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Subject: FW: Open Space Plan w Viewshed/FB
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Reference check returned on Viewshed/FB from Scarborough.

From: Jami Fitch <jfitch@scarboroughmaine.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:55 AM
To: Yvette Meunier <planning@bowdoinham.com>
Subject: Re: Open Space Plan w Viewshed/FB

Hi Yvette,
I've provided answers to your questions below. I wholeheartedly recommend Viewshed. They were very knowledgeable and great to work with.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,
Jami

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On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 11:56 AM Yvette Meunier <planning@bowdoinham.com> wrote:

> Hello Jami,
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> I staff the Comprehensive Planning Committee in Bowdoinham and we are currently interviewing firms to help us write our first Open Space Plan. I am checking references and Viewshed/FB Environmental had you listed.

I have the following questions I would like to ask you either in writing or over the phone if you would prefer, I could set up a time next week to chat.

1. Did the consultant stay on schedule and within budget? Yes to both.
2. How responsive were they to staff and committee questions or concerns? They were very responsive. They were able to address additional needs (for example, they created a GIS-based app to help evaluate parcels for conservation) that resulted from our planning process. The app was an additional budget item, but it saves considerable staff time and lessens the margin of error, so we deemed it a good investment.
3. Were expectations clearly communicated at the start of the project? Yes, the project kickoff allowed the Town and Viewshed to set clear and reasonable expectations.
4. How did the consultant handle changes in scope or unexpected challenges? Viewshed's project manager left the project in the middle of the project, but the transition was fairly seemless. We are pleased with the overall process and the final product.
5. Were public meetings, workshops, or surveys well-designed and accessible? The interactive workshop was well attended and designed. Roughly 50 members of the community attended on a beautiful summer evening (we were worried people would skip the event because it was such a nice day!). The information presented was brief but thorough, the activities were well-planned and interactive, and they were able to present community feedback in real time on maps that were modified during the event. It was very well received by those in attendance. Viewshed also helped design informal engagement activities that were used at community events, such as our weekly Farmers' Market and Concerts in the Park. These informal eventsd helped us engage with more members of the community and encourage people to visit the project website to provide additional feedback.
6. Is there anything you wish they had done differently? Nothing that I can think of. They were very accomodating and provided excellent guidance throughout the process.
7. Were there any surprises—positive or negative—during the process? The only surprise was the departure of our primary point of contact, but Viewshed navigated the transition professionally without impacting the project scope, budget, or timeline.
8. Would you hire this consultant again for a similar project? Yes, absolutely!

Thanks for your time and consideration. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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