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Memorandum

To:	Selectboard	Date:	07/20/2026
From:	Yvette Meunier	Reference:	
Phone	207-666-5531	cc:	Nicole Briand
RE:	Celebrate Bowdoinham 2026 September 11 & 12		

Overview:

This year we will be celebrating Bowdoinham's 264th Birthday. Event favorites from the past and new attractions to go with the Bowdoinham Wildlife theme will all make for a fun filled day!

Get a leg up on Celebrate by joining us for the Chicken Run 5K on Friday, September 11. The Kids' 1-mile Fun Run will be at 5:30 pm and the Chicken Run 5K at 6pm. Returning again on Friday night, we will be hosting an outdoor cinema hosted by the Recreation Department of Open Season. A story walk sponsored by the Library will also be set up at the new park with a wildlife theme.

On Saturday, the day will begin with the parade at 10am. Merrymeeting Arts Center will be hosting their annual Zucchini Races at the Skatepark at 11:30am. Things will kickoff at the gazebo at 11:30 am with the Dance Alignment followed by the Citizen of the Year Award at 12:00 pm. This year Seaspray Kayaking will be returning with hourly canoe, paddleboard, and kayak rentals, and if there is interest, introduction paddle courses will also be taught between 10 am – 4pm. The latter must be signed up for in advance.

All the kids' favorites will be back, lobster crate race, face painting, balloons, inflatables, carnival games, and more. In addition, Dr. Drew and his Animals too will be coming back for a presentation at the gazebo. New this year, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be hosting a walking habitat tour in the Cathance Meadow Trail system. We will also be bringing back performing artists, Liza May for her fire dance and Jay the Magician.

Artists and crafters will be showcasing their creations. Local food vendors will provide a variety of tasty treats and delectable delights available throughout the day. There will be music and

entertainment for all ages at the Gazebo with a wide range of local musicians and performers showing their talents. The Fireworks will fly at 8pm!

See draft schedule on the last page for more details.

Budget:

Revenues and expenses are estimates and based on previous figures.

EXPENSES

Merchandise: \$1,411.02

The usual hats, t shirts and bags will also be available.

Fireworks: \$6,250

This is our first year of our three-year contract with the vendor.

Entertainment: \$5,600

This includes renting tables, chairs and the pavilion sized tent, renting inflatables, hiring the bands and AV assistance, hiring the magician juggler, pie prizes, duck derby prizes, and the parade band.

Services: \$6,913

This includes office staff time, security personnel, donation to the Fire Department for set up/break down assistance and a donation to the high school for helping staff the rides. In addition, updated banner stickers, advertising, and printing promotional materials.

Supplies: \$3,390.23

This includes portable bathrooms, citizen of the year plaque, holding tank cleaning, portable toilets, tent purchases, table and chair rentals, and other party supplies.

REVENUES

Merchandise: \$3,156.75

Sales of mugs, hats, t-shirts, and bags will be available. Includes vendor registration revenues.

Fireworks: \$6,425

To date we have covered the amount to pay for the fireworks. Bowdoinham residents, businesses and those businesses we work with have been generous yet again. Thank you!

TOTAL

For a grand total from the TIF account of \$13,982.50.

Draft schedule

Date	Location	Time	Activity
9/11/2026	Community School	5:30 PM	Chicken Run
	Rec Field	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Movie Night - Open Season
9/12/2026	Mailyly	10:00 AM - 4:00PM	Inflatables
	MMH	9:30 AM	MMH Open
	Town Wide	10:00 AM	Parade
	Mailyly	10:00 AM	Vendor Booth Open
	New Park	10:00 AM - 4:00PM	Sea Spray Rentals
	Skate Park	11:30 AM	Zucchini Races
	Gazebo	11:30 AM - 12:00PM	Dance Alignment
	Gazebo	12:00 PM - 12:30PM	Anthem/Citizen Award
	Mailyly	12:30-2:30	Magician
	Mailyly	1:00-2:00	IFW Wildlife Walk
	Gazebo	12:30 PM - 2:30PM	Waxwing Band
	River front	2:00 PM	Lobster Crate Races
	Mailyly	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Face Painting
	Gazebo	2:30-3:45	Mr. Drew & His Animals Too
	Riverfront	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Kenducky Derby
	Gazebo	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Cilantro
	Gazebo	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bath Municipal Band
	Gazebo	7:30 PM	Liza May - Fire Dance
	Gazebo	8:00 PM	Fireworks