

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Sagadahoc, ss

State of Maine

To: Melissa Halsey, a resident of the Town of Bowdoinham, in said County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Bowdoinham, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the **Bowdoinham Community School on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 40 as set out below.

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

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 2: Shall an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to update its Floodplain Management provisions" be enacted?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Planning Board recommend this article to pass.

ARTICLE 3: Shall an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Allow and Regulate Medical Marijuana Establishments" be enacted?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Planning Board recommend this article to pass.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to amend the Natural Gas Pipeline Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program originally dated June 21, 2000, pursuant to Title 30-A Chapter 206 of the Maine Revised Statutes, in accordance with the Resolution approved by the Select Board on May 7, 2019, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein by reference?

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve the concept for the redevelopment of the waterfront public works property (identified on the Town's Tax Maps as Map U01 and Lot 001) as depicted in the "Site Master Plan, Town of Bowdoinham, ME" dated February 12, 2019, prepared by Richardson & Associates (Landscape Architects) and Baker Design Consultants (Civil, Marine, and Structural Engineers), a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein by reference?

Explanation: This article seeks the Town's approval only for the redevelopment plan concept (not funding). There is no request at this time for appropriation of funds. Any funding for the future implementation of this concept plan would need to be approved by the Town meeting, or, by the Select Board after a public meeting if any TIF, grant, or other funds become available for said implementation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote: (1) to approve a capital improvement Project that includes the reconstruction, paving and maintenance of town roads, the purchase of a plow truck with associated equipment for the Public Works Department, and paving and maintenance of the Fire Station Parking Lot and all other reasonably necessary components with a total anticipated cost of up to \$300,000; and (2) to

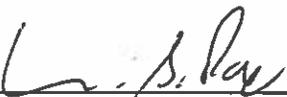
appropriate \$300,000 for such capital improvement; and (3) to authorize the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000; and (4) to delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, form and other detail of said general obligation bonds, including execution and delivery of said general obligation bonds and to provide for the sale thereof as well as the negotiation and execution of any loan agreement necessary with any party.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Bowdoinham hereby certifies that:

1. The total amount of the general obligation bonded indebtedness of the Town of Bowdoinham currently outstanding as of May 7, 2019 is \$1,706,312.
2. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham authorized, but un-issued, is \$2,425,000.
3. The total amount of general obligation bonds of the Town of Bowdoinham contemplated to be issued if the Article is ratified is not in excess of \$300,000.
4. Total of Paragraphs 1-3: \$4,431,312
5. The anticipated interest rate on the bond is 4.05%. Assuming the issuance of \$300,000 of bond with level principal payments over a 10-year term and an estimated interest rate of 4.05%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$70,794, which would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid of \$370,794.

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



 William S. Post, Treasurer
 Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Reserve Accounts.

Town Hall & Town Office:	\$29,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance:	\$3,000.00
Solid Waste & Recycling:	\$5,000.00
<u>Riverfront Building:</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$42,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend **\$42,000.00**

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

All recommendations for the Expense Budget Articles were approved by the Select Board (Vote: 4 – 0) and the Finance Advisory Committee (Vote: 5 – 0).

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Administration Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$455,823

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for General Services Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$51,000.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Debt Services Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$412,029.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$99,845.00

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Town Facilities Maintenance Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$86,925.00

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Animal Control and Harbor Master Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$20,356.00

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$467,750.00

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Solid Waste & Recycling Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$190,878.00

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Recreation Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$45,960.00

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Planning, Community Development and Code Enforcement Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$83,535.00

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Contingency Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$8,000.00

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Spectrum Generations.

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend \$1,495.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Bowdoinham Historical Society in support of Merrymeeting Hall.

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board recommends \$2,012 and Finance Advisory Committee recommends \$6,500.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$774,531 established for Bowdoinham by State law in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$893,164.00 from the Estimated Revenues Account (Non-Property Tax Revenues) to be applied to reduce the 2020 tax rate?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

FUND BALANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$140,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to be applied to reduce the 2020 tax rate?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board and Finance Advisory Committee recommend the article to pass.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to fix the first day of November 2019 and the first day of May 2020 when all 2020 real estate and personal property taxes shall be due and payable in semi-annual installments and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at 7.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate of 3.00% per year on the amount of overpayment to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes in excess of amount finally assessed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506-A.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2020 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2018, who pay the total amount of 2020 taxes by monthly payments from July 2019 to June 30, 2020; who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town authorize the payment of any overdrafts that may occur in the Town's 2019 budget to be paid out of the fund balance?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend funds from various reserve funds, as they deem necessary, in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which said funds were established?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept on behalf of the Town, monetary gifts, and donated equipment and vehicles, and to appropriate said gifts to supplement the accounts and departments as specified by the benefactor.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will authorize the following actions on behalf of the town: (1) to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to rent, lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable and execute Municipal Quit Claim deeds for same; (2) to authorize the Select Board to keep any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes or portion thereof for the use of the town when they deem it to be in the town's best interests; and (3) to authorize the Select Board to rent or lease town-owned real estate that was not acquired for non-payment of taxes when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and on such terms as they deem advisable.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage by recording a Waiver of Foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds in which the Tax Lien Certificate is recorded, prior to the right of redemption expiring, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 944.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town to sell or dispose of obsolete Town equipment, material and commodities on such terms as they deem proper.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept any donations, gifts or grants of money for the Heating Assistance Program reserve account and to expend available funds from the account for the designated purpose.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to enter into multi-year contracts necessary to provide services to the Town.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass. Services for the town include but are not limited to ambulance service, banking, road maintenance, snow removal, curbside recycling and garbage disposal.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept and expend Community Development Block Grant Funds and other federal, state or private grants on behalf of the Town.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to annually set fees for returned checks, copies of Town ordinances and other documents, and notary services.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to collect Solid Waste Management User Fees for Fiscal Year 2020 at the rate of \$2.50 per bag.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass. (This is the same rate as the current year)

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to approve the recommendations of the Select Board to set the annual permit fee, pursuant to the provisions of 7.1.1 of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance, for commercial haulers operating within the Town of Bowdoinham.

RECOMMENDATION: The Select Board's recommendation is for a \$175.00 fee per year, per truck for trucks with up to and including six (6) wheels; a fee of \$275.00 per year, per truck for trucks with more than six (6) wheels. The rates are the same as the current year. Select Board recommends the article to pass.

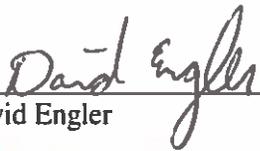
ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to close any road or roads or portions thereof for winter maintenance and to annul, alter, or modify such decisions, pursuant to 23 M.R.S. §2953, and that such orders made by the Select Board shall be a final determination.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

Given unto our hands the 7th day of May, 2019.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham

Peter Lewis, Chair



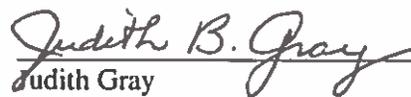
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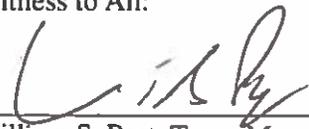


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Judith Gray

Witness to All:



William S. Post, Town Manager