidt
Reeve Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Joyce
William Shippen
Nate Drummond, Chair
Justin Schlawin

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Lorrain, Code Enforcement Officer

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jason Hodde, Tobey Frizzle (Public Works), Bryan Benson (Recycling), Jeremy Prue (Pine Tree Engineering)

1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINE A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, a meeting of the Bowdoinham Maine Planning Board was held via zoom. Acting Chair, Tracey Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present. Those wishing to attend via Zoom were given passcode: 649558 with a Meeting ID of 812 0965 0859. It was noted that, joining by phone, if a computer was not available, interested parties could call into the public meeting and participate by phone by calling (646) 876-9923 when the meeting begins.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Public Site Visit: Site Plan Review – Tier II Application

- 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.

Tracey Krueger (Acting Chair) determined that there was a quorum and opened the public site visit. The Planning Board (PB) opened the site visit by reviewing the proposed site plan on sheet 4 with Jeremy Prue from Pine Tree Engineering. Tracey Krueger asked about the tree line and how much of it was proposed to be removed. Jeremy Prue stated that the wavy line on the plan shows the existing tree line and the yellow indicates the new area of trees to be removed. Jeremy Prue told the board that a fair number of trees would be removed.

Chris Vonderweidt asked about the proposed infrastructure locations of the concrete block retaining wall and the level spreader. Jeremy Prue indicated to the PB members where the locations of those structures would be located by pointing to the areas.

Reeve Wood asked if the new traffic flow for the Recycling Facility would be in and around or would it be in and out. Jeremy Prue stated that the new recycling entrance was for better flow and safety for the residents.

Tracey Krueger asked if any stream were directly behind the proposed development because most of the storm flow water is going that way. Tracey Krueger is concerned about concentrating storm water flow. Jeremy Prue told the board that the storm water flow is graded to the level spreader and then to the forested wetland to handle the sheet flow. Jeremy Prue went on to state that the soils to the east were class D, and those soils do not allow water to dissipate quickly, and that is why most of the storm water is directed to the level spreader and forested buffer because it is better soil to allow infiltration of the storm water.

The PB Board viewed the area where the proposed concrete block wall would be located. Jeremy Prue stated that the concrete block wall would retain soil for the lower lot area.

Chris Vonderweidt asked if the ditch line was to handle erosion and buffer it to prevent any erosion into the wetlands. Jeremy Prue stated that the storm water must be collected before it can be treated. Jeremy Prue went on to discuss how all the storm water would be collected by the swale and treated in the level spreader and then would overflow to the forested buffer.

The PB viewed the level spreader area. Jeremy Prue stated that there is an existing DEP Stormwater Permit, and it would be amended to reflect the proposed expansion and the additional 100' forested buffer.

The PB viewed the new proposed entrance and did not have any questions.

Tracey Krueger concluded the site visit and thanked everyone for coming.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned by unanimous acclamation at 9:25 am.

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