

**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 and State, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Bowdoinham Community School on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 8:00 AM, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 38 by secret ballot. The polling hours are from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, said articles being the following.

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

ORDINANCES

Citizen Initiative

ARTICLE 2: “Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sundays?”

ARTICLE 3: Shall an ordinance entitled, “July 2020 Proposed Amendments to the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance Relating to the Review and Licensing of Marijuana Establishments” be enacted? (Note: An attested true copy of the full text of this ordinance is available from the office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the polls.)

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends this article to pass.

CONVEYANCE/ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to: (a) convey to Rayna J. Mayo, by way of Municipal Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants, whatever interest it has (if any), in the property located at 30 Ridge Road, Bowdoinham, Maine as shown as Lot 12 on Bowdoinham Tax Map U3 and more particularly described in a Deed to Rayna J. Mayo dated March 31, 2017, recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 2017R, Page 2259; and (b) accept an easement from Rayna J. Mayo for the Town's water line and a portion of sidewalk located on the northeast corner of said property on such terms and conditions that shall be acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, providing that Rayna J. Mayo shall pay all costs incurred by the town in conjunction with said conveyance and easement?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends this article to pass.

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$164,839, as itemized below, for the CAPITAL RESERVE Budget?

Capital Improvements:	\$111,339
Town Hall & Town Office:	\$40,500
Cemetery Maintenance:	\$3,000
Solid Waste & Recycling:	\$5,000
Riverfront Building:	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$164,839

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

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$507,930 for the ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$89,835 for the PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the CONTINGENCY Budget?

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

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$56,500 for the GENERAL SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$348,530 for the DEBT SERVICES Budget?

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

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$98,943 for the FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$90,385 for the TOWN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE Budget?

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

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$22,389 for the ANIMAL CONTROL AND HARBOR MASTER Budget?

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

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$499,249 for the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$235,587 for the SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT Budget?

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

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$46,576 for the RECREATION Budget?

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

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for SPECTRUM GENERATIONS?

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

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,182 for the BOWDOINHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY in support of Merrymeeting Hall?

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

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$539 for the WALDO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS?

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

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,469,764 from the ESTIMATED REVENUES ACCOUNTS to be applied to reduce the 2021 tax commitment?

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

FUND BALANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$140,000 from the UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE to be applied to reduce the 2021 tax commitment?

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

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to fix the first day of November 2020 and the first day of May 2021 when all 2021 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 9.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town 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 24: Shall the Town 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 25: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2021 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 31, 2020, who pay the total amount of 2021 taxes by monthly payments from July 2020 to June 30, 2021, 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 26: Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of any overdrafts that may occur in the Town's 2020/2021 budget to be paid out of the fund balance?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to 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 28: Shall the Town vote to 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 29: Shall the Town vote to 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 30: Shall the Town 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 31: Shall the Town 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 32: Shall the Town 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 33: Shall the Town vote to 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 34: Shall the Town 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 35: Shall the Town 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 36: Shall the Town vote to 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 37: Shall the Town vote to set the annual permit fee for commercial haulers operating within the Town of Bowdoinham, pursuant to the provisions of 7.1.1 of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance, as follows: (1) \$175.00 fee per year, per truck for trucks with up to and including six (6) wheels; and (2) \$275.00 per year, per truck for trucks with more than six (6) wheels?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends this article to pass. (The rates are the same as the current year.)

ARTICLE 38: Shall the Town vote to 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 26th day of May, 2020.

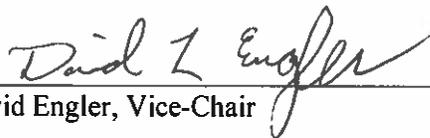
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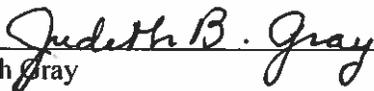
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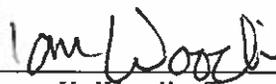
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Witness to All:


Thomas K. Woodin, Town Manager