

Town of Bowdoinham  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
*(Revision 2, changes are in italics)*

1. Call the Meeting to Order & Establish a Quorum

**The meeting was called to order and quorum established by Select board chair Peter Lewis at 5:30 p.m. This was a zoom meeting to comply with the Governors executive order. Select Board members participating were Peter Lewis, David Engler, Judy Gray, Jeremy Cluchey, Tom Walling Town Manager, Tom Woodin was in attendance.**

2. Amendments to the Agenda

3. Approve Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes:

1. May 12, 2020

B. Warrants & Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Warrant #68....\$55,828.11

**On a motion from Engler and seconded by Cluchey, the Board approved the revised minutes 4-0**

**On a motion from Engler and seconded by Cluchey, the Board approved the warrant 5-0**

4. Action Items

A. Vote to sign State ratio declaration form

**On a motion from Cluchey and seconded by Engler, the Board approved the ratio document that shows the town in compliance 5-0**

B. Vote to accept budget and warrant articles (Public hearing to be scheduled in June)

**On a motion from Engler and seconded by Gray, the Board approved the budget and warrant articles including the Public Works dollar amount. *Whether some work will be contracted out or an additional part time employee is hired will be decided at a later date.***

C. Vote to hold the Town Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> via secret ballot

**On a motion from Lewis and seconded by Cluchey, the Board approved the Secret Ballot Town Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 5-0**

5. Discussion Items

A. Follow up on question regarding what the Historical Society budget request is used for.

**On a motion from Lewis and seconded by the Board approved the amount of \$2182 for the warrant, not the full \$6500 as requested.**

- B. Revisit discussion regarding Celebrate Bowdoinham & Farm Day  
**The Board approved cancelling *traditional Open Farm Day* and explore virtual options 5-0**

**On a motion from Gray and seconded by Engler, the Board approved the cancellation of the traditional Celebrate Bowdoinham and will look into something virtual 4-1 (Tony was against)**

- C. Town report dedication recommendation

**On a motion from Cluchey and seconded by Lewis, the Board approved the dedication for the Town report be recognition of health care workers and first responders 5-0**

- D. Paving program-David Engler

**Engler and Town Manager will work on possible paving costs, savings etc. On a motion by Engler and seconded by Walling, the board will revisit this topic at another time. 5-0**

- E. Community Development Advisory Committee, solar request for proposal.

**Wendy Rose shared the CDAC agenda and will sent the 5 options to Missy. Board will revisit this at next meeting June 9th**

- F. Social media messaging regarding why the Town Office is taking steps to keep the staff and public safe.

**Out of the discussion it was decided that Sylvester's food truck fee for 6 weekends this summer at Mailly Park will be \$500.**

**On a motion from Lewis, the Board approved the 5-0**

- G. Recycling Barn & Solid Waste Committee

**On a motion from Lewis and seconded by Engler, the Board approved the opening the Recycling Barn within the CDC guide lines. 5-0**

**Trash tags will be required again starting June 1<sup>st</sup> 5-0**

***The newly formed Solid Waste Committee was tasked with exploring options for dealing with increased disposal costs and contamination rates, working on operating safely during the pandemic and considering the options for improving our recycling and solid waste program including whether a new facility is needed. 4-0***

- H. Property tax relief discussion

**On a motion from Lewis, the Board approved waiving the interest on taxes between May 1,2020 through December 31, 2020. 5-0**

- I. Cemetery Advisory Committee Funding Request

**On a motion from Lewis, the Board approved the amount of \$5098.77 to be transferred from the Maxwell Cemetery Trust to the Capital Cemetery Fund. 5-0**

6. Town Manager's Report  
**Town Manager made the board aware that there are unemployment scams/false applications with employees names on them. The claims are fraudulent. With pam out, Darren has stepped up to assist with the ballots and voter registrations and absentee ballots. Later this week we will be visiting the school with Nora Bishop, Troy Voutour, Suzie Hobart and Town Manager to plan the logistics of how to conduct the voting safely with social distancing. Cameras and *electronic door locks* have been repaired at Public Works and Mailly Park. Carding Machine culvert work has gone out to bid. Town will contact an electrician to investigate high electric bills at Public Works facility**
7. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting
  - A. Paving
  - B. Future Public Works budget
8. Announce Future Select Board Meetings
  - A. June 9th Regular Meeting
  - B. June 23rd Regular Meeting
9. Comments from Select Board Members
10. Comments from the public
  - A. ***Librarian Kate Cutko presented her plan for re-opening the Library two days a week with a limit of three people at a time. The board voted 5-0 to approve the plan.***
11. Executive session ---M.R.S. Statute title 1, 405(6)(A) Personnel discussion  
**On a motion from Engler and seconded by Cluchey, the Board approved going into executive session 5-0 Came out of the executive session at 8:08 pm, no decision was made.**
12. Adjourn
  - Adjournment was at 8:09 p.m.
  - Select Board
  - Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

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Peter Lewis, Chair

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David Engler, Vice-Chair

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Jeremy Cluchey

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Judith Gray

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Thomas Walling