

Town of Bowdoinham
Finance Advisory Committee Meeting
February 12, 2025 at 3:00p.m.
Kendall Meeting Room

Present: David Engler, George Christopher, Steve Smith and Nicole Briand, Town Manager.

1. Called the Meeting to Order & Establish a Quorum

2. Approved Meeting Minutes

Committee approved the January's Meeting Minutes.

3. Solar Project

Yvette Meunier, Planning Development Director joined the meeting to discuss the potential solar project at the fire station. Committee asked if the Fire Station roof needed any structural improvements to support the solar panels. Committee discussed bills before legislature that would impact net energy billing.

4. Review Agency Requests

Maine Public (\$100 Requested) – Committee agreed this request did not include required information. Given increased requests, preferences shall be given to organizations who provide necessary services such as general assistance, food security, shelter, safety or healthcare needs. Motioned by Steve to not recommend request, seconded by George, and voted 3-0.

Spectrum Generations (\$1,820 Requested) – Committee agreed no additional information was needed. Motioned by George to approve requested amount, seconded by Steve, and voted 3-0.

Life Flight (\$762 Requested) – Committee requested information from the Fire Chief regarding training and support of request.

Kennebec Behavioral Health (\$100 Requested) – Committee agreed no additional information was needed. Motioned by George to approve requested amount, seconded by Steve, and voted 3-0.

New Hope for Women (\$280 Requested) – Committee agreed no additional information was needed. Motioned by George to approve requested amount, seconded by Steve, and voted 3-0.

Sweetser (\$500 Requested) – Committee agreed they wanted additional information about the services provided including how they fund and provide those services and how requested funding would be used.

Big Brother, Big Sister (\$250 Requested) – Committee agreed they wanted additional information about the services provided including how they fund and provide those services and how requested funding would be used.

Tedford Housing (\$1,200 Requested) – Committee agreed they wanted additional information about the services provided including how they fund and provide those services and how requested funding would be used.

5. Discuss Budget Impacts
 - a. Pay Rates & Health Benefits - Committee reviewed potential budget impacts based on recommended pay rates and employee benefits.
 - b. Municipal Revenue Sharing – State's February FY26 Projection for Bowdoinham is \$738,430.
 - c. Undesignated Fund – Committee reviewed undesignated fund balance over last five years.
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

Approved: *Muel Bowen*