

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Yvette Meunier, Director of Planning and Development

Date: June 23, 2026

Re: Authorization to Proceed with Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application

Background

On April 14, 2026 the Selectboard authorized the placement of a warrant article for June 10, 2026 Town Meeting to allow the Town to apply for federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for waterfront and recreation improvements and to commit the required local match. On June 10, the warrant article passed with overwhelming support.

Project Overview

The proposed LWCF project builds upon the Town's 2019 Riverfront Master Site Plan and is intended to enhance Bowdoinham's riverfront as a safe, inclusive, and resilient recreational destination for residents and visitors. The project integrates improvements at the new park and the adjacent Maily Waterfront to create a cohesive, year-round recreational area.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that the Selectboard authorize staff to apply for federal funding through LWCF for waterfront and recreation improvements and to commit the required local match as described in the attached memorandum presented to the Selectboard on April 14, 2026 and complete the attached Certification Letter required for the LWCF application.



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Nicole Briand, Town Manager

This is to certify that the Town Meeting and the Town of Bowdoinham hereby authorizes the Town Manager to make application for financial assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of Waterfront and Recreational Improvements.

This further certifies that the Selectboard and the Town of Bowdoinham is familiar with the terms and conditions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement, revision dated March 1995 and hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into said agreement between the Town of Bowdoinham and the State of Maine upon federal approval of the above identified project.

This further certifies that the Town of Bowdoinham has been legally constituted and is responsible for planning and carrying out the municipal recreation program, and the continued operation and maintenance of this completed project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement. The Town of Bowdoinham in 1762.

And this further certifies that except for the financial assistance requested by this project application, no financial assistance has been applied for, given or promised under any other State or Federal Program (*if any, please specify*).

- Maine DOT has applied for Congressionally Directed Spending on our behalf from Senator Collins' Office for the project entrance realignment portion of the project.

Date _____ At _____

And signed by: _____

