

Dear

You are receiving this letter because you have expressed an interest in serving on the Comprehensive Planning Committee by either speaking to a member of the committee or expressing your interest at Celebrate Bowdoinham.

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We will be holding an informational session on November 12 at 6pm in the \_\_\_\_\_ room at the town offices. You are encouraged to attend that meeting to learn more about the committee our current work.

The state of Maine mandates that municipalities create a Comprehensive Plan every 10 years. We have chosen to use the time between writing a plan to work on an issue that residents have expressed a strong interest in when we held public hearings during the creation of the plan.

Before writing the 2024 plan we worked to create the new waterfront park and assessable hand carry boat launch.

Because of great interest from the public in keeping the rural feel and beauty of our town we are now at the beginning stages of creating an Open Space Plan for Bowdoinham. It will most likely take 2-3 years to create the plan with research, writing and seeking public input required of each member.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm for approximately 1 ½ hours. Occasionally there will be work outside of that time.

An Open Space Plan will be a document that town government will refer to when creating land use ordinances and other care of public spaces.

As someone whose name is on this list you have already expressed appreciation for our natural beauty and the desire to maintain this important resource. Writing a plan is not nearly as exciting as walking in the woods or paddling our waters, but to have those activities in the future we need to lay the plans for protection today.

Please join us on November 12 at 6pm to determine if you would like to be involved in this important endeavor.