

Why is Bowdoinham having a Special Town Meeting?

The Town is working to develop two possible plans for a future home for Recycling and Solid Waste in Bowdoinham, and the Select Board intends to present both plans to voters once the costs and details of each are figured out. One option would be based at the Recycling Barn on Post Road, which will require additional upgrades to the facility in order to ensure its safety over time. The other option would involve developing a new facility adjacent to our Public Works operation on Pond Road.

Money for both studies was budgeted in the Capital Reserve Budget that was approved at Town Meeting in June 2021. However, at Town Meeting two amendments were made to the Article:

1. Any proposed expenditure from the Solid Waste and Recycling reserve over \$2,500 must be competitively bid.
2. The Select Board must not spend any money from the Capital Improvements reserve on design, engineering, or other work for a new Recycling Facility without Town approval.

To move forward with the vision of presenting two options for a future recycling program to voters in the spring the Town has taken the following steps:

1. Advertised a Request for Proposals for Design Services for the Recycling Barn Rehabilitation. Proposals were due back on October 6th and the Town is working with the design team that bid on the project to develop a scope of services within the Town's approved budget.
2. The Select Board is holding this Special Town Meeting to request authorization to spend up to \$40,000 from the Capital Improvements Reserve for design, engineering and permitting services for a new recycling/transfer station facility.

The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7pm at the Bowdoinham Community School, 23 Cemetery Road.

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$40,000 from the Capital Improvements Reserve for design, engineering and permitting services for a new recycling/transfer station facility?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.