



5/6/25

ATTN: Town of Bowdoinham

RE: Mural Committee Recommendation

The Mural Committee met Monday 5/5/25 and reviewed the 11 applicants. Overall, we were pleased with the number and the quality of the proposals. As you can see from the scores, two candidates were neck and neck for the #1 spot. With only an 18 point difference between them, the committee would like to recommend both candidates for consideration.

SCORES:

<u>Michael Branca</u>	<u>Erica Sedlar</u>
110	97
106	105
108	108
100	100
109	100
88	97
110	105
107	105
108	96
95	110
1041	1023

Both candidates have experience with outdoor murals. Their previous work was extensive and impressive.

Both showed a strong artistic concept describing flora and fauna that is familiar to Bowdoinham. We could see both artistic styles working for the spot.

Some preferred Erica's naturalistic color description and whimsical style while others preferred Michael's color palate and appreciated the rendering he provided.

Both candidates showed originality.

While neither live in Bowdoinham, Michael tended to gain a few points due to his being active in the community.

Mural Committee:

Jen Kelley

Ashley West

Katie Hudak

Ruthanne Harrison

Leah Dence

Bill Stanton

Howard Solomon

Jane Page Conway

Kate Cutko

Laleah Parker

We enjoyed participating in this process! Best of luck moving forward.

Best,

Jen Kelley

Merrymeeting Arts Center

Board President