

Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)

3/11/26 Meeting minutes

Attendees: Peggy Christian (Chair), Jason Lamoreau, Buddy Schott, Bill Stanton, Allison Tanner, and Yvette Meunier (Staff facilitator). Jan Marks was absent due to illness.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, with Peggy presiding, and Allison recording the minutes. The February 11, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously (Allison 1st, Bill 2nd).

There were no adjustments to the agenda, and no public comments.

Staff Update: The Select Board voted to "authorize Maine DOT to submit a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request on behalf of the Town of Bowdoinham for a transportation improvement package not to exceed \$2,500,000, and to authorize the use of up to \$250,000 in CMP TIF funds as the required 10% match (CDS requires a 10% match whereas a standard Maine DOT project requires a 20% match).

The scope of work includes:

- Installation of a permanent crosswalk across Route 24 at its intersection with Main Street.
- Addition of flashing beacons to enhance pedestrian safety.
- Construction of a landing area leading to Three Robbers Pub.

A second component of the project, subject to a 20% local match, includes:

- Realignment of the Maily Park Entrance with the New Park Entrance & Paving
- Sidewalk from the Brooklyn Bridge to Wallentine Road
- Three Gateway Treatments on Route 24 (median strips) located near Wallentine Road, Ridge Road and Upper Main Street, to calm traffic and reinforce Bowdoinham's village identity.

Interviews are to occur for 2 summer interns with Yvette and Code Enforcement next week. The interns are to help with ongoing projects during this coming summer for about 2 months.

Tree Committee Update: Jan resigned as Chair of the Tree Committee, so Peggy has assumed duties as temporary Chair. Joanne Joy will attend the Tree Committee meeting in April to discuss a potential Tree Plan.

Review of Open Space Plan submissions and next steps: The 5 submissions were evaluated by each CPC member and ranked on qualifications, community communication, timing and cost using a point scale. The vendors "Haley Ward", and "Sebago" were eliminated, whereas further consideration will be given to "Northstar", "CRO", and "Viewshed".

Assignments for next meeting: Members should review the Bridgeton and Bar Harbor Open Space Plans in our group folder, both of which were products of Viewshed. Look online for samples of other work for all three potential contenders. Determine a list of questions to pose to the vendors during interview sessions.

April 8th Meeting Agenda: The above work will be a focus of the next meeting (may need two April meetings to complete), along with the Tree Plan Committee update.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 (Allison 1st, Bill 2nd, all in favor).