

Town of Bowdoinham Listening Session

Come Have a Say About Our Future!

Hosted by the Bowdoinham Comprehensive Planning Committee
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, Bowdoinham Community School, 23 Cemetery Rd

Why We Want Public Input

We, the Comprehensive Planning Committee members, want to create a Comprehensive Plan that represents what the Town wants. Why is the Comprehensive Plan important? The Comprehensive Plan is a ten-year plan for the Town that lays out the work the Town should undertake in order to meet its goals and is the basis for the Town's land use ordinances.

A first step in comprehensive planning is to establish a Vision for the Town. What do we want our town to look like in the future? Once that's established, then we will try to make a plan to achieve it. And we believe it's critical for town residents and stakeholders to help craft the Vision Statement. We want this to be OUR vision and that's why we want you to come to this meeting.

Agenda

6:15 **Arrival and Refreshments**

6:30 **Welcome**

Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair Joanne Joy will offer opening remarks. Facilitator Craig Freshley will explain how the meeting will work.

6:40 **What Do We Love About Our Town and Want To Keep? *Respect the Past***

Each person will get a chance to answer this question and we're going to put all our ideas on the wall. We will organize them, talk about them, and perhaps even prioritize them.

7:00 **What About Our Town Would We Like to Change? *Plan for the Future***

With this question too, we'll write our answers, put them on the wall and talk about them.

7:20 **Special Topics**

Based on the most common themes that arise, we will organize 4-5 "special topic stations" around the room. Each station will be facilitated by a member of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Each participant will have a chance to visit 2-3 stations and give input on these special topics.

7:50 **Reports and Conclusions**

We will hear brief reports from each of the station facilitators and Craig will report overall themes heard throughout the session. We will clarify next steps. We will hear brief closing comments from members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

8:15 **Adjourn**