## Proposed Land Acknowledgement for Bowdoinham's Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Bowdoinham is located on the shores of Merrymeeting Bay in the unceded territory of the Wabanaki People. We live, work, play, create, hunt, farm, and fish on land that was taken from Native People who stewarded this land for millennia. We acknowledge the history of violence and the many forms of taking that resulted from Colonization. We recognize that Bowdoinham today is a community with Native peoples who continue to live and work here, and we are grateful for their presence in the community. We commit to supporting the efforts of Wabanaki People to honor their ancestral lands and restore their relationship to this beautiful place we now call Maine.