

Town Manager Report
May 12, 2026
Prepared by Nicole Briand, Town Manager

Thursday, May 21st – MSAD 75 District Budget Approval Meeting
Tuesday, June 9th – Elections (State Primary and School Ballots)
Wednesday, June 10th – Town Meeting
Friday, June 19th - Trek Across Maine

Town Office Hours:

May 25th – Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
June 10th – Open 10am-2pm - Town Meeting Set-up
June 18th – Closing at 12:30pm – Staff Appreciation (*Recycling will also be closing at 12:30pm.*)
June 19th – Juneteenth
June 30th – End of Year Processing
July 3rd – Closed for Independence Day Holiday

Bowdoinham will host Lisbon EMS's Study Presentation to the communities on Wednesday, May 27th. Additionally, Lisbon EMS is still working to get a contract with Lisbon for FY27.

Updates:

- Both Senator Collin's Office and Senator King's Office have submitted our/MDOT's CDS applications for funding approval through the federal budget process.
- The Lower Abby Bridge on Browns Point Road will be closed again, May 26-28th for additional soil borings.
- MDOT is conducting their on-demand public meeting for the Abagadasset Bridge on Route 24 until May 22nd.
- MDOT is currently working on our speed limit requests, all the data has been collected and is currently being reviewed. I'll provide additional information once I receive it.
- We've asked MDOT the clarification questions regarding the "all way stop" proposal. Once we have their answers, we'll add the item back to the agenda and will include both the original and revised proposals.
- We had a productive meeting with both Sagadahoc Sheriff's Office and Maine Department of Transportation to discuss ways in which we can address speeding in Bowdoinham.
- RH Construction is working to get the insulation installation scheduled at public works, and expects to complete the work in Town Hall in May.
- The Center Street retaining has been completed. The Ridge Road retaining wall is scheduled for the end of June after school is out for the summer.
- We expect to go out to bid for Back Hill Road and Spring Street reconstruction at the beginning of May. Funding for this project will be contingent on Town Meeting budget approval.
- We will be sending out our fuel bids after we have the results of GPCOG's bid process. They have postponed their bid opening until May 22nd for transportation fuels and June 15th for heating fuels due to recent events in the Middle East and price uncertainty in global oil markets.

FW: Bowdoinham, Lower Abagadasset Bridge - Soil Borings

From Zimmerman, Simone <Simone.Zimmerman@maine.gov>

Date Wed 5/6/2026 9:30 AM

To Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>; Nathan Drummond <sixriverfarm@gmail.com>

Good morning, Nicole and Nate,

I am coordinating with the geotechnical engineer and the drilling company to finish the soil exploration at the Lower Abby Bridge site. They asked for 2 more days in late May, which I had informed you about earlier. This week, they said four days would be better, but I pushed back and told them they really need to get this done ASAP and we settled on 3 days, May 26-28. I will be putting the same traffic control plan (detour, signage) into place and will do another press release. I am aware that this is not ideal and appreciate your cooperation. The soils here are very difficult and they are having to drill down much deeper than they anticipated. Unfortunately, this is exactly the type of situation where the boring information is so important and cannot be left incomplete.

I am considering being on-site as much as possible while they finish to help facilitate in any way I can. Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do to help make this easier.

Thank you,

Simone Zimmerman, PE
Project Manager



From: Nick Williams <Nicholas.Williams@gza.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 1:33 PM

To: Zimmerman, Simone <Simone.Zimmerman@maine.gov>

Subject: RE: Bowdoinham, Lower Abagadasset Bridge - Soil Borings

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Simone,
Hope all is well.

Here is the request and remaining work at Bowdoinham.

When they left the site, they left casing in the ground to complete the last two holes, -102 and -104.


The last time we talked, I think we only had considered leaving casing in the ground at boring -102. But the drillers were limited on the amount of hours they are allowed to work (they worked longer days throughout the week) and travel, so they weren't able to finish -104 on that last day.

Formal Meeting - Bowdoinham, Abagadasset Bridge (#5493), WIN 025099.00

From Duffany, Linda <Linda.Duffany@maine.gov>

Date Mon 5/4/2026 7:08 AM

To Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>; Tina Magno <TownClerk@bowdoinham.com>; Joanne Joy <jjoy@bowdoinham.com>; Allen Acker <AAcker@bowdoinham.com>; Mark Favreau <mfavreau@bowdoinham.com>; Jason Hodde <Jhodde@bowdoinham.com>; Shelley Hooper <shooper@bowdoinham.com>; pworks <pworks@bowdoinham.com>; Joel Merry <jmerry@sagadahoccountyme.gov>; Arthur Frizzle <firechief@bowdoinham.com>; Harbor Master <harbormaster@bowdoinham.com>; lucyb@link75.org <lucyb@link75.org>; Heidi O'Leary <olearyh@link75.org>; saugust@sagadahoccountyme.gov <saugust@sagadahoccountyme.gov>; Tepler, Denise <denise.tepler@legislature.maine.gov>; Cluchey, Sally <sally.cluchey@legislature.maine.gov>

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Good morning,

Please see attached and below:

The Maine Department of Transportation is conducting an on-demand public meeting for the proposed bridge replacement of Abagadasset Bridge (#5493) over the Abagadasset River. Located 0.15 of a mile east of Carding Machine Road.

MaineDOT invites and encourages you to review the meeting and share your thoughts on this project during the formal comment period from 05/04/2026 through 05/22/2026.

Access to this and all other active meeting presentations are available at our Public Meetings Page located at bit.ly/mainedot-meetings.

Thank you,

Linda Duffany – Clerk IV
MaineDOT –Bridge Program
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MaineDOT

**Notice of Formal
On-Demand
PUBLIC MEETING
Bowdoinham**

To discuss the proposed bridge replacement of Abagadasset Bridge (#5493) over the Abagadasset River. Located 0.15 of a mile east of Carding Machine Road.

MaineDOT invites and encourages you to attend an on-demand public meeting to provide information about the proposed project. This can be viewed at any time during the formal comment period and allows for online comments and questions that will be answered by MaineDOT staff. The formal comment period will last from May 4, 2026 through May 22, 2026.

Questions, comments, or inquiries can be made at the on-demand meeting or directed to the Project Manager below.

Simone Zimmerman, P.E., Project Manager
Maine Department of Transportation,
24 Child Street, 16 State House Station,
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016.
Telephone: 207-215-5855
Email: Simone.Zimmerman@maine.gov

Access to this and all other active meeting presentations is available on our Public Meetings Page located at bit.ly/mainedot-meetings. You can also access those meetings using the QR Code to the right.



For more information regarding MaineDOT Public Involvement, including meeting accessibility and available accommodations you may request for all types of meetings, please see the link to our Background Information page. bit.ly/background-publicinvolvement.

Work Identification Numbers 025099.00

Re: Bowdoinham - Speed Reduction Requests

From Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>
Date Mon 5/4/2026 11:20 AM
To Belz, Darryl <Darryl.Belz@maine.gov>

Thank you, Darryl. Could you provide me with any additional information about the review process and when we could expect to hear MDOT's determination?

Nicole Briand
Town Manager

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From: Belz, Darryl <Darryl.Belz@maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:53 AM
To: Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>
Subject: Re: Bowdoinham - Speed Reduction Requests

All the data has been collected and is currently being reviewed.

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From: Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 3:32:31 PM
To: Belz, Darryl <Darryl.Belz@maine.gov>
Subject: Re: Bowdoinham - Speed Reduction Requests

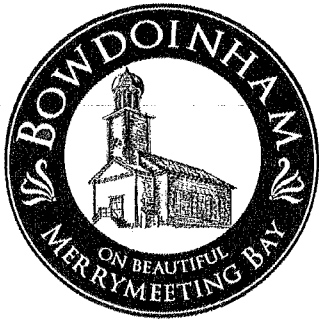
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Hi Darryl,

The Select Board requested an update on their request for speed limit reviews, speed limit reductions for the village areas, and speed reduction signage for our village gateways.

Thank you,

Nicole Briand
Town Manager



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Community Services April 2026:

Recreation:

- Registration is closed for baseball and softball and practices began for all teams (except Quickball) this month. Uniform orders have been placed. All coaches background checks have been completed and umpire scheduling is underway. Ballfields are ahead of schedule condition wise with the exception of North Field.
- North Field had damage to the home run fence during winter storms where two sections of the fence had the posts pull loose and lay down.
- Spring Cross Country running began practicing this month and will have their first meet in Pownal on May 6.
- Adult Volleyball continues indoor play in the school gym and meets on Friday evenings from 5-7pm through May.
- The new solar-powered scoreboard has been installed. We are planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony at an early May Ararat baseball game to thank fund-raisers. Sponsor signage will still need to be ordered and installed.
- Committee meetings attended this month: Age-Friendly Committee, AYSL, MidCoast Cash, Sagadahoc County Board of Health, Get Active Maine, Cal Ripken Baseball District #4 scheduling, Ararat Youth Baseball and Bath Brunswick Resource Coalition.
- Worked along with Public Works and Fire Chief to clear all winter tree-falls from Cathance Meadow Trails.
- Worked in collaboration with the elementary school on outdoor sports elective on Wednesdays.
- Porta-potties have been ordered and placed for the season at the ballfields.
- Was notified by District Commissioner that the 12U-60 tournament that we were scheduled to host in June has been cancelled due to lack of teams.

Older Adult Services:

- This month the Committee met on Monday, April 13th. Discussions were mostly centered around upcoming election of officers, the work on the Alexa Echo Dot program in cooperation with Bowdoinham Community Connections as well as upcoming Spring activities. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11th and will be held at the Fire Station.
- Bowdoinham Community Connections: This month volunteers hosted a very successful Bulky Waste event where volunteers picked up bulky waste from residents who do not have the ability to bring it to the Solid Waste facility. The group served 10 residents with multiple loads of waste removed from homes.



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- Bridge and Cribbage continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively.
- Luncheon this month was held on Thursday, April 9th. About 60 people attended. The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th. Kristen McAvoy, from Comfortably Home will be the presenter.
- Medical Equipment loaned out this month includes one 1 hospital bed, 3 wheelchairs, 1 transfer wheelchair, 2 rollators and 2 pairs of crutches. Donated items included 2 wheelchairs, 1 electric lift chair, 2 rollators, 1 knee scooter and an aluminum handicap ramp.
- Storage for the medical equipment inventory is becoming a pressing problem that I am working on funding for along with the age friendly committee.
- I met with our new volunteer coordinator for Handy Brigade, Paul Tabor, to perform an initial home assessment at a residents home to help hone the process of assessing work. We will discuss the findings of this assessment with other volunteers as well as Kristen McAvoy from Comfortably Home to see what repairs they can make as well.
- Age Friendly has two upcoming classes in May including a dance/body health class on the 16th at Town Hall as well as a discussion clinic on health with a retired Doctor.

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

September 2024 - February 2026

A SIGNATURE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CABINET ON AGING

THE CHALLENGE



64% of older Mainers live in rural areas—far from information about needed resources. They turn to local trusted sources for information



Local social and recreational opportunities are critical for older Mainers to remain active and engaged



Age-Friendly Communities have formed trusting relationships but lack capacity for one-on-one resource navigation

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR PILOT SITES



12 Pilot sites

16 Community Connectors

10-20 Hours/week

THE CONNECTOR APPROACH

1



Local Knowledge & State Resources

Connectors are trusted neighbors who receive training on statewide programming.

2



Multi-Sector Partnerships

Local resources - businesses, service groups, municipal resources - and state & regional agencies

3



Peer Learning Network

Bi-weekly check-ins & quarterly statewide resource calls

CONNECTOR IMPACT

Across 12 pilot sites in just 18 months:

OLDER MAINERS REACHED

1,514 Connected to services



23,713 Participated in activities

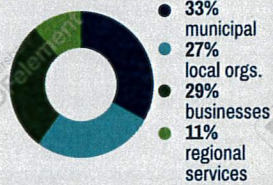
- 47% were first timers in an age-friendly activity or project
- 89% joined multiple social or recreational activities

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILT

813 Volunteers engaged

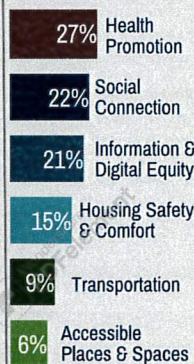


662 Partners involved



PROJECTS LAUNCHED

127 Community-Driven initiatives



COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS

Gray/New Gloucester
Signed 90+ people up for Medicare Savings Program; launched volunteer transportation

Sacopee Valley
Installed portable ramps for accessibility; resource & activity calendar in local news

Aroostook County
Launched Acadian French health navigator program with retired health professionals

Harpwell Retired Older Men Eating Out, a social program drawing 60–70 men, drew national attention and spread to other communities.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

We've been working with a couple for about 4 months and their quality of life has drastically increased. Our volunteers report laughter and music in the home now where before there were tears and sadness. This is the good stuff and I'm so proud to be a part of it.

Connector, Bowdoinham

When three unhoused veterans got apartments, they still needed everything that makes a house a home. We secured a \$1,000 Rotary donation, turned a Christmas party into a supply drive, and five volunteers delivered it all. That's community in action.

Connector, Saco

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- ✓ **Community Driven Solutions.** Rooted in local relationships and resources, Connector projects power changes that outlast the initial site setup costs.
- ✓ **Local Knowledge.** Connectors bring deep understanding of their community's culture, strengths, and needs.
- ✓ **Comprehensive Training.** Connectors complete tailored training covering ageism, dementia-inclusion, boundaries, program evaluation, and more.
- ✓ **Trust Building.** Connectors earn credibility over time, becoming trusted resource experts in their communities.
- ✓ **Peer Support.** Connectors learn from each other through a statewide peer network.
- ✓ **Partnership.** Sites cultivate partnerships with their AAA and other local and regional organizations to increase capacity and reach of available services.

DIRECT FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$ 760,000

Connectors helped return to older Mainers through resource connection

- Medicare Savings Program
- SNAP Benefits
- HEAP Fuel Assistance
- Property Tax Prog.
- USDA Home Repair Grants
- Veterans Benefits

Cost-Effective Model

- Expands access to services without adding administrative overhead
- Reduces social isolation and supports healthy, safe aging at a low cost
- Connector stipends recognize service and multiply program reach
- \$10,995 median cost to launch a site

CONTACT

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Learn more: lifelongmaine.org/resources/community-connections

Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue

April 2026

	FIRE	EMS	BURN PERMIT
4/1/2026	Cemetery Road - fire alarm	Fisher Road - chest pain	2
4/2/2026			
4/3/2026	1295 mm 37 - vehicle fire	Fisher Road - breathing problem	5
4/4/2026			2
4/5/2026			
4/6/2026			
4/7/2026	M/A Bowdoin Lewis Hill Road - structure fire	Browns Point Road - fall	2
4/8/2026			1
4/9/2026			
4/10/2026	River Road - fire alarm	Teagans Way - fall	4
4/11/2026	Ridge Road - explosive device x2		
4/12/2026			
4/13/2026		Preble Road - suicidal / psychiatric	2
4/14/2026	M/A Richmond High Street - outside fire	Preble Road - sick person	2
4/15/2026			4
4/16/2026			3
4/17/2026			6
4/18/2026			12
4/19/2026		Pond Road - fall	5
4/20/2026		Browns Point Road - sick person	
4/21/2026	Preble Road - elevator emergency M/A Bowdoin Main Street - line down		2
4/22/2026			3
4/23/2026			
4/24/2026			5
4/25/2026	M/A Richmond Main Street - structure fire Fisher Road - outside fire	Fisher Road - suicidal / psychiatric	15
4/26/2026			9
4/27/2026	M/A Topsham Main Street - station coverage M/A Bowdoin Main Street - fire alarm	Preble Road - sick person	4
4/28/2026			
4/29/2026		Preble Road - heart problems	3
4/30/2026	Preble Road - elevator emergency		4
TOTALS	13	11	95



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Planning:

The Planning Board meeting scheduled for April 23, 2026, was canceled due to no applications.

Code Enforcement Report

Permits :

Permit Type	April	March	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	YTD
Building	11	7	1	0	3	162
Plumbing/Septic	10	4	0	1	2	160
Floodplain	1	0	0	0	0	3
Site Plan Review -Tier I	2	1	1	0	0	15
Land Use	0	0	0	0	0	9
New Dwelling Units	5	2	0	0	1	54
Demolished Dwellings	0	1	0	0	0	9
Inspections	17	8	3	6	8	366

Active Inspections and Violations :

- 1) **371 Carding Machine Road** (R06-033-B) – Issued a 3rd Notice of Violation (NOV) on October 15, 2024, and I sent it certified mail. I have received confirmation that Mr. Aase received all NOV's by signature confirmation. I did receive an email from Mr. Aase that described his plan of selling the property, however, there was no mention of working toward compliance. Property is now for sale. **No Change from the last report.**

- 2) **1441 River Road** (R12-019) – Currently, the Code Office issued a 4th N.O.V. and as a result, the Select Board authorized the Code Officer to work with the town's attorney regarding this matter. **Update for February 2026:** Waiting on the final letter from the Town Attorney. **Update for March 2026:** Still waiting for a letter from the Town Attorney. **Update for April 2026:** The town's attorney sent a final warning letter via first class mail, certified mail, and email to the property owner and the tenant on April 27, 2026. The deadline to contact the Code Office with a plan of action is May 11, 2026. As of April 30, 2026, there has been no attempt from the property owner or the tenant to contact the Code Office.

- 3) **780 Ridge Road** (R3-28) – At this time, the Code Office is scheduled to conduct a site visit with Nicole Briand at 780 Ridge Road on Friday, October 10, 2025. Also, the Select Board has authorized the Code Officer to work with the town's attorney on this matter. **Update for February 2026:** All communication has ceased from the property owner. The Code Office requested an update on February 2, 2026, however, Mrs. Billington never responded. It appears that the large pile of lumber was not removed as determined from a visual inspection from the public way. Unfortunately, the agreement that the town

Active Inspections and Violations (cont'd):

and Mrs. Billington is no longer in effect. The Code Office is moving towards a more aggressive time frame to have the property completely cleaned up by June 1, 2026. If this deadline is not met, then the Code Office will recommend legal action in relation to the current Notice of Violation. **Update for March 2026:** Issued a 3rd Notice of Violation on March 18, 2026. I have not heard from Mrs. Billington in reference to the latest Notice of Violation. **Update for April 2026:** The deadline of April 1, 2026, to contact the Code Office with a plan of action passed without any contact from Mrs. Billington. The deadline of May 1, 2026, to have all the items that constitute a junkyard removed from the property has expired and items meeting the statutory definition of a junkyard remain on the property.

- 4) **473 Carding Machine Road** (R05-51) – I have been in contact with the property owner and Mr. Skipper has agreed to clean-up the property. I plan on conducting an inspection on September 26, 2025, for compliance. **Update for February 2026:** No Change from the last update. **Update for March 2026:** No Change from the last update. **Update for April 2026:** Received a complaint from Pat Reed from Cranberry Way regarding the condition of the property. The Code Office will be sending the property owner a follow letter in May reminding them that the property continues to contain materials meeting the ordinance definition of a junkyard and need to be removed to avoid a notice of violation.

- 5) **112 Pond Road** (R02-63-F) – The Code Office received a cannabis odor complaint from Mr. Booty, an abutter to 112 Pond Road, on August 14, 2025. I sent a letter to the property owner and the individual grow-facilities on August 18, 2025, requesting that each caregiver install additional carbon filters. It is valuable to note that I had not received a complaint from an abutter since May 16, 2025. Currently, five (5) out of the seven (7) grow facilities have contacted the Code Office regarding the latest request for more carbon filters. **Update for February 2026:** Two letters were sent to Ganja Babes LLC and Cannabis for Medium LLC regarding their lack of a state license from the Office of Cannabis Policy, and the town's right to revoke their Cannabis Business Licenses because they failed to maintain State of Maine licenses. They were given a deadline of March 7, 2026, to submit a complete application with the Office of Cannabis Policy. **Update for March 2026:** One of the caregivers is working with the Office of Cannabis Policy to become compliant with the State of Maine. Unfortunately, the second caregiver was issued a Notice of Violation for lack of a State Caregiver's License. I have been in contact with the caregiver, and we are discussing the next steps moving forward. **Update for April 2026:** The caregivers that have received Notice of Violations for not maintaining State of Maine licenses while cultivating at 112 Pond Road are Cannabis for Medicine LLC, at Suite H, and Ganja Babes LLC, at Suite I. Ganja Babes LLC has only left me a voicemail stating they are working on a State license, however, the Office of Cannabis Policy has confirmed that their license has voided and no attempt from Ganja Babes LLC to get their state license reinstated. I anticipate the 3rd Notice of Violation to be issued in May. Next, Cannabis for Medicine LLC has applied for a different caregiver, but still operating under the business name "Cannabis for Medicine, LLC". The new caregiver has submitted a Cannabis Business License application for the Select Board to

Active Inspections and Violations (cont'd):

review for completeness on May 12, 2026. The 1st Notice of Violation will remain active until the new caregiver has received all state and local approvals.

- 6) **5 Brook Lane** (R03-44F) – It was brought to the attention of the Code Office that a different business is operating at 5 Brook Lane than what was originally approved. The Code Office has not made contact with the property owner but plans to request a Site Plan Review Tier I application for a change of use. **Update for February 2026:** No Change from the last report. **Update for March 2026:** The property owner submitted and paid for a Site Plan Review Tier I permit application. Currently, I am still conducting my review of the Site Plan Review Tier I application submission. **Update for April 2026:** The property owner received Site Plan Review Tier I approval from the Code Enforcement Officer on April 2, 2026, to operate O'Farrell Energy at 5 Brook Lane. All application and postage fees have been paid.
- 7) **14 Cemetery Road** (U03-13) – I contacted the property owner on August 18, 2025, concerning the condition of the property (Junkyard). Mr. Skelton contacted the Code Office on August 26, 2025, and we discussed a plan for action to clean up the property. He is the landlord for the property, and he is currently using the legal system to evict the tenants from the property. We agreed that Mr. Skelton would contact the Code Office every two weeks with an update, and Mr. Skelton has provided an update every two weeks as promised. **Update for February 2026:** No Change from the last update. **Update for 2026:** No Change from the last update. **Update for April 2026:** The property owner contacted me in April and confirmed that the condition of the property would continue to improve as items are removed.
- 8) **27 Center Street** (U01-49) – I received a complaint from an anonymous caller about the condition of the property and dwelling at 27 Center Street. I have not contacted the tenant since she has been in the hospital and only the son is currently residing there. Even though I have not conducted an inspection of the inside of the dwelling unit, an inspection from the Center Street indicated that there could be some structural issues with the dwelling. Specifically, a window is completely missing, and a portion of the siding is pulling away from the structure. Given what I can see from Center Street, I do have concerns about the areas that I have not seen, such as the backside or the inside of the dwelling unit. I plan on contacting the property owner to discuss the condition of the property and dwelling unit.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met for its regular monthly meeting on April 8. The committee received updates from the Tree Subcommittee Committee who continue to work on determining the scope of their work. It was discussed if a Tree Care Plan should be incorporated into the Open Space Plan and written at the same time as the Open Space Plan. There were suggestions that the plan could instead be a policy which could be implemented sooner if that was a goal of the subcommittee. A policy would not need to wait for Town

Meeting and could be voted on by the Selectboard. It would also have more teeth than a plan. Members then rereviewed the top three Open Space Plan consulting proposals, narrowing the field to two firms that were interviewed in April (Northstar and Viewshed/FB Environmental). The committee will review the references for each and make a final decision at their May meeting. Staff has still yet to receive a signed contract from the State for the no-match grant we received to undertake this project.

Economic Development:

Community Development Advisory Committee

The Community Development Advisory Committee held their regular monthly meeting on April 7 where they discussed formalizing communication protocol styles. Two potential options were introduced Robert's Rules and Working Agreements model based on what the Comprehensive Planning Committee adopted in 2025. The committee will discuss the options at the next meeting.

Members then focused on the pavilion and a potential funding source for the pavilion and other advancements for the park through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. They moved forward on a letter of support to the Selectboard in favor of applying to the grant and began discussing outreach and education on the pavilion and the warrant article for the Land and Water Conservation Fund that will be on the Warrant to move the project forward. The committee will draft a factsheet and stakeholder outreach at their next meeting.

Lastly, Jean DeBellefeuille resigned as chair at the end of the meeting and recognized the contributions of current and former CDAC members. The board now has one of seven positions open.

Bowdoinham Waterfront Park

The Land and Water Conservation Fund approved the amendment to pave the pathways at the park to make them more accessible and purchase seven additional streetlights. Lighting specs were brought to the Selectboard for approval after determining they will meet any proposed lighting standards proposed by the legislature recently. Further, the Selectboard moved forward with a warrant article which would allow the Town to apply for an additional Land and Water Conservation Fund for the next phase of development at the waterfront which would include developing a pavilion with a solar array, new bathhouse, Wi-Fi, security cameras, septic, natural play area and ice skating rink materials for the Bowdoinham Riverfront Park and updates to Mailyly to realign the park entrances and pave the parking lot.

Yellow Building

Staff provided a memo to the Selectboard presenting the final documents required for the BRIC contract which included a final Due Diligence Report which interprets how the regulatory requirements identified in the November draft affect feasibility, cost, resilience and long-term operations and details from Acorn Engineering. It also includes a Wastewater Pre Treatment System Design and Cost Estimate, Architectural Scope which separates out the building costs from site, floodplain, and permitting costs, and a Soil Survey.

Additionally, it shared the findings of the Midcoast Council of Government's (MCOG) Brownfield investigation program and a review of any financial resource to address the removal of any hazardous materials in the building. All reports can be found here: www.bowdoinham.com/project/riverview-house.

Cathance Meadow Trail Improvements

In April the town received two proposals for the trail construction and observation platform foundation work, and one for the metal gate work. Staff are reviewing these and expecting to negotiate contract language in the coming weeks for the Selectboard review. Since the time the grant was submitted aluminum, labor prices, and transportation costs have gone up considerably. We are still waiting on a signed contract from the State for the grant funding before moving forward with this work.

Transportation Projects

1. DOT Bike/Ped Grant Sidewalk Project – In November the Selectboard reviewed an updated report from DOT for the sidewalk project on Main Street from its intersection with Center Street up to Post Road. The hybrid option was still DOT's recommended strategy with an alternative of placing it entirely on the North side of Main Street. The Selectboard's unchanged opinion to keep it entirely on the North side of Main Street has been shared with DOT and we are still waiting to hear when a public meeting on the project will be scheduled. **NO NEW INFORMATION**
2. DOT Demonstration Project – In April staff updated the Selectboard on additional signage requests for the DOT All Way Stop demonstration project at Rt 24/Lower Main Street intersection that increased the project by an estimated \$1,000. At the meeting additional information was sought from DOT which we have yet to receive regarding reduced blinking signage and the transition period between demonstration and final determination on implementation by the DOT.
3. Active Transportation Partnership Initiative (ATPI) – We expected to see a contract signed with the State during April. However, the decision making process for the demonstration project is impacting the timing of the crosswalk installation at Three Robbers.

As to not confuse the two projects, the demonstration would happen before the installation of the crosswalk so that residents would be evaluating the new stop conditions without the presence of a crosswalk. The final crosswalk design will need to incorporate the need for either a rapid flashing beacon sign or just a stop sign in the island depending on how the all way stop demonstration work out.

4. Merrymeeting Trail – In April the Town accepted a Rural Tribal Assistance Pilot Program for preliminary design and final engineering for 8.5 miles of rail to trail conversion from downtown Bowdoinham to downtown Richmond. In April staff attended a call to learn more about the grant and will be working on negotiating a contract with the Federal Office of Transportation in the coming months.

Further, in April staff was notified that our request to Congresswomen Pingree's office for earmarks for the 19.5 mile project (Bowdoinham to Gardiner) at a total cost of \$1.33 million was not taken up. Staff is still hopeful for Senator King's CDS and/or the BUILD grant that should be announced at the end of June.

Maine Coastal Grant

In February the Selectboard accepted the \$50,000 award from the Maine Coastal Program Shore and Harbor Planning Grant with a commitment of a 10% match (\$5,000) from Rideout fund to conduct a comprehensive planning initiative focused on fishing and paddle put-in locations in Bowdoinham. Fishing spots were identified on the Master Site Plan for the new park, however those uses may be at odds with the shoreline stabilization project. We are looking to explore that and other locations with this grant. We have yet to receive a contract from the State to begin executing the contract. **NO NEW INFORMATION**

Event Planning

Ice & Smelt

Feedback was solicited with past event hosts and a consensus was reached that the first weekend in February works best for scheduling the event going forward.

Open Farm & Studio Day

Registration for participants opened in April. Regional promotional materials have been submitted to the Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry for a free advertisement in the Summer in Maine guide which is distributed in ALL six of Maine's daily newspapers, (Lewiston Sun Journal, Brunswick Times Record, Portland Press Herald, Kennebec Journal, Waterville Sentinel & Bangor Daily News). There will also be copies in all seven of the Maine Tourism Information Centers along the I-95 corridor from Kittery to Houlton. A budget for the event will be coming in May to the Selectboard for approval.

Tour de Bowdoinham

Planning continues with organizers. The event will be held August 15.

Celebrate

Staff continues working on setting up MyRec to host registration for the event this year. We hope to launch the new process and begin recruiting vendors, parade participants and sponsors in May.

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

April 2026 REPORT

1. Baled OCC for a total of 7 bales weighing an estimated 6650 lbs.
2. Collected and packaged for recycling 58 gallons of mixed paints.
3. Collected and packaged for recycling 7 CFL bulbs.
4. Collected and packaged for recycling 1 U bulb.
5. Collected and packaged for recycling 42 fluorescent bulbs.
6. Collected and packaged for recycling 7 lead acid batteries.
7. Collected and packaged for recycling 14 lithium-ion batteries.
8. Collected and packaged for recycling 2 Ni-Cad batteries.
9. Collected and packaged for disposal 1 PCB ballast.
10. Collected and packaged for recycling 14 flat panel tv's.
11. Collected and packaged for recycling 3 CRT TVs.
12. Collected and packaged for recycling 1 laptop.
13. Collected and packaged for recycling 3 printers.
14. Collected and packaged for recycling 1 cell phone.
15. Collected and packaged for recycling 2 CPUs.
16. Collected 13 freon unit's for recycling/disposal.
17. Held Earth Day roadside cleanup. (Note: participation lower)
18. Spring Bulky Waste Day is held. (Note: participation up, 15,780 lbs. collected)
19. Shipped 7 pallets of electronics.
20. Shipped 1 container of light iron.
21. Shipped 1 box of bulbs.
22. Shipped 14,900 lbs. of OCC to Scarborough MRF.
23. Shipped 1 container of mixed recyclables.
24. Attended monthly safety meeting.
25. Conducted April monthly facility safety inspection.
26. Conducted PTR330 safety training.
27. Attended Joint HHW meeting with Topsham 4-7-26. In attendance were Topsham Town Manager, Asst. Town Manager, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Director and Brett Rogers from Enviro Serve.

28. Attended Solid Waste Committee meeting 4-8-26
29. 922 recycling visits

Respectfully submitted
Bryan Benson

	AMOUNT		
Vitals Statistics			State Share
Certified copies of:			
Birth	3		\$ 6.00
Birth Extras	1		\$ 0.40
Death	1		\$ 2.00
Death Extras	2		\$ 0.80
Marriage	2		\$ 4.00
Marriage Extras	0		\$ -
Marriage Licenses	2		\$ 8.00
Disposition Permit	0		\$ -
Disposition Permit	0		\$ -
Totals			\$ 21.20
Animal Welfare (Dog License)	Amount	Fees	TOTAL SOLD
Male/Female		\$ 10.00	
Neuter/Spay	6	\$ 3.00	\$ 18.00
Dangerous		\$ -	
Nuisance Dog		\$ -	
Kennel		\$ -	
Totals			\$ 18.00
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife		Town Share	State Share
Fishing/Hunting		\$ 22.00	\$ 392.00
Boat		\$ 60.00	\$ 2,301.00
ATV		\$ 5.00	\$ 70.00
Sales Tax			\$ 1,265.00
Excise Tax		\$ 772.20	
			\$ 4,028.00
Voters at the end of		TOTAL	2451

BMV REPORT 25	3/31 - 04/07	04/07 - 04/14	04/14 - 04/21	04/21 - 04/28	END OF MONTH TOTALS
CATEGORY					
PASSENGER - RENEWALS	38	35	33	34	140
PASSENGER - NEW	10	9	8	11	38
PASSENGER - NO FEE	0	0	4	0	4
PASSENGER - HALF RATE	1	2	0	0	3
PASSENGER - TRUCK	0	0	0	0	0
ANTIQUÉ - RENEWALS	1	1	1	3	6
ANTIQUÉ - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR HOME - RENEWALS	0	0	2	0	2
MOTOR HOME - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL - RENEWALS	6	2	2	2	12
COMMERCIAL - NEW	1	0	0	1	2
TRAILER - RENEWALS	11	22	7	13	53
TRAILER - NEW	4	4	0	4	12
TRACTOR/SPECIAL MOB - RENEWALS	0	0	0	0	0
TRACTOR/SPECIAL MOB - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
FARM TRUCK - RENEWALS	0	0	1	1	2
FARM TRUCK - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
MOTORCYCLE - RENEWALS	3	6	4	18	31
MOTORCYCLE - NEW	0	1	0	0	1
MOPED - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
STREET ROAD - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - RENEWALS	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
VANITY PLATES	7	6	7	4	24
LOST PLATE	2	0	0	2	4
DUPLICATE STICKERS	8	0	4	6	18
DUPLICATE REGISTRATION	1	0	0	1	2
TRANSIT PLATES	0	0	0	1	1
TRANSFERS	1	3	3	4	11
INCREASE RVW	0	0	0	1	1

SALES TAX FORMS	8	6	8	15	37
SALES TAX FORM - NO FEE	3	3	2	0	8
TITLES	6	4	7	11	28
E-CORRECT	9	0	1	4	14
RETURNED PLATE CARDS/CANCEL PLATES	0	0	0	0	0
ADDITION/DELETION FORMS/VOIDS	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	120	104	95	136	455



Outlook

April Monthly Report

From pworks <pworks@bowdoinham.com>
Date Tue 5/5/2026 8:02 AM
To Nicole Briand <nbriand@bowdoinham.com>

This month we have been cleaning and servicing all winter equipment for summer storage. Have been working on all lawn equipment for the start of the season. Worked the town office third floor clean up. We have marked the work that will happen at Maxwell cemetery. Removed all road posting's removed the public sand pile from Maily park, put in the launch floats and have rebuilt the town float that hold's the ramp. We will need to rebuild more of the town floats as they are rotted and very poor condition. We have put in the run off flower bed at the kayak park and have taken down more material's for the spring plant project. We have taken down the fir tree on Center street for the retaining wall reconstruction. The Retaining wall has been completed. We have been working at Ridge cemetery clearing brush from around all monuments and clearing the old road of debris. Worked at Village cemetery clearing brush from around all monuments. We have completed the spring service on the ventrac and have taken the Ball field attachments to the rec garage. We have put out the crosswalk manikins and set up the new hose reel at the town office.