

## **Historic & Archaeological Resources**

Bowdoinham has a rich history; dating back to before its incorporation in 1762. Work has been done under the direction of the Bowdoinham Historical Society in the past three years to inventory all historic homes and farms in the town that were constructed prior to 1820. In addition, the Historical Society has worked with the State Preservation Office to survey all the properties in the village that could be designated as “contributing” to a historic district that would be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Districts. Extensive research has been done regarding the history of these properties.

### Goals

1. Recognize, protect, and encourage preservation of our archaeological and historic resources.
2. Maintain the historic character of the village through provisions in the Land Use Ordinance.

### Key Issues

1. At present, the historic character of the village is not protected. Without regulation these assets may be modified or torn down at will.
2. The town's scenic and natural resources include the historic farms, cemeteries, stonewalls, and apple orchards scattered about the rural district. They are historic and should be preserved whenever possible.

### Recommendations

1. Create and maintain surveys and inventories of the town's historic and archaeological resources, including buildings and homes as well as other features like stonewalls, cemeteries, and apple orchards.
2. Create and implement a historic preservation plan.
3. Maintain and restore historic buildings.
4. Preserve and enhance the historic character of the village.
5. Support the activities and mission of the Bowdoinham Historical Society.
6. Educate the public about the town's historic and archaeological resources.
7. Create a cemetery map.