An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Bowdoinham, Maine. The foreground shows a large white building, possibly a school or town hall, surrounded by green fields and some trees. In the background, there is a large body of water, likely the Kennebec River, with a town visible on the opposite shore. The sky is clear and blue.

ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Bowdoinham Maine

**Audited Year Ending
June 30, 2012**

**Budget and Warrant Articles for
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting
June 12, 2013 at 7:00pm**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Ambulance (Emergency Only)	911
County Sheriff's Dept (Non Emergency)	443-8201
State Police	1-800-452-4664
Bowdoinham Town Office	666-5531
Bowdoinham Recycling Barn	666-3228
Bowdoinham Fire Station	666-3505
Bowdoinham Community School	666-5546
Mount Ararat High School	729-2950
Mount Ararat Middle School	729-2951
MSAD/RSU 75	729-9961
Bowdoinham Post Office	666-3465
Bowdoinham Public Library	666-8405
Cliff Daigle, Animal Control	Pager: 471-7068

**Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives
 Message Center** 1-800-423-2900
 Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>

MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS 2013-2014

Memorial Day	Monday,	05/27/2013	Christmas Eve	Tuesday,	12/24/2013
Independence Day	Thursday,	07/04/2013	Christmas Day	Wednesday,	12/25/2013
Labor Day	Monday,	09/02/2013	New Year's Day	Wednesday,	01/01/2014
Columbus Day	Monday,	10/14/2013	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday,	01/20/2014
Veterans Day	Monday,	11/11/2013	Presidents' Day	Monday,	02/17/2014
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday,	11/28/2013	Patriots Day	Monday,	04/21/2014
Thanksgiving	Friday,	11/29/2013	Memorial Day	Monday,	05/26/2014

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

www.bowdoinham.com
 (207) 666-5531

BOWDOINHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org
 (207) 666-8405

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.
 Wed 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

Tue. 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m., 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.,
 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
 Wed. 2:00p.m.-6:00p.m.
 Fri. 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
 Sat. 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

- Incorporated September 18, 1762
- 17th Town in the State of Maine
- Settled In 1725
- Total Area of 22,176 Acres
- Estimated Population– 2,806 (Maine Municipal Association)
- Town Meeting - Select Board - Town Manager - Form of Government

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Dedication

Ann Tourtelotte Davis

“We’ve seen courage and compassion, a sense of civic duty, and a recognition that we are not a collection of strangers; we are bound to one another by a set of ideals and laws and commitments, and a deep devotion to this country that we love. And that’s what citizenship is.” President Barack Obama’s commencement address at Ohio State University on May 5, 2013.

President Obama is describing Bowdoinham’s own Annie Davis. However, this description is lacking her sense of humor and sense of fun.

Annie was born December 30, 1959. Growing up in Bowdoinham as a child Ann enjoyed the freedom of living in the country among relatives and friends. She loved spending time at the Given Farm, going to Miller’s Falls to catch suckers and smelt fishing with family and friends. She got to know the townspeople from working at the Bowdoinham Country Store. Marion Bagley (the store owner at that time) describes Ann as a hard worker, great with the customers, with all those wonderful talents and skills that all employers hope for from employees, she was honest, dependable, and of course trustworthy. This is when she got involved with helping people out when they needed a hand. Working at the store is also where Ann first showed her determination in getting what she wants. Marion reports that Ann approached her and said she needed health benefits. Well, this took Marion aback. How was she going to pay for it? Given the type of employee Ann was, Marion wanted to keep her. So Marion started to provide health benefits to the top three workers. Ann was one of the three, of course.

Ann joined the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Fire Department and spent many years as an active member. She helped start the famous pie sale that is still going strong each year. She enjoyed putting on dinners at the Bowdoinham Estates. This is because Ann loves older folks. She is still very supportive of the Auxiliary.

After several years at the Country Store, Ann decided to open a daycare in her home since she loves children so much.



It is reported that the kids loved her too. Once Susie Uhle accompanied Ann to a supermarket and Annie was spotted by one of her kids. This little person came running towards Ann yelling “Annie! Annie! Annie! I love you!”

Annie decided she wanted to get a First Responder’s program started in town. And as we all know and appreciate, Annie was successful at starting this wonderful community support program. This has been her passion and hopefully she will be able to continue with it

Annie has had some major difficulties of late. She had to close her beloved family childcare business and she has had some major health issues.

She is starting a new chapter in her life and is looking forward to what it brings. And Bowdoinham is also looking forward to seeing what Annie wants next because, based on her life up to now, whatever she does next, the Bowdoinham community will be better for it.

Linda Douglass and Theresa Turgeon on behalf of The Bowdoinham Select Board



The 2012-2013 Annual Report

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TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

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Municipal Directory

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Brian Hobart, Chair
M. Theresa Turgeon, Vice-Chair
Doug Tourtelotte
Kathy Tome
Kathleen Gallant

Recycling Barn

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Post Road: 666-3228
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Town Manager,

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125th Legislature
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Municipal Committees

Board of Selectpersons

Brian Hobart	2015
Douglas Tourtelotte	2013
Kathleen Gallant	2014
Kathleen Tome	2013
M. Theresa Turgeon	2014

250th Anniversary Committee

Ann Davis	2013
Ann Hartzler	2013
Catherine Curtis	2013
Elizabeth Steen	2013
Frank Connors	2013
John Tourtelotte	2013
Judy Gray	2013
Katherine Cutko	2013
Lara Ashouwak	2013
Peggy Muir	2013
Tessa Kingsley	2013
Albert Stehle	2013
Glenna Morin	2013



Celebrate Bowdoinham Parade

Finance Advisory Committee

Christopher Jackson	2015
George Christopher	2016
Matthew Ross	2016
Stewart Burrell	2013
Tom Walling	2015
Jeff Lauder	2016

Biking, Walking, Paddling Committee

Benjamin Long	2013
Bradford Foley	2014
Linda Christie	2015
Lynn Sanford	2013
Vacant	

Board of Appeals

David Jones	2017
Ed Friedman	2016
Kathleen Montejo	2017
Mark Favreau	2016
Robert Cree	2017
Sylvia Hultman	2017
William J. Bryan	2017

MSAD #75 School Board of Directors

Laurel Lopez	2013
Susan Brown	2015

Planning Board

Brent Zachau	2016
Daniel Stockford	2014
Ellen Baum	2013
Nathan Drummond	2014
Paul Baines	2016
Paul Beltramini	2017
William Shippen	2014

Municipal Committees

Bowdoinham Energy Committee

Brant Miller	2013
Chester Rice	2015
Margaret Patterson	2015
Thomas Deforeest	2015
John Capron	2013

Community Development Advisory Committee

Wendy Rose	2015
Brian Smith	2013
Leleah Parker	2013
Lynn Spiro	2013
Steven Bunn	2014

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Albert Stehle	2013
Bradford Foley	2013
Brant Miller	2013
Brian Smith	2013
Cynthia Lamoreau	2013
David Whittlesey	2013
Felicity Beede	2013
Heather Cox	2013
Joanne Joy	2013
Paul Baines	2013
Paul Beltramini	2013
Pete Galle	2013
Richard Morin	2013
Sally Martinez	2013
Thomas DeForeest	2013

Solid Waste Committee

Ann Harwood	2015
Elaine Diaz	2015
George Christopher	2014
Gordon Hayes	2015
Tade Mahoney	2013

Cable & Internet Advisory Committee

Jarod Johnson	2015
Monika Ullian	2013
Sally Martinez	2013
Theresa Turgeon	2014
Tony Lewis	2013
William Gray	2014
Vacant	

Advisory Committee on Aging in

Bowdoinham

Peggy Muir	2014
Theresa Turgeon	2013
George Christopher	2015
Gracia Woodward	2015
Judy Gray	2015
Martha Cushing	2014
Linda Jariz	2013



Lobster Crate Races

Trustees of the Water District

Brant Miller	2013
David Reinheimer	2013
Donald Oakes	2013
Gordon Johnson	2014
Stephen Cox	2013

Select Board Report
Brian Hobart, Chair

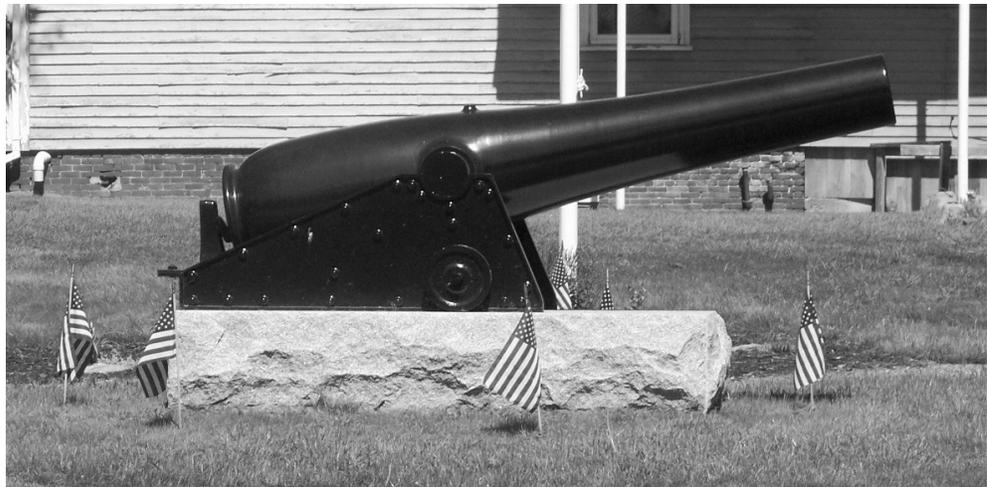
Now that is what I call a birthday celebration and it lasted a year! A person can generally look back on the previous year and find a lot that they would do different. When I reflect on all the events and ceremonies here in Bowdoinham over the past twelve months I wouldn't change anything. When you put the right people in charge and then get out of their way it spells success. All the volunteers and staff have proved this to be true. Tangible evidence of our accomplishments this year such as published books, movies, and cannon restoration will show future generations just how tight knit this community is.

As you read through all the different reports of departments and committees you will find that all the challenges and difficulties have been addressed with rational common sense. Everyone has worked together to make things a little better than they were last year. We have lost some gifted people but have replaced them with equally gifted people. All the projects have resulted in improvement with thoughts of the future in mind.

The current board works very well. Arguments and tensions are a rarity due to a relationship built on respect. We enjoy a diversity that matches well the diversity of our community and every citizen can be confident of equal representation. We work hard to stretch every dollar, to make every decision a fair one, and to anticipate problems and solve them before they take on a life of their own. We have a pro-active Manager and staff with an eye on the future. Status quo isn't good enough and they go that extra mile to give the people of Bowdoinham the best service possible.

As time marches on changes are necessary to adapt to different conditions and different needs. Positive changes start with ideas. If you have an idea that could make Bowdoinham better please share it with us. We are always looking for different viewpoints to help make changes and improvements that will benefit everyone. It would take volumes to thank everyone responsible for all of Bowdoinham's successes over the past year. Thank you EVERYONE for your help, support, trust, and devotion that makes serving you a gratifying experience.

Brian Hobart
Chair



**In Grateful Remembrance of the Soldiers who Fought in Defense of
Their Country in the Civil War 1861-1865
This Memorial is Erected By the Citizens of Bowdoinham in AD 1909**

Town Manager's Report
William Post, Town Manager

To the Select Board and Citizens of Bowdoinham:

Introduction

In July, I will be marking my second year with the Town of Bowdoinham. I thank the Select Board members, volunteers, Town employees and all the citizens I have had a chance to meet for your support through my first two years.

It has been another busy year for your town employees and officials and I am proud to say that we are moving forward with many projects that will make Bowdoinham a better place to live, work and play. This past year saw the reconstruction of two miles of the Millay Road, which was completed by the Public Works Department and Harry C. Crooker & Sons, Inc. This latest road construction project brings most of the Town's paved roads to good or excellent condition. This summer, the Public Works Department will be working on some gravel roads while we continue to upgrade the town's road system. The Sidewalk Project was also completed and under-budget by approximately \$54,000.

Annual Town Meeting

The 2013 Annual Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. There will also be a referendum questions at the polls on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Please be sure to cast your ballots.

Budget Process

The spending levels outlined in the proposed budget attempt to provide the programs and services that the residents of Bowdoinham have experienced over the past several years. It is our goal to provide the citizens of this community with the best level of service possible within the financial resources available. The budget development process begins with the receipt of budget requests from Department Heads, followed by the Town Manager's review. The budget is then submitted to the Finance Advisory Committee, Select Board and then submitted to the voters at the annual town meeting for final adoption.

Governor's Proposed State Budget

The State budget as proposed by the Governor may have a significant impact on the Town's budget that is unknown at this time because the state budget has not been finalized. Included in the proposed state budget is the elimination of municipal revenue sharing, the homestead exemption as it currently exists, reductions in general assistance reimbursements and shifting of commercial excise tax revenue from the towns and cities to the state. What this means for Bowdoinham is a possible reduction of approximately \$250,000 in revenue. Because there has been a great deal of resistance to the state's proposed budget, and a new tax reform proposal has recently been released that would have a significant impact, the Town has chosen to put together a budget that does not include these possible revenue losses. Instead, the proposed budget assumes the same state revenue will be received.

As the state legislature works through its own budget review and revisions, we will be watching carefully and can make adjustments as needed in the Town's FY14 budget at the annual town meeting. If the impact of the state's budget is not known before the annual town meeting, the Select Board may call a special town meeting to make adjustments in the FY14 budget. What is outlined in the Town budget below assumes we will receive the same state funding as the current year.

Town Manager's Report
William Post, Town Manager
(continued)

Budget Highlights

The FY14 municipal budget as proposed is significantly the same as the current year (fiscal year 2013) with the exception of the new debt service that was approved by the Town at last year's annual town meeting. The proposed expenditures for the municipal budget are 2.94% more than FY13, or \$43,869. The Debt Service budget has an increase of \$50,786, or 24.67%. Most other departments are decreasing to help offset the increase in the Debt Service budget. Non-property tax revenues are expected to remain stable, although not increasing.

Wages & Benefits

This budget provides a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for employees at 2%. Health insurance costs have increased by \$119.01 per month for each eligible employee, or 13%.

Undesignated Fund Balance

The Undesignated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012 was \$1,068,048, an increase of \$74,827 over the previous year. Not deducted from the undesignated fund balance is the Town's share of the Sidewalk Project, which amounts to \$127,702 and this year's use of \$100,000 from fund balance. The Finance Advisory Committee and Select Board are recommending that the Town utilize the same amount of undesignated fund balance to offset the amount needed from property taxes (\$100,000) for the 2014 budget.

School Assessment & County Tax

The school assessment is proposed to increase by \$22,249, or 0.9%. This estimate was provided by the MSAD #75 Business Manager and is the final number that will be presented for a district vote. The County Tax is proposed to increase by \$2,947, or 0.7%.

Planning/Code Enforcement & TIF

The proposed budget moves the combined part-time position of counter clerk/deputy code enforcement officer to full-time status. The Administration Department and Planning/Code Enforcement budgets share the cost of benefits equally.

The Community & Economic Development Director's salary and associated benefits has historically been split between the Planning/Code Enforcement budget and the TIF budget. The split has been 62% Planning/Codes and 38% TIF. This proposed budget changes that split to 55% Planning/Code Enforcement and 45% TIF as this position is doing less code enforcement work with the new Deputy Code Enforcement Officer/Deputy LPI.

If you have any questions, or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office or by email at wpost@bowdoinham.com. In closing, I would like to thank the municipal employees who work very hard to satisfy your need for municipal services. I would also like to thank the Select Board and the various other volunteer boards and committees for your unselfish dedication to make your community a better place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Post

William S. Post
Town Manager

Harbor Master Annual Report

John McMullen, Harbor Master

In 2012 I continued to offer the free US Coast Guard Safety Inspections at the town boat ramp. This is a courtesy examination of boats to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations. Please contact me if you would like to schedule one for your boat.

Aids to Navigation floats marking the channel across Merrymeeting Bay are normally in position from the latter part of May through mid to late September.

Once again during the 2012 boating season there was a decrease in powerboat traffic and an increase in paddlers. When paddling, always assume that powerboats do not see you. I suggest you be more obvious by wearing bright, noticeable colors. Place reflective tape on the tips of your paddles and always have a white light ready for use during periods of poor visibility. Did you know that the state of Maine requires paddlers to have not only a life jacket on board but also a sound producing device? The later can be a whistle attached to your life jacket.

Unsafe boating observations on the water last summer included:

- A. Not using navigation lights after sunset and prior to sun rise.
- B. Persons riding on the bow with legs overboard while the boat was underway.
- C. Watercraft being operated at a speed greater than headway speed while in the **Water Safety Zone**. The water safety zone is the water area within 200 feet of shoreline. (State Law)



Summer Day at the Waterfront

Make safety your foremost concern whenever you are on the water.

Reminders:

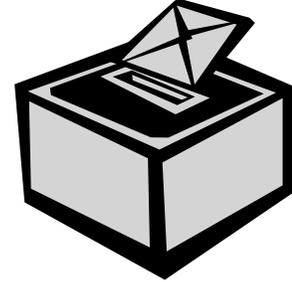
- 1. Always check the weather before going boating.
- 2. Always notify a friend or family member who could report your delay/non-return.
- 3. Always wear your life jacket (mandatory age 10 and under in Maine).

For anyone interested in a mooring in the town mooring field, please be advised there is space available. Contact me for details. Have a safe and fun boating season.

John McMullen
Harbor Master

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Number of Moorings	26	25
Bowdoinham Boat Registrations	272	296

Town Clerk Report
Pam Ross, Clerk



Town Meetings

Annual Town Meeting – June 13, 2012 **77 Registered Voters In Attendance**

Elections 2012

This was a very busy election year with two major State Elections, one Municipal and one M.S.A.D. #75 Election. With the help from your election workers and moderator/warden all elections went very smoothly. I would like to thank Leslie Barker, Barbara Bishop, Nora Bishop, Neal Brown, Susan Drucker, Nancy Freeman, Susan Hemond, Emilie Newell, Stacy Pare, Joanne Savoie, Nikki Sullivan, Linda Williams and our Moderators/Wardens Peter Sullivan and Robert Lennay for all of their hard work and dedication.

I appreciate each and every one of you!

June 12, 2012

Primary/M.S.A.D. #75 Referendum Election - **356 ballots were cast.**

November 6, 2012

General/Referendum and Municipal Election – **1767 ballots were cast.**

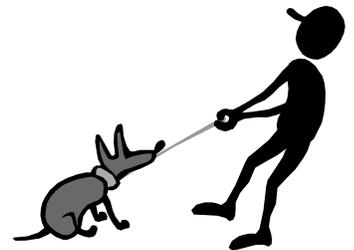
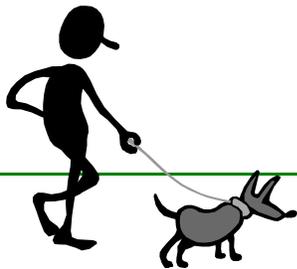
There were a total of 16 Marriages in 2012

<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>NAMES</u>
February 13	James Alvin Merrill & Margaret Allan Johnson	September 01	Zachary James Dever & Megan Elizabeth Chabot
June 03	Shane Allen Poliquin & Delilah Margarita Concolino	September 01	Eric Marshall Albee & Amanda Lee Gray
June 09	Shane Lee Atkinson & Deonna Renee Hinderks	September 15	Nathaniel Albion Blake & Julie Ann Fisher
June 16	Neil Bryer Skelton & Ashley Nicole Armstrong	September 29	Paul Joseph Denis & Bryanna Marie Lemieux
July 14	Benjamin George Laurence & Briana Jean O'Hare	October 11	Jeffrey William Perkins & Crystal Liane Cloutier
July 28	Alan Linwood Ring & Stephanie Lynn Spencer	October 20	Dustin Lee Ross & Shannon Nichole Lincoln
July 28	Dustin Scott Dyer & Chelsea Matthews	November 10	Evan Burchill Gleason & Eliza Pearl Churchill
August 04	Gil Mark Robert & Cheryl Lee Marcinkowski	December 12	Andrew Norman Begin & Elizabeth Ann Chase

Town Clerk Report
Pam Ross, Clerk

**There were a total of 24 Deaths in 2012
 IN MEMORY OF**

Herbert Arthur Bailey	October 28	Elouise E Patchell	November 04
Guy E Brawn	October 13	Lawrence Scott Rose	April 26
Robert George Burbank	August 17	Joseph Franklin Skelton	October 15
Santana G Dubon	May 27	Allen F Soule	September 03
William E. Farwell	March 31	Reginald Fremont Strout	January 3
Ellen M Greer	December 28	Ina M Temple	January 08
Lorraine Ann Irons	September 24	Joseph Patrick Vaillancourt	February 20
Lucille Jewell	December 31	Newton Karl Adam Von Sander	February 06
Darlene R Libby	February 13	Lucia A Von Sander	January 05
Candace B Meads	December 16	Alfreda M. White	May 17
Richard S Nolan	December 17	William Ross Woofenden	May 04
Melvina L Parker	September 01		
Margaret E. Parsons	March 23		



Animal Control Officer
Cliff Daigle, Animal Control Officer

Fees:

- \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs
- \$11.00 per year for dogs not spayed/neutered
- \$25.00 warrant fee after January 31st of each year

All dogs 6 months and older must have a license. In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must provide a **current** State of Maine Rabies Certificate.

If your dog has been spayed or neutered please bring that certificate with you also.

Call Type	2013	2012	2011
Calls received for service and information	671	610	560
Wildlife	62	62	42
Calls court summons	53	36	32
Dog bites/Cat bites in Town	19	12	4
Unlicensed dogs	352	310	283
Calls for cats	134	115	84
Totals	824	1145	1005



Recreation Department Report
Brandi Lohr, Director

This fall was a time of transition for Bowdoinham. We said goodbye to Bowdoinham’s prior Recreation Director, Brooke Cox who has been such an important part of our Town for so many years. She is still a huge part of our community and we look forward to still working along side of her. With this being my first year as the Recreation Director, I just wanted to give an overview of the programs that were offered and try to ask what types of programs you would like to have going forward.

Brooke Cox

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Participant #</u>	<u>Volunteer #</u>
Walking and Running	23	3
Bowdoin Swim	74	
3-6 Basketball	65	17
K-2 Basketball	52	9
Adult Basketball	18	
Lost Valley	15	3
Baseball	60	12
Softball	39	6
T-Ball	29	4



Support the “Nation”

Bowdoinham is not only a place that is great to raise your kids in, but it is also a place where people want to grow old in. An Advisory committee on Aging was formed. The committee’s goal was to provide opportunities for our aging population to continue to live and thrive within our community. January 24th was the opening day for the community “Senior Center.” Village Seniors is a separate program that has bimonthly lunches on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every

month to gather for good food and social hour. People need recreation. It is what helps to keep us sane and not have to worry about all of the things that life throws at us. Some of us like to hunt or fish, maybe even just go for a walk. Recreation is not for just the youth, but also the young at heart. I would like to hear from the residents to see what it is that you are looking for in our community for recreational activities. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with your ideas and interests.

For further information please visit our website at www.bowdoinham/recreation.com or call Brandi with any questions at 666-3504 or 666-5531 or by email at blohr@bowdoinham.com.



Aerial View of The Fields

Biking, Walking, Paddling Group Report
Bradford Foley, Chairman

The Bowdoinham Walking, Biking and Paddling Group has an active membership dedicated to the development and promotion of safe, accessible, and sustainable walking, biking and paddling opportunities for Bowdoinham’s citizens.

Accomplishments

- Joined in the first annual Bowdoinham Cemetery clean-up.
- The downtown sidewalk project was completed prior to Celebrate Bowdoinham providing safe connections in the heart of the village.
- Continued maintenance of Cathance River Trail.

In Process

Development of maps for walking, biking, and paddling to be available at the Town Office and on the Town Website.

Ongoing

- Support improvements for walking, biking and paddling in Bowdoinham.
- Continued working with surrounding communities to plan for the Merrymeeting Trail.
- Providing representation to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Work with Island Trails Association, Cathance River Education Alliance, and Friends of Merrymeeting Bay to identify paddling opportunities and connections as well as with new paddling access along the Kennebec and Cathance rivers.

New members are welcome to join us. Meetings held on the 4th Monday of every month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Coombs Municipal Building

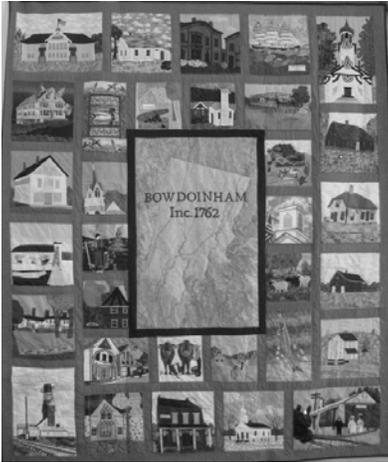
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Name The Year?????

250th Anniversary Committee

Peggy Muir, Chair



The purpose of the Bowdoinham 250th Anniversary Committee (following on the pattern of the 150th Committee as described in the Adams History and the 200th Anniversary Committee) shall be to appropriately recognize, celebrate, and fund Bowdoinham's 250th birthday celebration; providing educational and charitable activities by fundraising and using the funds specifically set aside in Trust Accounts (established at the Bowdoinham Town Meeting March 4, 1912) in the Town for these purposes.

It was 1912, Bowdoinham's 150th birthday, and William B. Kendall, Bowdoinham mill owner, sheep farmer, and forward thinker developed an idea that would benefit the people living in Bowdoinham 100 years later. A great believer in the power of compound interest, he proposed raising a sum to be put at interest and remain untouched until 2012, Bowdoinham's 250th birthday. Donations from 382 citizens raised \$555.31 which was deposited in 5 separate banks and was given the name Bowdoinham Century Fund. In

2012, the Bowdoinham Century Fund provided \$67,273.66 to the Town for educational and charitable purposes for the citizens of Bowdoinham. The 250th Anniversary Committee had a very busy year, planning for events and projects in celebration Bowdoinham's 250th Birthday.

Events

The **Ice & Smelt Festival** kicked off to our 250th Celebration on February 4, 2012. The Opening Reception was held on Friday evening with the reading of the Local Myth, "Smelt Makes Ice". The exhibit of art by local artists included a variety of whimsical pieces as well as pieces depicting the river and bay in winter. Items were on display, loaned by the Bowdoinham Historical Society and other community members as well as a model ice house loaned by Eleanor Everson from the Dresden Historical Society. On Saturday people came to see the exhibit and to view a film on ice cutting. Many had no idea of the magnitude of the ice cutting business in Bowdoinham. Activities on Saturday were held at both the Masonic Lodge and Cathance Place. "Decorate a Smelt" kept children and adults busy for hours. Build a Smelt Shack Legos Contest and the Lego table were highly popular. Children and adults made luminaries, printed t-shirts using "smelt" on loan from Friends of Merrymeeting Bay and decorated smelt. The highlight of the day was the Best Beard contest. The Bowdoinham Boys had some stiff (and friendly) competition from members of the Maine Men's Facial Hair Club. Afternoon activities included a puppet show – Fairy Tales told from a Smelt's Perspective – followed by The Carnevale (parade). Smelts – along with additional Local Myth characters will be a part of the annual parade for years to come. The afternoon came to an end with an archery demonstration and a bonfire at the waterfront. In the evening the Ice & Smelt Ball was held and Heather Cox and Felicity Beede were crowned Royalty.

Thank you to Lee Parker, Peggy Muir, Merrymeeting Art Center and all the volunteers for bringing us the Ice & Smelt Festival.

The next event on the 250th calendar was **Cemetery Clean-up Day**. On April 14, 2012, Bowdoinham residents, friends and family took to the woods, back roads and over grown fields to take back a piece of history. The results, over 85 people waited with great patience to sign in and be given directions to the cemetery they would clean. Committee members, their families, friends, our own Selectboard, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and individuals cleared brush, cleaned stones that had fallen, built and painted fences, built trails and recorded cemeteries. With great enthusiasm, thirty-five cemeteries were taken back.

Thank you to: all the volunteers to joined us in cleaning our cemeteries; the Fire Auxiliary and all the volunteers who provided lunch for our volunteers; and Albert Stehle for organizing this special day.

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In the spring of 2012, Bowdoinham Community School was able to use money provided through the Ferrier Foundation to produce a play about the history of Bowdoinham. Principal Diane Stahl coordinated students, school staff and community members as actors, musicians and technical crew. The play, “**A Time For Bowdoinham,**” was written, based on stories in the *Bowdoinham Advertiser*, the Bowdoinham Historical Society’s newsletter, and included scenes of colonial life, the robbery of 1866, the fire of 1902, and the first Bowdoinham barbecue. Kate Gray was asked to direct the show. Just before rehearsals started, Betsy Steen cleaned the mold off a letter she found in a Bowdoinham time capsule from 1932. The letter was written by Alice Adams Currier, daughter of a Bowdoinham sea captain, and described Alice’s last voyage on her father’s ship the *Sea King*, made in 1889, when she was sixteen. Alice’s story was added to the show, minus the part about hiding below decks while visiting cannibals (family show).

For about a month, ten students rehearsed every day after school, then performed the show twice in the school gym, once for the school and once for the public. Jeff Fischer kindly made a video of the show to keep for posterity. Gorgeous musical accompaniment was provided by school music teacher Sarah Stratton, Susan

Brown, and a student chorus of Hillary Babb, Cali Caron, Anna Cox, Genevieve Feeney, Emma Lapreziosa, Savannah Sheen, Emma Skelton, and Jaden Lohr. The outstanding, hard-working cast members were Camille Beaudoin, Trevor Brown, Camila Ciembroniewicz, Tamra Clukey, Michael Czerwinski, Kassidy Dixon, Carson Estela, Ava Haram, Erin Schott, and Scott Sharples. Mason Groh and Mason Hultman provided valuable assistance in rehearsal and set production. Bold, beautiful sets were designed by Sarah Waite and painted by her, Emily Cason, Elizabeth Bouchard, and Kate Greely. Susie Reinheimer and Ashley Haram made it all happen by helping backstage during performances.



Chicken BBQ

family enjoyed the great food and company. In all, about 500 people were served. The BBQ was followed by the return of the Bowdoinham baseball game. There were little kids, teens, adults and retirees on the field and a “broadcast crew” of middle schoolers entertained the crowd on the PA system. By the end of the afternoon, everyone compared injuries and boasted about their skills and players were rewarded with their own Bowdoinham hat.

Thank you to: all the volunteers who baked brownies, cook the meal and served the chicken; the Bowdoinham Historical Society for the great displays and delicious strawberry shortcake; Lara Ashouwak for organizing the baseball game; and everyone who joined us in supporting the Community School. A special thank you to David Berry and Tony Cox for organizing this legendary day!

On the weekend of November 11th, was the **Veterans’ Day Celebration** to honor our veterans. The weekend started with the Bowdoinham Historical Society’s “Celebration of Bowdoinham Veterans Exhibit” of photos, histories and memorabilia recognizing the service and contributions of our local veterans.

On Sunday, the Dedication of the Veterans’ Park took place at Town Hall with over 150 people in attendance to honor our local veterans. A slideshow telling the history and creation of the Veterans’ Park was shown, followed with music by Mt. Ararat High School’s Fife and Drum Corps. A ceremonial flag was

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Interior of Jellerson School

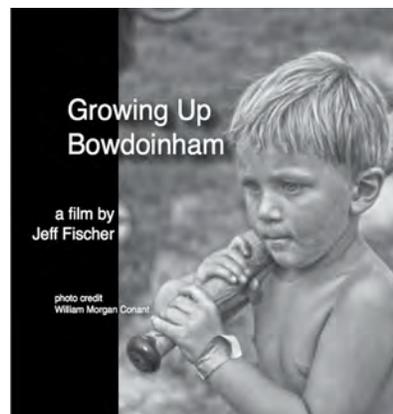
In honor of our 250th Birthday, **Celebrate Bowdoinham**, was expanded and events were held September 14th, 15th & 16th. On Friday, over 100 people gathered at Jellerson School to join in its dedication, where the flag was raised and the pledge recited. Anne Dunlap Vaughn and Sarah Dunlap spoke, the Jellerson scholars in attendance were introduced, and Erla Browne Kelley, former student and teacher at Jellerson, cut the ribbon. The guests toured the restored school room and the Merrymeeting Bay Museum and enjoyed delicious refreshments. Following the Jellerson School Dedication, there was music at the gazebo. Then Bowdoinham's Best opened early for the judging and viewing of the 250th Cake Decorating Contest, which featured 17 cakes. The winning cake, "Riverbend Camps" was made by Morgan Benjamin. The second place cake was made by Julie Booty and third place went to Tom & Betty Deforest. The winning kids cakes

were made by Laurel Streeter, Dakota Lopez and Jacob & Amanda Ross.

Saturday's events started at 10am with the parade and the 250th Float Contest. The winners of the float contest were: Annie's Daycare, Bowdoinham Historical Society and the Bowdoinham Snowbirds. At 11am, the ceremonies began at the Gazebo with the opening of the Century Box, where the Bowdoinham Historical Society shared the memories that were sealed away from 1912 and 1962. As always, the day was filled with activities and entertainment. The music played while the vendors, local businesses and organizations shared their crafts with us. The Silent Auction was filled with many deals, with over 100 items to bid on. The afternoon's feature event, the infamous KenDucky Derby was one of the fastest in history. Celebrate Bowdoinham was filled with fun, entertainment, amusement and gratitude for the Town we call home. The music continued at the Gazebo all evening, until the fireworks lit of the night's sky.

On Sunday, the restored water witch was on display with demonstrations by the Fire Department. Thank you to: Betsy Steen & the Bowdoinham Historical Society for their rededication of the renovated Jellerson School; the Fire Department for their historical fire demonstrations; Annie Davis for organizing the parade, Ann Tourtelotte for organizing the Silent Auction, Adelaida Gaviria for organizing Bowdoinham's Best, Susan Browne for organizing the Cake Decorating Contest, Merrymeeting Arts Center for running the "Art Tent" and all the volunteers & participates who make Celebrate Bowdoinham a success! On October 20, 2012 was the **Harvest Festival**. On Friday night was the premier of "Growing up Bowdoinham." Then on Saturday, the festivities began at Merrymeeting Arts Center at 10am with their Fall Show- "Portrait to Portrait." Then the activities moved across the street to Cathance Place for kids craft time. At 3pm the festival moves up Main Street to Long Branch, where festival goers enjoyed demonstrations and great music. The last stop of the day was Ziggurat Theatre Ensemble's The Medicine Man, an original play combining the mythology of local Native American culture and the elusive world of dreams.

Thank you to: Jeff Fischer for the premier of "Growing up Bowdoinham," The Long Branch School, Merrymeeting Arts Center and Ziggurat Theatre Ensemble.



Documentary By Jeff Fischer

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presented to Town Manager, William Post. *The Star Spangled Banner* was sung and the event was closed with a performance by the Bowdoinham Community School Chorus, singing *America the Beautiful*. Following the ceremony, a reception was held and many walked to the Park for the raising of the ceremonial flag. Mt. Ararat trumpet soloist, Hannah Zimmerman played *Taps* as representatives of the Knights of Pythias and Boy Scouts lowered the old flag and raised the new ceremonial flag. Then a memorial wreath was placed at the cannon.

The celebration honoring our veterans came to a close with an USO Show that included singing, dancing and poetry commemorating those who have served. Merrymeeting Arts Center, with the assistance of the 250th Committee sponsored this talented group of performers, Kim Kalesti and family.

Thank you to: Gleanna Morin, Betsy Steen and the Bowdoinham Historical Society for the wonderful displays; Peggy Muir, Lee Parker and Merrymeeting Art Center for the USO show; all those who participated in the weekend's events and shared their information; and to all of our veterans. Please join us in extending a special thank you to Lara Ashouwak for coordinating the beautiful ceremony.

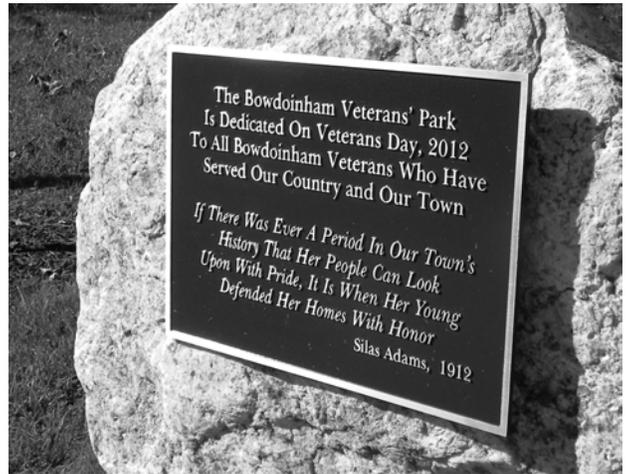


Plate at the Veterans Park

The Town bustled with holiday cheer as folks enjoy the **Holiday Festival** on November 30th and December 1st. The festival began with the annual lighting of the holiday tree and the singing of Christmas carols. Next on the schedule was the Best Decorated House Contest (congratulations to the winner Amanda Patterson) and the Holiday Concert at the Second Baptist Church. And some got a jump on the local crafts Friday night at the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale or the Christmas Open House By the Bay.

On Saturday, Bowdoinham was filled with local crafters and shoppers at the Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair, the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale and the Christmas Open House By the Bay. At the Community School, there were pictures with Santa, holiday village display generously set up and donated



Holiday Village Display

for the day by Kathy Montejo and kids crafts, Made-a-Present with Merrymeeting Arts Center. Outside people enjoyed the horse and wagon rides and Pony Parade with Suzie & her gals. Then to end the festival with a splash, some brave folks took a dip in the Cathance to raise money for a variety of local causes.

Thank you to: Merrymeeting Art Center, Long Branch, Bowdoinham Parent Group, Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans, our EMS & Fire Departments for organizing the Polar Bear Dip, 2nd Baptist Church, Jill & Steve Hooper for the Holiday Tree Lighting, and all those who volunteered and participated in the event. And a special thank you to Jessica Sullivan and Laurel Lopez for coordinating this wonderful weekend.

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Projects

Our EMS Department created a **250th Cookbook**, 250 Years of Treasured Recipes. This cookbook includes 324 famous recipes from Bowdoinham and photographs of Bowdoinham throughout the years. Cookbooks are for sale at the Town Office for \$12 each and support Bowdoinham EMS.

Thank you to: Ann Davis and our EMS Department for capturing all of Bowdoinham's best recipes to share with future generations; everyone who shared their family recipes; and all of you who have supported our EMS Department by purchasing this treasure.

A 250th book highlighting Bowdoinham's rich history was created. Titled **Bowdoinham: 1762-2012: The Bay, The Land, The People**, the 144 page book is a collection of historical photographs and descriptions of some of the major features and events of the town. Also included are essays by Betsy Steen, Janet Galle and Franklin Burroughs. A fold-out section shows a panoramic waterfront photograph taken in 1912, above a photograph from the same viewpoint in 2012. The committee that wrote the book began with the collection of photographs from the Bowdoinham Historical Society and added photographs shared by current town residents. The book sells for \$20 and can be purchased at the Town Office and Bowdoinham Public Library.

Thank you to: Michael Mahan, Glenna Morin, Lara Ashouwak, Frank Connors, Betsy Steen, Frank Burroughs, Janet Galle, Billie Oakes, Judy Gray, Sarah Skolfield, Sylvia Edmunson, Cathy Curtis and Leslie Anderson for their work on the book; everyone who shared their precious photographs with us all; and a special thank you to Kate Cutko for all of your hard work in spearheading the creation of this wonderful piece of history.

A beautiful **Commemorative Quilt** representing **Bowdoinham 1762-1912**, was created by the Bowdoinham Historical Society. Thank you to: Kate Cutko, Nan Curtis, Joanne Savoie, Jane Connors, Lara Ashouwak, Lynne Sanford, Leslie Anderson, Ruth Johnson and Betsy Steen; all the volunteers who did such beautiful work creating their blocks; and everyone who supported the Bowdoinham Historical Society by adding their name to the quilt.

A **Commemorative Kids Quilt**, 'I Love Bowdoinham' was created by nineteen Bowdoinham students grades K-7. Thank you to: Deb Jones for organizing the project; Nan Curtis, Leslie Anderson, Sandy Hickey, Betsy Steen, and all the parents & grandparents for helping the kids create their squares; and Liz Bouchard for providing us with the space to work and lots of help; and all of our junior quilters for their great work.



Commemorative Kids Quilt

The 250th Anniversary Committee created a **2012 Commemorative Plate**, which is modeled after the 1962 Plate and was, in fact, produced by the very same company, Kettle Springs Pottery of Ohio! The new plate has seven scenes of town (the recycling barn, the farmer's market, the Coombs Municipal Building, a smelt shack, the Community School, the fire department, and the gazebo) with the Town Hall in the center surrounded by a simple wreath of flowers, the town name and the town's dates, and small drawings of a smelt, a sturgeon, a duck, an eagle. The 2012 commemorative plate is being offered either in blue or in maroon and are edged is gold. The 1962 plate was also reproduced for sale.

Thank you to Peggy Muir and Betsy Steen for continuing the wonderful tradition, and to Sarah Stapler for her drawing of the Town Hall central panel.

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Growing Up Bowdoinham is a 50-minute documentary film by Jeff Fischer about childhood in Bowdoinham, as told in interviews of 16 people, ages 9 to 97. What chores did you do? What did you do in the summer? Did you ever get into trouble? These are some of the questions the people in the film were asked by Fischer and the eight Mt. Ararat Middle School students from Bowdoinham who helped him form the ideas for the film and conduct the interviews. One of the common themes that came out is that, in the past, Bowdoinham kids spent a lot of their time outdoors, without supervision, exploring the woods and the streams.

Thank you to: everyone who was a part of the film; and Jeff Fischer for creating this amazing film.

The Bowdoinham Historical Society renovated the **Jellerson School**. The building we know as Jellerson School House was built in 1850 half way down Center's Point Road. In 1910, having been moved by oxen to its present site, Jellerson was newly refurbished and boasted 10 students with Hortense Cannon as their teacher. In 1946 it was closed 'for lack of pupils' after serving the students of East Bowdoinham for almost 100 years. Jellerson was home to the Rod and Gun Club- hosting meetings and programs, workdays and suppers- from 1956 until the late 1970s. In 1987 the building and land were transferred to the Bowdoinham Historical Society.

Work to save the little building was begun several times in the years that followed only to fail as the Historical Society experienced periods of inactivity. Finally in 2010, a group of interested people met at the old school to assess the situation at this last of Bowdoinham's one room schools. It was pretty bad. But there was enthusiasm, so the rest of that year saw work parties, culminating in stabilizing the building as Steve Hooper, Steve Cox, and others volunteered work on the underpinnings. Itching to move ahead, Tom DeForeest and Chet Gillis started installing floor joists and subfloor in July 2011. This inspired Chet, Leslie Anderson and Betsy Steen to scrape and paint the exterior. Suddenly interest blossomed. Donations, fundraisers, and a grant from Bowdoinham 250th Committee, helped financially, and by November, Jellerson had a totally new roof structure. What came to be known as the 'The Jellerson Crew' Tom, Chet, Sam & Bob Stetson, Leslie, and Betsy began regular Tuesday morning work mornings which often stretched into the afternoon and to other days. In December Tom agreed to lead the task of replacing the lost shed as a Merrymeeting Bay Museum. The basic structure was completed and buttoned up for winter by early January 2012. Work began again in March 2012. Windows refurbished over the winter, were put in. Clapboarding and trim were finished and painted. After drywall was installed in April, Len Pelletier volunteered to complete the 'mudding'. In late June Albert Stehle gave his time to recreate the chimney. Meanwhile the interior was painted and the ceilings and floors installed by the faithful Jellerson crew. On August 14, antique desks were moved in, followed by the stove. The next two weeks saw finishing touches including raising the original flag pole refurbished by Chet Gillis.

On September 14, 2012 a crowd of nearly 100, including six former Jellerson scholars, watched as the flag was raised and former Jellerson student and teacher Erla Browne Kelley cut the ribbon and rang the old bell. Jellerson School, representative of all Bowdoinham's 18 one room schools, was rededicated to the children of Bowdoinham, in memory of all the children who learned there and all the teachers who taught them, in the hope that today's children in experiencing the past at Jellerson will come to love and cherish our history.

So in 2013 the little building stands crisp and bright awaiting its first class of students in almost 70 years. The initials carved in 1895 still adorn the hall. Desks are lined up. Antique school books, some actually used in Jellerson in years past, await small hands and eager minds as we move to the exciting task of putting Jellerson to good use.

Thank you to: the Bowdoinham Historical Society; the Jellerson Crew: Tom DeForeest, Bob and Sam Stetson, Leslie Anderson, Chet Gillis, Al Stehle, & Lennie Pellitier; all those who donated time & materials to the project; and everyone who purchased a Jellerson Mug in support of the project. Please join us in sending a special thank you to Betsy Steen for all of her hard work!

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WaterWitch Handtub pumper has gone through a complete restoration over the past 2-½ years. Built By Howard and Davis in Boston Mass. in 1859. In the spring of 2010, the restoration began with the disassembly of the WaterWitch. When the tub was removed the real damage was evident, so this set the tone for the restoration. All paint was removed layer by layer and the final coats were documented and this is the paint color that we painted each individual piece. The base and uprights were replaced with white oak. After all pieces were painted and WaterWitch was reassembled. The WaterWitch made its first parade in many years for Bowdoinham's 250th, albeit on a trailer due to wheels being very old. But with a grant from 250th Anniversary Fund new wheels will enable us to pull the WaterWitch the way it was made to.



Water Witch Restoration

Thank you to Rick Ellis and the Fire Department for restoring this piece of historic fire equipment.

Cannon Park was revitalized. The cannon weighed four tons, the gun carriage was about that and they both were going to sit on another 4 tons of granite. A substantial foundation was required and an eight foot deep concrete base was poured. Doug Tourtelotte helped get everything back together and straight.

Chad Mayo and the guys from Public Works brought in the recycled asphalt material and made the path. Sarah Stapler designed the inspired layout and, if you squinted, a park was taking shape. The cannon was rusty and the flag pole crumbled when we tried to move it. Eventually, all those ducks were put in a row. A new light was installed for the new flag pole and the Knights of Pythias installed an outside water faucet.

We have a Crabapple to honor our local history with them and a Magnolia, because they're pretty. With the old horses' watering trough returned (almost) to its original spot on Main Street, Sam Stetson made it her pet project to keep it ablaze with patriotic colors through the summer. As things took hold and filled out, our Veterans' Park truly became a beautiful and serene place to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our local veterans.

The Stetson Family donated a lovely bench and we have educational signs which speak to the history of

the area and theme. Wonderful people like Kathy Montejo who donated the small flags, Lynn Spiro from the Town Landing who brought out ice water to thirsty groundskeepers and the great (invisible) person who mows the lawn, continue this Town's legacy of community spirit. To all the well-wishers who shared complements as they drove by - even the fellow who wanted to see my small dog shot out of the cannon, you inspired us to finish this project. Here's to Bowdoinham and to all who shared in this amazing birthday celebration.

Thank you to Lara Ashouwak for creating a beautiful Veterans' Park to make us proud of and Doug Tourtelotte for donating his time to help in the restoration of the park.



Cannon Being Resembled

250th Anniversary Committee**Peggy Muir, Chair**

In celebrating our 250th Birthday, we, the 250th Anniversary Committee allocated the following amounts of monies from the \$67,273.66 Century Fund for the following events and projects:

- Ice & Smelt Festival - \$3,000.00; all of which was repaid.

The Merrymeeting Arts Center received \$3000 to bring the Ice & Smelt Festival to Bowdoinham.



Cemetery Clean-Up 2012

- Cemetery Clean-up Day - \$2,020.00
Albert Stehle received \$1,605.70 for supplies and materials for Cemetery Clean-up Day. The remaining balance of \$414.30 will be used to create name signs for the cemeteries.
- Chicken BBQ – \$6,000
\$4,209.59 of the \$6,000 was used to bring the Chicken BBQ back to Bowdoinham as a fundraiser for the Bowdoinham Community School.
- Veterans' Day USO Show - \$400.00
Merrymeeting Arts Center received \$400 to purchase the bus tickets for USO Show performers.
- Holiday Festival – \$1,000
The Parent-Teacher Group spent \$759.00 of the \$1,000 to bring the Holiday Festival to Bowdoinham.

- 250th Anniversary Contra Dance - \$250.00

\$250 was used to pay the Town Hall rental fee for the Bowdoinham's original Contra Dance group.

- 250th Commemorative Plates - \$3677.42 (to date we've made \$3,280 in revenue)

This money was used to purchase the 1962 and 2012 commemorative plates, which are for sale at the Bowdoinham Town Office for \$20 per plate.

- 250th Book - \$14,830.34 (to date we've made \$5,597.00 in revenue)

This money was used to create and publish "Bowdoinham: 1762-2012: The Bay, The Land, The People," which are for sale at the Bowdoinham Town Office for \$20 per book.

- Growing up Bowdoinham - \$1,162.09 (to date we've made \$927.50 in revenue)

Jeff Fischer received \$1,162.09 to create a documentary film about Bowdoinham, which are for sale at the Bowdoinham Town Office for \$10 per dvd.

- Bowdoinham Hats - \$1,200.00 (to date we've made \$630.00 in revenue)

This money was used to purchase Bowdoinham baseball hats, which are for sale at the Bowdoinham Town Office for \$10 per t-shirt.



The Century Box

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- Veterans' (Cannon) Park - \$6,910.47
\$6,910.47 was spent on the renovation of Veterans' Park.
- WaterWitch Restoration - \$2,200.00
\$2,200 has been approved for the continued restoration of the WaterWitch Hand Tub.
- Ridge Road Church - \$3,000.00
Albert Stehle has been approved to spend up to \$3,000 for the restoration of the Ridge Church.
- Bowdoinham Skatepark - \$5,000.00
\$5,000 was donated to the construction of the Bowdoinham Skatepark
- Century Box - \$1,000.00
Up to \$1,000 has been approved for a new century box and supplies to protect the materials in the century box.
- 250th Quilt Display - \$500.00
Up to \$500 has been approved for the "framing" of the 250th Quilt.
- Collection Preservation - \$1,000.00
Bowdoinham Historical Society has received \$1,000 to purchase the necessary materials to help preserve this historical collection of materials.
- Merrymeeting Arts Center - \$3,000.00
The Merrymeeting Arts Center received \$3000 to mount the "Three Town Artists: Carlo Pittore, Bryce Muir, and Carter Smith" Show which ran from June through Celebrate and included many events: the one day Bryce Wooden Portrait Reunion, a Carlofest in August with an outing on the bay and a spaghetti dinner, and the screening of Carter Smith's three films.
- Bunting to decorate Town - \$200.00
\$195.16 of the \$200 was spent on bunting to decorate Town buildings.
- Big Screen for Town Hall - \$685.00
\$685 was spent to purchase a big screen for Town Hall.
- Coombs Meeting Rooms - \$1,000.00
Up to \$1,000 has been approved to create name signs, frame pictures and fix up the two meeting rooms on the 2nd floor of the John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

**250th Commemorative Plate**

In closing, the committee would like to say that serving on Bowdoinham's 250th Anniversary Committee has been an opportunity for all of us who love Bowdoinham to celebrate and appreciate our diversity and commonalities. Each event allowed us to celebrate Bowdoinham's rich history from smelt fishing, Chicken BBQ's, farming, military service, the Town Landing as well as our local artisans and craftspeople. The celebration year fostered meeting new people as well as reconnecting with friends and family. For those of us with long time family ties, it was our opportunity to contribute to a legacy of volunteerism and town spirit modeled through our parents and grandparents. We can only hope we have planted the seeds in our children and future residents of Bowdoinham to continue the ongoing celebration of our Town.

Fire Department Report

Jack Tourtelotte, Fire Chief

Rodney Douglas
Deputy Fire Chief

David Lewis
Deputy Fire Chief

The Town of Bowdoinham Fire Department responded to one hundred fifty-five requests for assistance this past year. This is up from last year’s total of ninety-eight. In July Fire Chiefs from Bowdoin and Richmond sat down with Chief Tourtelotte and all agreed they needed help. They decided that between the hours of 0600 and 1800hrs Monday thru Friday any call out, to any of the three communities would automatically get assistance from the other two. It was determined that the time saved by having responders go to the station and get ready would greatly enhance the effectiveness of the overall response, and it has.

This past year also saw some larger than normal storms; we had a January ice storm that was pale in comparison to the storm of 98 and then Hurricane Sandy. Lessons learned from the past storms helped prepare. Documentation of these events make good reference points to fall back on in preparation for these type events. Training mandated by law and firefighter skill proficiency training is at the foundation of what the department is built around. Deputy Chief Bob Frizzle is the cornerstone of that foundation, he keeps individual and departmental records to insure compliance is met. With the increase of response with Bowdoin and Richmond he has included them in our trainings and we have participated in their trainings also. Members participated in over four thousand hours of training last year.

In working with Sagadahoc County Emergency Management we have transitioned radio communications to Narrow-banding to meet the Federal Communication Commission’s mandate. This work has resulted in better communication capabilities in and around town. There are still a few dead spots. However, more work is being done.

Bowdoinham’s Two-hundred fiftieth birthdays increased the number of celebrations and community events. As part of the celebration a group of firefighters from the Firefighter Association lead by Rick Ellis did a magnificent job in restoring the 1859 Water Witch. The culmination of this effort was demonstrated at the September Birthday event.

Do you know what the capabilities of the Bowdoinham Fire Department are? Do you know what services are provided by the department? Do you have a unique skill or trait that might be beneficial? The Bowdoinham Fire Department is always looking for members, if you’re interested please stop by any Monday night, meetings start at six pm and are usually completed by eight thirty. Being a member doesn’t mean you are required to enter burning building. We need pump operators and support services personnel. Please stop by and see what we have to offer. We might surprise you and you might surprise yourself.

State law requires permits be issued prior to anyone conducting open burning permits. Permits can be obtained on-line from the State Forest Service. Locally, permits are issued Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 8:30 am.

Last year two hundred thirty-three permits were issued.

Responses are as follows:

Mutual Aid:	76
Structure and Chimney Fires:	13
Automobile Accidents and fires:	24
Drowning:	01
Unpermitted Burns:	05
EMS Assistance:	05
Alarm Activation:	07
Public Service:	17
Training Fire:	02
Fire Drill:	01

Advisory Committee on Aging
George Christopher, Chairman

As the essential first step of Bowdoinham’s comprehensive plan update, great consideration was given to develop a vision statement that pictured how the Town would like to be in ten years time. A line from this vision statement suggests that “specific initiatives” be developed “to help the elderly live here comfortably and securely”.

To determine how that goal might be achieved the Comprehensive Planning Committee authorized a study based upon interviews with over thirty Bowdoinham seniors. That study was called “Aging in Bowdoinham” and is available on the Town Website and at the Town Office. A two page “Executive Summary” is also available. The study provides strategies considered to be useful in supporting independent living while also encouraging social “connectedness”. These strategies include providing information about community activities, services, useful home modifications, transportation options and providing advocacy for older residents.

The town’s people agreed to form a committee that might promote these goals. On November 13, 2012 the Bowdoinham Select Board gave formal approval to the Aging Committee to work towards achieving the goals set forth in the Aging in Bowdoinham study.

The Committee sought after a location for a senior meeting place. The Second Baptist Church already made space available to the village seniors for a luncheon on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Church was very kind and allowed us to use that same space on each Thursday for a senior meeting place. The space is used for a number of activities which include monthly movies and presentations concerning matters important to seniors. The fire station provides the location for the well attended exercise program. Activities are added on a monthly basis; these activities are mentioned on the Town’s website and in our monthly handout.

As interest grows the committee on aging aims to grow its support for independent living while also encouraging social connectedness. The committee meets twice a month and all are welcome. Please check the Town’s website for updates

Respectfully Submitted by
George Christopher

Cable/Internet Advisory Committee Annual Report
Theresa Turgeon, Chair

In the past two years the committee and the Town Manager met with or had discussions with a minimum of 6 providers seeking to expand the cable/internet service for all Bowdoinham residents. In addition a committee member even explored setting up a private enterprise to provide Internet service and found it to be too expensive to get started.

Among the many providers that were contacted was Comcast to discuss renewing the franchise that expired in 2008. In addition we discussed expanding the service to some of the areas that are not currently receiving cable service and discussed the possibility of partnering with Comcast for the ConnectMe grants.

These conversations have not led to any conclusions on any issues and so we turned to Fairpoint Communications for the possibility of expanding Internet service to more residents. Bowdoinham is near partnering with Fairpoint Communications and applying for a ConnectMe Grant. We will know for sure at the end of February if we are included in this round of grant applications or if we will need to keep waiting until the next round.

Public Works Department

Chadd Mayo, Foreman

This was another construction filled summer for the town with two large road projects. The first project was the reconstruction of the beginning of the Ridge Road from River Road to Cemetery Road. This work was done by Harry C. Crooker & Sons, Inc. of Topsham. The contractor first removed the old pavement and about 18 inches of the old road base gravel. The old catch basins and drain pipes were then replaced and fresh gravel was added to bring the road base back up to grade. The road was then fine graded before a base layer of pavement was placed. The contractor then installed new curbing on one side of the street and left the job site until the sidewalks were completed on the other side of the street.



Snow Removal and Sanding The Sidewalks

to improve drainage. After the Public Works Department completed the ditch work and culvert replacement, H.C. Crooker & Sons, Inc. reclaimed the old pavement. The Public Works Department then added fresh gravel to the road. H.C. Crooker & Sons fine graded the road and placed two inches of base pavement. It is hoped that the ditch work and culvert replacement will eliminate the water problems on that section of Millay Road.

Last winter the Town contracted for the snow removal and sanding of the sidewalks. This winter the Public Works Department is removing snow and sanding the sidewalks using a reconditioned tractor the town bought after it was approved at last spring's town meeting. The tractor is a reconditioned 1997 MT-5 Trackless. It is equipped with a new snow blower and a new sander. The machine and equipment cost about one-half that of a new machine with out the snow blower or sander. We hope to slowly add new attachments to it as time goes on to try and keep more work in house. As with anything new there is a learning period and the staff at the Public Works Department is starting to get used to the new piece of equipment.

For the winter of 2011-2012, the Public Works Department responded to 31 weather-related events and 58.5 inches of snow. The first storm in March dropped more snow than we got in the whole month of February. I would like to thank the staff at the Public Works Department and the contractor that handles the small side roads for their hard work and dedication through the winter months of plowing and sanding.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to call the Town Garage (666-3503) at any time. If you feel that there is an emergency with any of the towns roads call the Sagadahoc Sheriffs department at the non-emergency number (443-8201) and they will get in touch with me.

Respectfully submitted
Chadd Mayo Public Works Foreman

Recycling & Solid Waste Department**David Berry, Solid Waste Manager**

The Town's Solid Waste and Recycling program showed little change over the past year regarding the amounts of trash and recyclable material handled by the Town. The most significant event of the year for the program was the overwhelming support at a March public informational meeting for the continuation of the recycling program at its present location on the Post Road.

In step with our generally lagging economy, curbside trash disposal was down over 5%, while recyclable materials collection was down less than 1%. With the exception of the prices paid for scrap metal (our biggest earner), prices for all other recyclable materials have dropped significantly below the record highs of the last few years. Because these materials are basically commodities, some of which end up on the Asian market, these price levels are likely to continue as long as the world economy remains stagnant. The best way to offset the loss in revenue from recyclable materials is to capture more of that material from the Town's waste stream. This would have the added effect of reducing the material leaving Town as trash, saving residents money in two ways!

In late 2011, the Town Manager set up a task force to gather information on options for a long-term Solid Waste and Recycling program for Bowdoinham that would be efficient, cost-effective and meets the communities desires. The task force, made up of two Selectboard members and the chair of the Solid Waste Committee, with the Town Manager and the Solid Waste Manager for staff support, came up with nine different options, including privatizing the operation to an outside company, building a new facility, and various other scenarios. At a well-attended public informational meeting in March, after these options were explained and discussed, the clear choice of the meeting was to continue the current operation at the Recycling Barn. The question remains as to whether the Town should own the Barn outright, or continue to lease space there for its operations. This question will be under consideration by the Selectboard in the coming months.

Once again, I remind Bowdoinham residents that in these tough economic times there is a real opportunity for savings with our recycling program. Separating everything recyclable from the "trash" that would ordinarily be going into a \$10-15 dumpster leaves at best a \$2.50 bag for curbside pickup, as well as increasing the Town's recycling income.

Thanks again to both sides of our Town's recycling program, the residents who bring in the clean, well-sorted recyclables, and the hardworking staff at the Barn who process, store and ship not only these recyclables but also all the materials for disposal, including bulky waste and demolition materials, paint, waste oil, antifreeze, florescent tubes, electronics, tires, and household hazardous waste.

Respectfully submitted,

David Berry, Solid Waste Manager

Planning Board Report
Brent Zachau, Chair

This year the planning board has continued with Central Maine Power’s application to upgrade the power lines from Wilde’s Point to Brown’s Point. This is just one segment of a large program called the Maine Power Reliability Project. New tower construction, and impacts on farmland as well as shoreland are some of the many aspects of this project. Some clearing has taken place this autumn for the tower areas. The board has also worked with three automotive businesses, including one expanding repair business, an inspection station, and a small auto body, paint, and undercoating shop. All are locally useful enterprises.

O’Farrell’s Repair Shop

Kevin O’Farrell
721-2877
5 Brook Lane
General repairs, sales and state inspections

Thibeault’s Auto Care

James Thibeault
319-8100 or 666-8548
356 Millay Road
Body work, paint, and seasonal undercoating

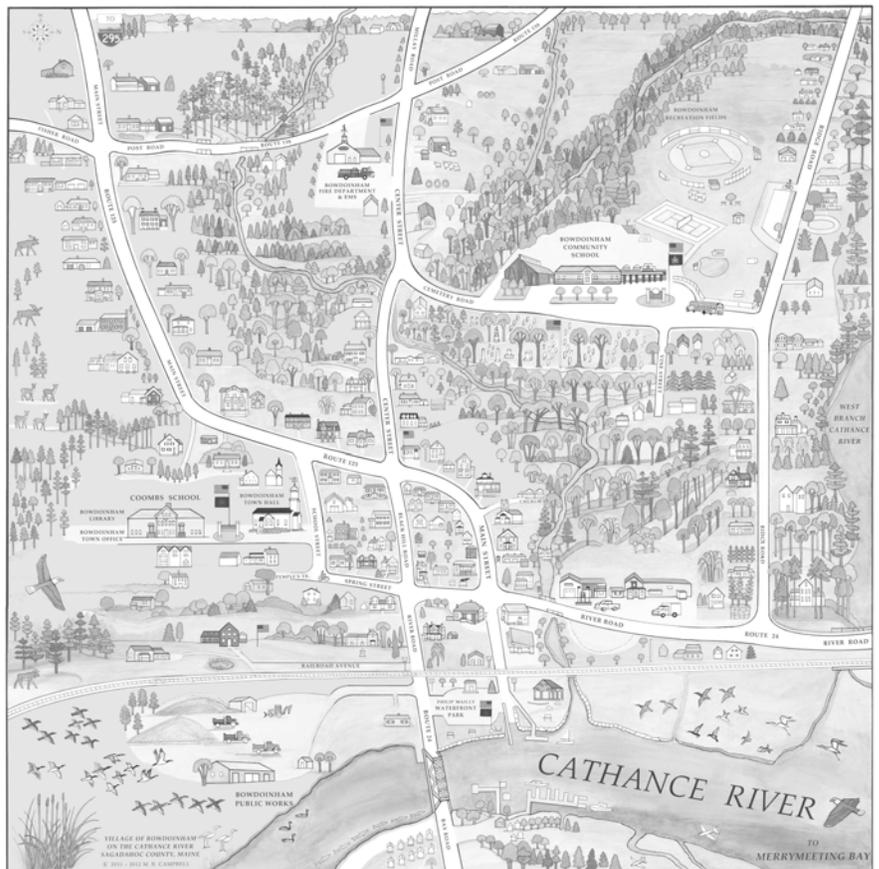
Cobb’s Repair Service

Kyle Cobb
751-0619
6 Wallentine Rd.
Cars, light and heavy duty trucks, tractors and recreational vehicles.

As in past years, we cannot thank our Town Planner, Nicole Briand enough for her ability to help the planning process move along smoothly. The board has adopted a six month revolving chair, which will spread the work load more evenly among the members.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Brent Zachau



Planning Department

Nicole Briand

It has been another busy year with a lot of exciting things happening in Bowdoinham.

Our **Sidewalk Project** is complete and was \$30,000 under budget!!! Sidewalks have been constructed on:

- School Street, from the John C. Coombs Municipal Building to Main Street
- Main Street, from School Street to River Road
- River Road, from the Cathance Bridge to Ridge Road
- Ridge Road, from River Road to Cemetery Road
- Cemetery Road, from the Community School to Center Street
- Center Street, from Post Road to Main Street.

The Sidewalk Project was made possible, thanks to a \$535,000 grant from the Maine Department of Transportation's Quality Community Program and Bowdoinham residents who approved the \$133,750 grant match. I would like to extend a special thank you to Pine Tree Engineering, our project engineer and Off Road Construction, our contractor for their great work.

The Town's **Skatepark Project** continues to move forward. Over the last year, we've had the skatepark designed, obtained the necessary permits and constructed the base of the park. Now we continue our fundraising efforts through our buy-a-brick program, business sponsorships and grant opportunities. Thank you to: the 250th Anniversary Committee for their \$5,000 donation; our business sponsors: Doug Tourtelotte Excavation for over \$5,000 worth of site work, Ray Labbe & Sons for over \$2,000 in materials, and Country Fare, Inc. for \$500 in materials; and Seth Berry and all those whom sponsored him to take the plunge at the Polar Bear Dip.

The **Merrymeeting Trail** Initiative continues its efforts to create a regional trail from Topsham to Gardiner, which connects: the Androscoggin River Pedestrian Bike Path in Topsham, Bowdoinham village, Richmond village, and the Kennebec River Rail Trail in Gardiner. With the Feasibility Study and Corridor Plan complete, we are now working on developing the Interlocal Agreement for the management of the trail and creating signage for the

interim on-road route (Route 24). We have also been awarded assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program. For more information about the Merrymeeting Trail Initiative please visit us at www.merrymeetingtrail.org or Facebook.

Over the last year I worked with Midcoast Council of Governments, Planning Decisions and the municipalities of Richmond, Topsham, Brunswick and Harpswell to create a Corridor Plan for Route 24. The Plan was funded by Maine Department of Transportation.

In partnership with the City of Bath and Town of Topsham, we, the Town Bowdoinham applied for and received a grant to study the effect sea-level rise will have on wetlands. This project has only just begun and I look forward to sharing the results of this study next year.

I continue to work with the **Planning Board**. I assist the Board in reviewing applications and applicants with putting together their application packages. This year was a relatively quiet year for the Planning Board, which allowed the Board time for their annual review of the Land Use Ordinance.

Comprehensive Plan update is underway with the Town's **Comprehensive Planning Committee**. After two years of work the Committee has created the Vision, Goals and Strategies for the Comprehensive Plan. Now the Committee will spend the next year creating the Future Land Use chapter and finalizing the Comprehensive Plan for Town Meeting 2014.

It was a privilege to assist the **250th Anniversary Committee** over the last year. They worked very hard to create several wonderful projects and events for Bowdoinham in celebration of Bowdoinham's 250th Anniversary.

For more information, please contact me, Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

Department of Community & Economic Development

Nicole Briand

The Department of Community and Economic Development is funded through a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) that originated by town vote in June 2000. The funds are derived from tax dollars of the Northeast Pipeline properties located in Bowdoinham. The goal of the department is to support the existing businesses of Bowdoinham through promotion of their services, educational opportunities, community awareness and networking. The Department strives to develop and attract sustainable businesses to Bowdoinham that will reflect the high quality of life and strong sense of community that Bowdoinham is known for. Finally, the department develops, organizes, and coordinates community-enhancing events to bring together the citizens of Bowdoinham.

The **Bowdoinham Farmers' Market** had another successful year in 2012. Thank you to Apple Creek Farm, Fairwinds Farm, Whatley Farm, Crescent Run Farm, Paula C's Baked Goods, Laurel Lopez and Jessica Sullivan for a great season. We look forward to the 2013 season, starting on May 18th. The Bowdoinham Farmers' Market will be open on Saturdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm, so come on down to the Grange to enjoy great food and support our local farmers.

The **Summer Concert Series** continues to bring great music to Maily Waterfront Park. For the 2013, the Summer Concert Series is moving to Thursday nights. This year concerts will begin at 6:00pm and go until at least 8:00pm at Maily Waterfront Park starting June 27th through August 29th, featuring a wide range of rock, folk, country and acoustic music.

Our program of events was expanded in 2012 to include **Open Farm Day** on Sunday, July 22nd. I would like to extend a special Thank You to Apple Creek Farm, Stonecipher Farm, Small Wonder Organics and Life Force Farm to opening their farms to us and making this event possible. The planning for 2013 is underway; mark your calendars for Bowdoinham's 2nd Annual Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 21st.

In celebration of Bowdoinham's 250th Birthday, **Celebrate Bowdoinham** was expanded and events were held September 14th, 15th & 16th. On Friday afternoon was the dedication of the Jellerson School, followed by music at the gazebo and Bowdoinham's Best's judging and viewing of the 250th Cake Decorating Contest, which featured 17 cakes. Saturday's events started at 10am with the parade and the 250th Float Contest. As always, the day was filled with activities and entertainment, including Bowdoinham's favorites: the Silent Duck, the KenDucky Derby, the lobster crate races, the coin scramble and the dunk tank. The music played while the vendors, local businesses and organizations shared their crafts with us, until the fireworks lit of the night's sky. On Sunday, the restored water witch was on display with demonstrations by the Fire Department. Thank you to: Betsy Steen & the Bowdoinham Historical Society for their rededication of the renovated Jellerson School; the Fire Department for their historical fire demonstrations; Annie Davis for organizing the parade, Ann Tourtelotte for organizing the Silent Auction, Adelaida Gaviria for organizing Bowdoinham's Best, Susan Browne for organizing the Cake Decorating Contest, Merrymeeting Arts Center for running the "Art Tent" and all the volunteers & participates who make Celebrate Bowdoinham a success!

The **Bowdoinham News** has been expanded from three issues per year to six: January, March, May, July, September and November. In order to accommodate for this increase without increasing the budget, we are now creating the newsletter in-house for the printer. For more information on how to submit an article or advertise in The Bowdoinham News, please contact Nicole Briand.

Attention Bowdoinham Businesses

Did you know you can list your business on the Town's Website for free?
It's quick and easy, just go to
www.bowdoinham.com/business-listing.

Department of Community & Economic Development

Nicole Briand
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The planning and design of a **Restroom Facility and Pump-out Station at Maily Waterfront Park** is underway. The Town was able to hire Wright-Pierce to conduct the study thanks to \$10,000 Shore & Harbor Planning Grant we received from Maine Coastal Program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Town of Bowdoinham was one of 11 applicants totaling, \$177,950 in requests, for the \$60,000 of available funding. This project will be on-going throughout this summer and fall, so please stay tuned for more information.

I continue to work with the Community Development Advisory Committee on programs and projects to strengthen local businesses. The Committee continues to focus its efforts through developing the **Buy Local Buy Bowdoinham Campaign** and providing resources for businesses through the **Quarterly Business Meetings** and **Business Workshops**.

For more information about any of these events or projects, please contact me, Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or you can visit the Town’s website (www.bowdoinham.com) or Facebook page.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Briand



Summer Concert Series

Comprehensive Planning Committee
Cynthia Lamoreau, Chair

Over the past year we have developed the Strategies for the Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, after two years of work we have created the Vision, Goals, and Strategies and completed the analysis of our data. Our next step is to create the Future Land Use Plan. The goal of the future land use plan is to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl. We have several workshops planned for the spring and fall to gather input from the community as we continue our work.

We encourage all who are interested to attend a meeting or write us. Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Town Office and workshops will be advertised. We hope to hear from you as we continue our process.

We look forward to presenting this Comprehensive Plan (update) at Town Meeting 2014.

The Community Development Advisory Committee

Lynn Spiro, Chair

The Community Development Advisory Committee was created to advise the Select Board of Bowdoinham regarding the issues that affect you the most, the community of Bowdoinham. This is accomplished through increased awareness, strategic planning, and involvement in community and business affairs. We are working to bring sustainable economic growth, empower community spirit, develop and promote Bowdoinham as a beehive of local economic activities. Through input within our community, and work of the committee members, we streamlined and highlighted the Economic strategic



Tree Lighting at the Holiday Festival

planning portion of the Comprehensive Plan. This guide calls for a collaboration within the community working and combines the efforts of businesses, farmers, artisans, and most importantly the community as a whole. The CDAC has through its efforts secured funding for design, constructions, siting, treatment and implementation needs for both a boating sanitary pump out facility as well as a public restroom. We believe that such facilities will support our current and future needs as we look to develop and support both the community and economic climate within the Town of Bowdoinham. Work on this will begin in the spring/summer of 2013. Mapping efforts for the town and community have been completed, and we are pursuing development of both business and farm trail brochures for Bowdoinham. Our future plans also include signage both inside and outside the village area, current and future TIF district planning, and an ongoing assessment of the needs for the community that we call home.

We have held our first of three Open House Business meetings recently at The Town Landing Restaurant. A successfully attended event, our newest committee member Wendy Rose gave a presentation for the current and future business owners about state and local resources available to expand your business, financing, education, and other resources. We are planning two additional such events to be held throughout the upcoming year. If you are interested in hosting this event, please contact Nicole Briand at the Town Office.

The CDAC works closely with community members, and Nicole Briand, the Director of Economic Development for the Town of Bowdoinham. Please contact any of the current members with your ideas to help our local economy and to volunteer your time or skills. Members: Steve Bunn, Lee Parker, Brian Smith, Wendy Rose, and Lynn Spiro. The committee currently has two openings for interested citizens. Contact Nicole Briand for more information on becoming a member. The Community Development Advisory Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, please feel free to attend and work to be a part of Bowdoinham's future.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn M. Spiro
Chairperson

Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector

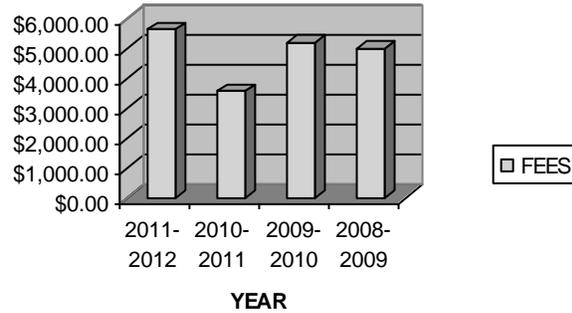
Nicole Briand, CEO/LPI

Darren Carey, Deputy CEO/Deputy LPI

The Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector are responsible for the permitting of land use projects, internal plumbing, subsurface wastewater disposal systems and construction projects. Along with the permitting of projects, it is the responsibility of the CEO/LPI to perform inspections. These inspections are to ensure compliance with Federal, State and Local rules, laws and ordinances. Another duty of the CEO is to investigate complaints and report violations. The main goal of the department is to seek voluntary compliance with the Land Use Ordinance. The Land Use Ordinance is available online at:

<http://www.bowdoinham.com/code-land-use-ord>

BUILDING PERMIT FEES



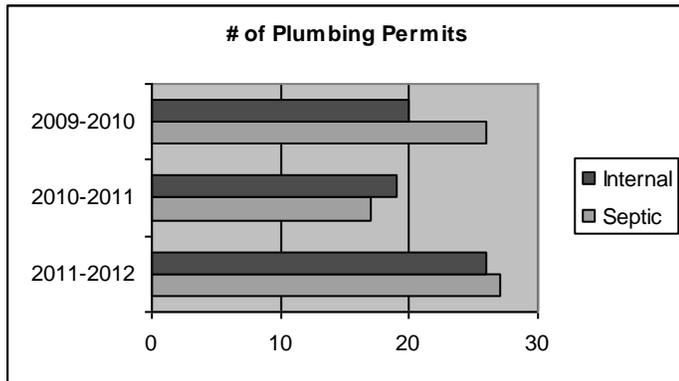
YEAR	FEES
2011-2012	\$5,629.42
2010-2011	\$3,567.72
2009-2010	\$5,213.87
2008-2009	\$4,985.20

There are a number of other valuable resources found on the Town’s website these include:

- Shoreland Owners Handbook
- Understanding Erosion and Sediment Control Law
- Homeowners’ Guide to Septic Systems
- Building Permit Applications
- Driveway/Entrance Permit
- Internal Plumbing Permit Applications

There was an increase in the number of permits from last year. This is a promising sign after a sudden decline in 2010-2011. The majority of building permits in 2011-2012 were for accessory structures which include garages, barns, sheds etc.

There was also an dramatic increase in the number of Internal Plumbing permits and Subsurface Wastewater Disposal System permits.



If you are planning a new project on your property and are not sure if you need a permit, please call me at the Town Office, 666-5531; and I will help you figure out what permits are required.

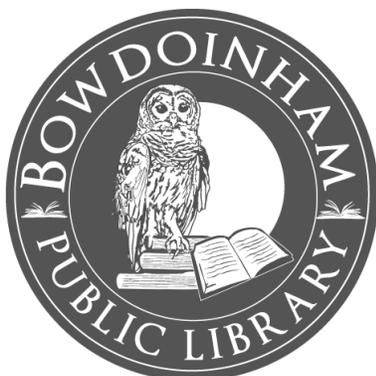
Respectfully Submitted by

Darren Carey
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer/LPI

	Septic	Internal	Total
2011-2012	27	26	53
2010-2011	17	19	36
2009-2010	26	20	46

Bowdoinham Public Library Report

Kate Cutko, Librarian



In the wake of the town's 250th anniversary, the library, its board and its patrons, are reminded of how central this library is. It is central in its location, occupying four different locations in the heart of this village since its incorporation in 1910. It is central too, in its identity as one

of the anchoring institutions of this town. People have gathered here and have made use of the resources offered for over 100 years. We continue to be dedicated to offering those resources. In the past year the library has added to its book collection, while also increasing its collection of magazines, audio books and electronic books. Luckily, our book budget remains healthy and the other "formats" are simply additional offerings. The library's collection has increased to 15,000 titles. One feature that makes our library feel "central" to life in this town is the programming offered to its children. The weekly storytime for preschool children, and the summer reading program offered to school-aged children have become central to the experience of so many of our town's youth. Weekly storytimes draw 6-12 children each week, and the summer reading program's offerings drew over 100 this past summer. The library designed, organized and completed a reading support program funded by a John T. Gorman grant this year.



Author Lee Francis and Bowdoinham illustrator Susan Drucker Kunu's Basket

It drew additional children and families to the library for specialized programming in reading support and literacy.

Adult programming is also offered. Two reading groups meet monthly at the library and a variety of classes and workshops are offered throughout the year. Our 700 library card holders know the value of the place as they frequently borrow books and request materials from other libraries to supplement what we have here in Bowdoinham. Additional services include a desktop computer with internet access, high-speed wireless connection, printer, copy machine, three e-readers to loan, and now a scanner. All that and tax forms, too.

The library board wishes to thank its countless volunteers who help with our fundraising efforts as well as in the maintenance and daily operation of the library. If we didn't have our dedicated volunteers, the 103 year legacy would end right here! We encourage everyone to stop in to see what we offer and to get your own library card.

Kate Cutko
Library Director



Opening of The Plant Sale 2012

Water District Trustees Report

F. D. Oakes, Jr., Chairman

Our Bowdoinham Water District supplies well water to approximately 280 customers in Bowdoin and Bowdoinham and their fire departments through approximately 9 miles of water main. In numbers, however, a customer may be a single person or a trailer park. The District contracts its business office needs to the Richmond Water District – thus allowing the two districts to share and more efficiently utilize the business equipment and the business office staff of one. In addition during this past year, our District provided Richmond with operating assistance during their recent personnel transitioning. This cooperative arrangement for all of our resources has worked well for almost 20 years and has been an important element in the operating economies of both districts.

Our District plans to phase in a rate increase of 2-½% next year in order to offset the effects of inflation for the 2-½ years since the last rate increase. As was the case in our previous adjustment, the 1% per year increase is significantly below the inflation rate; but we plan additional operating economies to offset the difference. The net effect over several years is to gradually make our water rates more affordable for all of our customers. In addition, the Public Utilities Commission encourages districts to utilize a pattern of smaller and more frequent rate increases.

Regarding operating economy initiatives: Last year we reported that we were looking into the possibility of re-bonding one of our larger and more expensive loans. We have just been advised (late March 2013) that we have been approved for the re-bonding of our largest 40-year loan. We plan to sign a 30-year replacement bond next month, which will result in an interest savings of approximately \$120,000. One of the audit elements favorable to our being approved for this refinancing was our plan for the small rate increase next year.

Once again, customers are requested to please report any unusually wet areas for our leak investigation. Fewer leaks reduce pumping and treatment costs and also make for lower water rates. There have been no water main extensions this year. Water utility regulations prohibit main extensions to new customers at the expense of existing customers. New customers must pay for their own water main extensions.

Homeowners' hints:

1. It was once common practice to use a water line in the cellar as a grounding rod. Building Codes now disallow this practice; however, some older installations have not been upgraded. The danger is that stray electrical currents will eventually perforate a copper service line in contact with the soil through the process of electrolysis. Replacing a service line is expensive. Consequently, homeowners are encouraged to not use their copper water service lines as grounding rods.
2. The new water saver designs for water closets, showers, dish washers and clothes washers do make a difference, which is apparent when comparing District pumping volumes year-over-year. For each customer using more water than the minimum rate, a gallon of cold water not used is a penny saved. However, a gallon of hot water not used may typically save 3 to 5 cents – depending upon water heater settings and the fuel used to heat the water. The new designs pay for themselves in water not used and also lighten the load on septic fields.

Our District is a Legislature-approved quasi-municipality that dates back to 1959. The Board has 5 Trustees, who are appointed by the Selectmen of Bowdoinham for staggered terms of 3 years each. The Board makes an effort to assure that one Trustee is a resident of Bowdoin in order to reflect their 20% use of District output. Purposely, no Trustee has ever drawn pay for his or her service on the Board in order to keep the customer user rates at a minimum. The monthly business meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of every month in the Bowdoinham Town Office Building at 7:00 pm. Our District Superintendent is our only full-time employee. He and the Business Manager, who is contracted from the Richmond Office, also attend each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
F. D. Oakes, Jr., Chairman

Bowdoinham Energy Committee

Margaret Patterson, Chair

The Bowdoinham Energy Committee was originally formed to apply for energy efficiency grants for the town's municipal buildings. The grant applications were approved and for several years the committee's focus was to find the best use for the grant funds. The committee's work included hiring consultants to study and analyze energy consumption in several buildings and to discover options for energy improvements. After considering several possible projects, the majority of the grant money was used to insulate the town office building. The insulation work alone resulted in energy savings of well over 40%.

With the work for the grant completed, for a number of months the energy committee met infrequently. In the fall of 2012, the committee meetings resumed to consider new projects. Suggestions for town office projects include finding ways to reduce heat loss from windows in the meeting rooms and library and looking at options for improved heating systems.

A second area of interest for the committee is providing residents with information of cost-saving options for winterizing homes. Some of the information gathered is available in the town office. One opportunity for improving energy efficiency comes from Habitat in Bath. The Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine-Home Repair and Energy Improvement Program includes free and low-cost ways to improve the energy efficiency in your home. Habitat also makes low-cost interior storm windows. The committee hopes to see some of these interior storm windows in the upstairs rooms and library of the town office building in the near future.

Another area of interest is in gathering information from people in town who had installed various energy improvements for their homes and make this information available to residents who are considering home energy improvements. If you have an interest in energy efficiency for your home or for the town, be sure to contact the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Patterson

Local Health Officer

Rebecca Miller, RN,MPH - Local Health Officer

In the winter of 2011-2012, we did not see as many influenza cases as in recent years. A free flu vaccine clinic was set up by CHANS in October of 2011. It is still important to get a flu shot even if the flu season is not expected to be bad. If everyone gets an influenza shot, it helps those people around them to minimize their risk of getting the flu. Influenza can still be very dangerous for some individuals. For more information on influenza in Maine, call 207-287-8016 or go to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/influenza/maineflu/>

Ticks and mosquitoes continue to be a problem each year. The mosquitoes may carry the eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). These diseases can be dangerous. Maine does not see a lot of cases of EEE and WNV, but precautions still should be taken to avoid them. By draining off standing pools of water, using insect repellent as directed, wearing long sleeves and long pants while out in the yard and woods helps prevent these diseases. Lyme disease is transmitted by the deer tick. There have been many cases of Lyme disease reported in Maine and incidents continue to rise. If you or a family member develops flu like symptoms or rashes that are not explained, see your doctor and discuss the possibility of these diseases. For more information, go to

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/index.shtml> or call 1-800-821-5821.

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Local Health Officer

Rebecca Miller, RN,MPH - Local Health Officer
(Continued)

Mold continues to be an ongoing problem for many homeowners. Mold generally is not toxic but it can cause damage to your home or items in your home. If an individual has a respiratory illness such as COPD or asthma, mold may worsen their symptoms. If your home has a mold problem, call 1-800-821-5821 or go to:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/disease/mold.shtml>

All local health officers in Sagadahoc County meet bi-monthly to discuss on-going health related issues in our communities. We also provide brochures and material every two months on various health topics of interest. These brochures can be found in your town office. There is information that may be seasonal (ticks, carbon monoxide, etc) as well as general information about resources available to our citizens such as Oasis health clinic, or information about free mammograms. Check it out next time you are in the town office. If you have any requests for special information or have a question that I can help with, please feel free to contact me at **rebecca-millermph@gmail.com** or call the town office.

Bowdoinham Emergency Medical Services

Ann Davis, Director

Bowdoinham EMS has been a busy service in the past year with running calls and participating in fundraisers. It is also nice to see that so many people have put numbers on their houses or a tree outside their home so we may determine which residence is yours. It makes life a lot easier for us.

We are still in desperate need for new responders. We will pay for half of your class up front and the other half when you finish and pass all of your requisites to be an EMT. We will supply you with all the equipment and clothing to do the job. We have 6 licensed EMT's on the roster right now plus myself. I will not be running calls for a while but will be behind the scenes keeping an eye on everything.

Some of the trainings we have done in the past year are cold water rescue training with the fire department, structure fire rehab, allergic reactions, scene scenarios, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) recertification, red light training with the fire department and some of the responders attended Maine's Emergency Preparedness Conference. We have also signed up with Northeast Mobile Health for an online training program so that we may take trainings at our leisure.

We did a substantial amount of fundraising this year. We sold strawberry shortcake at the Red White and Blue Festival, flea market at Celebrate Bowdoinham, haunted trail at FHC, craft fair in November and the infamous polar bear dip in December. We also sold cookbooks at these functions. We still have cookbooks available if anyone wants one please contact Ann or stop by the Town Office.

Also, I just want to remind people that we are available for EMS service at town events if need be. Just call 751-4238 or email **annied59@comcast.net**. We like to be a part of town events.

I would like to take this time to thank all the responders for their dedication to the service. They go above and beyond the call of duty. I would also like to thank the citizens of the Town of Bowdoinham for their continued support. This town is such a thoughtful and caring town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Davis, EMS Director

Our roster is as follows:	
Ann Davis,	Service Chief
Colleen Wormwood,	Paramedic
Linda Williams,	Intermediate
Dawna Bowlin,	Basic EMT
Debbie Frizzle,	Basic EMT
Teresa Graeff,	Basic EMT
Betsy Ham,	Basic EMT



COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC
COMMISSIONER CAROL A. GROSE

District 2 – Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond & Woolwich

Citizens of Bowdoinham,

It has been my honor to continue serving the citizens of Bowdoinham as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. After completing four years on the Board, I am increasingly confident that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible. The only increase in our tax levy over the past five years has been to reflect the legislatively mandated increase in our jail cap. We have otherwise been able to maintain the scope and quality of our services without raising additional funds, which strongly reflects our commitment to Sagadahoc's citizens.

As we move forward in this challenging economic climate, which is accentuated by looming cuts in state revenue sharing, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities and remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2013-14 budget process. Unfortunately, however, our reserves cannot continue to subsidize the increases in operating and capital costs that we have experienced over the past several years and we must try to find other savings to reduce the impact on our citizens.

During 2012, the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following: **Administration** spent a great deal of time overseeing the completion of extensive renovations to the exterior of the Courthouse. In addition, the finance department was reorganized to allow the addition of a human resources director within the existing budget. **Probate Court** processed 218 new filings and 343 passport requests and continued to back-scan its records into an electronic database; **Deeds** continued its efforts to make all deeds, plans and surveys available for viewing at sagadahocdeedsme.com; **Emergency Management Agency** planned and implemented regional training, assisted local EMA Directors and community officials in meeting federal emergency preparedness requirements, implemented a new Reverse E-911 Emergency Notification System, obtained a number of public safety grants, and worked closely with area emergency responders and public health agencies including the **Sagadahoc County Board of Health**; the **Communications Center** filled four vacancies during the past year and also made upgrades to improve communications between towers, which eliminated periodic signal interruptions.

In 2012, the **Sheriff's Office** saw a decrease of approximately 1% in the number of calls, with a very slight decrease in reportable crimes. The **District Attorney's Office** continued to handle a high volume of court cases. The **Patrol Division** and **Detective Divisions** were challenged by staff shortages throughout the year, with three deputies leaving the department. The S.O. continues to work collaboratively with various task forces to solve our most serious crimes. The **Transport Division** handled over 900 transports last year and has also assumed responsibility for monitoring inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of 2,500 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County. The **Civil Division** continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

In order that I may represent constituents effectively, it is important that I am aware of your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 319-5290. And I encourage interested persons to attend Board of Commissioners' meetings, which are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month and 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday (if needed), in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Me. (For details, call 443-8202.)

Respectfully,
Carol A. Grose, Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners

MSAD 75 School Board

Laurel Lopez

Our new Superintendent, Brad Smith forges ahead with spirit and focus; MSAD 75 is lucky to have such a dedicated Superintendent. We also have a new Assistant Superintendent, Daniel Chute and a new principal, Randa Rineer at Williams-Cone School.

The capstone projects continue to be a success at the high school. The middle school is piloting a customized learning program. Much investigation is being done on the 21st Century Library and other progressions in education in preparation of an eventual renovation/building project at the high school.

The State has approved several charter schools including the Harpswell Coastal Academy that will serve 6th and 9th grades in its first year expanding to other grades in subsequent years. We are keeping track of the implications this might mean for our student population in our district.

The policy committee has decided to table weighted grades for the time being and has moved on to working on new policies on teacher and staff evaluation to coincide with new state laws. They have also spent much time looking at weapons in schools and expulsion and suspension policies, tuition student and exchange student policies.

When the state came out with the new Priority List for Major Capital Improvement, we were encouraged that Mt Ararat HS was number 7 on that list. Unfortunately, our enthusiasm was curbed by the announcement they were looking at funding the first 6 projects. As of now the state has not funded any projects and we continue to stay updated while maintaining our current facilities. We will continue to keep the dialog open with Augusta and are hopeful that they will be able to fund current projects and the list will be frozen so we will be next.

While we have many new and exciting changes going on within the District, we have a continued issue that looms over us and the entire state of Maine, dwindling funds. Before starting the process of putting together the FY13-14 budget, yet again with fewer funds, Mr. Smith, along with Mrs. Rogers and Mr. McKernan, visited all the school communities to hear what is important to parents, what programs are vital and which ones are less vital, to get an overall sense of what parents are expecting and hoping for in the future of their child's education at MSAD 75.

We finally did ask the public for money, although not a huge amount, it lays the ground work for the continuing struggle to balance the budget with another cut back in state funding. A balancing act of funds and quality of education. Our biggest expense is at the front line of education, our teachers. We are coming to a point where class sizes and special programs directly in line with students will be influenced by our cuts. While we all want to keep costs down, it is our belief that the education of students must be the driving factor in the budget process.

Please remember the public is welcome at board and finance meetings. If you are unable to attend, we are on Harpswell TV CH14 and our meetings are also online. There is a link on the district's website.



Many Hands Make Light Work at The Chicken BBQ

Laurel Lopez

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dear Bowdoinham Neighbors:

Since our last town meeting, there has been good news and bad from Augusta. While many agree jobs should be the focus, there have unfortunately also been a few distractions. On the bad side, last June's biennial state budget further reduced aid to towns and schools in order to help pay for new income tax cuts. High-income individuals who pay more in income taxes than property taxes will gain from these changes, while most Mainers will lose.

To prevent this shift, I offered an amendment to reduce the tax cuts for the very wealthy and instead to provide more aid to towns, greater tax cuts for the middle class and working families, and stronger finances for the State going forward. This amendment did not pass.

Later, the Governor disclosed that his Commissioner of Health and Human Services had provided incorrect numbers for the budget. This means it has to be rewritten, to stay balanced as required by our Constitution. In December, the Governor proposed to close his new gap by cutting health care for 65,000 Mainers, drugs for the elderly, and funding for Head Start and child care.

As I write this in mid-April, new budget issues have surfaced in Augusta. I have proposed balancing the budget by containing costs through better prevention and health care management, and by taxing the wealthiest 1% at the same combined state and local rate the rest of us pay. This would close the gap, put us on stronger fiscal footing, and allow investments in our future.

In the education arena, I sponsored legislation last spring that helped Maine become one of just nine states to receive a competitive federal grant for \$30 million to improve home visiting programs and to deliver lifelong gains for Maine's infants and toddlers. Alongside our school board members, I also continue to advocate for long-overdue reconstruction funding for Mt. Ararat, and for the state to fund 55% of education costs as mandated by voters in 2004.

Last spring during frost heave season, I invited the new Transportation Commissioner to ride the roads of our area with me. He did, and within months several miles of Routes 24 and 125 were repaved. I continue to press for rebuilding not just repaving, as this creates both jobs and savings.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative, and I could not be prouder to represent our great town of Bowdoinham on its 250th anniversary! As always, I welcome your comments, questions and suggestions as I work for you in Augusta. Please contact me anytime at any of the numbers below. Also, please email me if you would like to receive my regular electronic updates.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Seth".

Seth A. Berry

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Representing House District 67: Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and the Unorganized Territory of Perkins Township

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Senate of Maine
Senate District 19



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Dear Residents of Bowdoinham,

It is my great pleasure and honor to serve a third term as your State Senator during the 126th session of the Maine State Legislature. In January, the newly elected Legislature, along with Governor Paul LePage, began work on legislation across all areas of government, including the two-year budget that funds state government and provides assistance to municipalities and schools.

At the time of writing this letter, the two-year budget process is underway but not yet complete. There is significant disagreement with the Governor's proposal to address state budgetary shortfalls by shifting over \$400 million onto municipalities, which would inevitably raise property taxes on Maine homeowners and businesses. Just as has been done in the past, it is my hope that the Legislature will find common ground and solve these financial challenges together in a bipartisan fashion that limits the impact on municipalities and the property tax.

This year elected officials and policy makers are overwhelmingly focused on working with the private sector to help our economy grow. While Maine's economy is beginning to show signs of growth, the state still lags behind most states. We were the only New England state to have an economy that shrank in the past two years and still today there are approximately 50,000 Mainers unemployed and many more underemployed in their current position. We must do better.

One area of common focus is to strengthen our economy by addressing the skills gap so that we can improve educational and job opportunities for the workforce of today and tomorrow. The Legislature formed the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future, which I co-chair, to work closely with business leaders, workforce advocates and educational leaders to make sure that we are training our workforce for the skills that are required to succeed in today's knowledge-based economy.

This Legislative session, I was honored by my Senate Democratic colleagues by being elected Senate Majority Leader. In this leadership role, I will continue to work across the aisle in the Legislature and with the Executive Branch to craft solutions to the challenges facing the state.

The Town of Bowdoinham is a wonderful community that I am proud to represent. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or if you are in need of assistance with state government. I can be reached by email at senseth.goodall@legislature.maine.gov or by phone either at home (837-9203) or at the State Capitol (287-1515).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth".

Seth A. Goodall
State Senator, representing Sagadahoc County and Dresden in Lincoln County

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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I welcome this opportunity to share some of my recent work for the people of our great state.

The economy and jobs remain my highest priorities. More efficient transportation is essential to our economic growth. After a years-long, hard-fought battle, I successfully pushed through Congress a bill I wrote to allow the heaviest trucks to travel on Maine’s federal interstates, instead of forcing them to use our secondary roads and downtown streets. This will make our streets safer, reduce fuel consumption, and allow our businesses to be more competitive. I was pleased to have the support of many Maine groups, from the Maine State Police and the Parent-Teacher Association to the Maine Motor Transport Association and many others that helped me advocate for this sensible change.

I was also successful in my efforts to prevent the federal government from limiting certain vegetables, including Maine’s potatoes, in school meal programs. Nationwide this ill-conceived proposal would have cost our schools, the states, and families an estimated \$6.8 billion over five years. I built support from both sides of the aisle and from across the country to ensure that schools maintain the flexibility they need to serve students healthy and affordable meals. This proposed rule was a prime example of excessive Washington regulation.

In my effort to protect jobs, I also introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure that the proposed EPA regulations known as the “Boiler MACT” rules protect the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in our state, particularly in the forest products industry. I also continued to help advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy at the University of Maine, which has the potential to provide clean energy and to create thousands of new jobs.

On the Armed Services Committee, I worked to secure funding for shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, submarine overhauls at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the manufacturing of aircraft engines at Pratt and Whitney, as well as to strengthen the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor and the Maine Military Authority in Limestone. The new defense funding bill also includes my amendment to expedite the claims of veterans with severe disabilities like the soldier I met who is suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Last year, the President signed legislation I coauthored creating a national plan for combating Alzheimer’s disease, which affects more than five million Americans and their families. In another health-related development, at my urging, the Food and Drug Administration allowed clinical trials to begin on the artificial pancreas, a device that could dramatically improve the health and quality of life for people with Type I diabetes.

Many Mainers have contacted me to express concern about the Postal Service, which is the linchpin of a nearly \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs 8.6 million people. I’ve sponsored bipartisan legislation to rescue the U.S. Postal Service from financial failure next year. This bill provides flexibility to the USPS to restructure itself in an effort to save billions of dollars and preserve universal postal service for all Americans, no matter where they live.

In December, I cast my 4,825th consecutive vote, making me the longest currently serving Senator never to have missed a vote. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Bowdoinham and Maine in the United States Senate.

If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland state office at (207) 780-3575, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2012 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate

Dear Friends,

As I begin my service as your new Senator, I wanted to report to you on my first days in Washington. I have been assigned to four committees: Armed Services, Budget, Intelligence, and Rules. These appointments provide a great opportunity for me to take important and substantial action on behalf of Maine.

My position on the Armed Services Committee will allow me to honor our obligations to servicemen and veterans, as well as ensure the strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. Serving on the Intelligence Committee will similarly allow me to help guarantee the continued safety of all Americans. Our intelligence community plays a pivotal role in identifying and understanding security threats around the world, and I welcome the chance to engage in this vital process.

Without question, the expanding federal debt must be addressed in a significant and timely manner. Our federal government's systems of revenue and spending are out of balance; we cannot continue to spend beyond our means and pass on debt to future generations. As a new member of the Budget Committee, I will work to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility. There is no single solution to this multi-faceted problem, and any realistic budget plan must include both increased revenues and decreased spending.

And finally, one of the most pressing issues that we face is the inability of Congress to get things done. Our Government has been slowed by bitter partisan gridlock, and this level of inaction is inexcusable. From my position on the Rules Committee, I intend to push for procedural reforms – including changes to the filibuster and requiring the disclosure of all political campaign donors. Our citizens deserve to know who is funding the outside expenditures that are now such a big part of political campaigns, even here in Maine.

Please remember that your individual perspectives are critical in helping me represent the diverse interests of Maine. Do not hesitate to share any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call my Washington office at (202) 224-5344. I also encourage you to visit or contact any of my six state offices, which are listed on the website. Finally, you can keep in touch with me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SenatorAngusSKingJr>.

Again, I appreciate this opportunity to let you know what I am working on; in all of these matters, I am determined to be a strong voice for the people of Maine.



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It continues to be an honor to represent you, and I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the work I've done in Washington and Maine over the last year and look ahead to the rest of this year.

Given the partisan environment and lack of compromise in Washington, I have been looking for ways to help Maine people and the Maine economy that rise above those partisan differences.

One issue I worked hard on last year was local food and local farming. Farming—particularly smaller, sustainable farms—is a growing part of Maine's economy. For too long national farm policy has primarily benefitted giant agribusinesses in other parts of the country. So I introduced the Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act to bring local farmers the resources they need to keep growing.

Every five years, Congress is supposed to pass a farm bill, which sets the nation's farm policy. As we debated a farm bill last year, we were able to get most of the provisions in the Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act included in the legislation. Congress has yet to pass that farm bill, however, but we are working to make sure those important provisions that will help local farms in Maine remain included when they do.

Sometimes the most practical solutions don't even involve legislation or Washington. For example, as the lobster industry struggled with low prices and an oversupply of lobster last summer, I wrote to the heads of all the cruise ship companies that visit Maine. I was surprised to learn that none of them were buying local, fresh lobster for their passengers and I asked the CEO's of each company to consider doing so. I'm happy to say that a number of them agreed to buy lobster locally when their cruise ships made stops in Portland, and ordered thousands of pounds of Maine lobster for their passengers.

I am beginning this year with a new assignment to the House Appropriations Committee. This is a big responsibility, since it is the committee where virtually all the spending decisions are made. These decisions can have a real impact on Maine, from how much funding is available to shipbuilding to things like funding for first responders and schools.

Everyone agrees we need to reduce the deficit, but how we go about that is a matter of great debate. I believe we need to cut unnecessary spending but at the same time keep investing in the things that will grow our economy and provide a bright future for our children. And I'm sure we will debate those issues on the Appropriations Committee.

I want to also take this opportunity to remind you that I am always ready and willing to help you out if are having an issue with a federal agency. My office can make inquiries to a federal agency on your behalf; connect you with resources and more. No question is too small and we are always happy to hear from you. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me at (888) 862-6500 or www.pingree.house.gov.

Hope to see you in Maine soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chellie P.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Outstanding 2012 Real Estate Taxes

As Of 06/30/2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Due</u>
ALMY,P ARTHUR & DAVIS S SR	1,276.06	JACQUES,TODD (HEIRS)	139.12
ALMY,P ARTHUR & DAVIS S SR	5.92	JOHNSON,ARTHUR W & PATRICIA L	1,857.40
ASHOUWAK,LARA PERTEL	1,952.12	JOHNSON,TAMMY A	2.96
ATWATER,ELIZABETH (HEIRS)	1,185.48	KERINA,THOMAS K & JEFFREY M	102.12
ATWOOD,LARRY E	1,492.45	KRECHKIN,ALEXEJ A JR (PERS REP)	1,971.36
AVERY,JEFFREY A	552.04	LAMOREAU,SHAWN S & CHRISTINE	1,331.83
AVERY,MARY (PERS REP)	2,079.70	LAMOREAU,TERRANCE & CYNTHIA	220.89
BAMFORD,JAMES J	452.88	LITTLEFIELD,ALICE F	487.66
BRAWN,CHRISTOPHER	1,084.84	MAILLY,MARY	1,475.56
BRYER,SUSAN	324.12	MARKHUM,BARBARA C (MADSEN)	264.92
BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	74.00	MCGOWAN,BRIAN B	501.31
CARON,JASON D & SARAH	460.74	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	8.45
CHACE,MICHAEL A	1,833.72	MCKENNA,DANIEL R & CATHY L	6.57
CONGLETON,KARIN A	840.64	MCKINNEY,GWENDY L	454.36
CONNERS,JAMES	408.50	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	4,238.72
CROOKER,RANDY N	834.72	MORGAN,MAURICE E & LINDA M	230.29
CURRAN,ROBERT	319.68	MORGAN,RICHARD	45.88
CUTLER,ALAN F	1,253.56	MULLDUNE,WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	803.64
DAVIS,ANN G & MICHAEL A	50.00	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE	435.12
DAVIS,ROBERT C & KELLY L	297.48	NOYES,ERNEST P E	842.67
DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	1,889.96	PALMER,MICHAEL T	1,736.04
DEROCHER,PAUL	153.92	PATTERSON,DENNIS & PAMELA	985.68
DESPRES,JOSEPH L & ANGELIA B	846.86	HELPS,MARK R	32.09
DRISCOLL,ROBERT	981.98	PICKETT,EVA V GRIATZKY	294.79
DUNN,DONALD C	865.89	READ,JAY E	837.68
DUNN,DONALD C & EILEEN F	193.85	RICHARDS,LOLA HAYES	1,434.12
GAUTHIER,SUZANNE	831.76	RIDEOUT,MARK A	2,040.92
GREEN,JADE ARIAN & JOSEPH J	730.38	RILEY,SEAN G & LISA M	1,625.04
GRIATZKY,STEVEN M	87.32	ROBERT,PAUL R & CHRISTIE A	505.69
GUSTAFSON,PAUL E	1,003.44	ROLLINS,JOSHUA	162.80
GUSTAFSON,PAUL E & KIM P	1,848.52	SHORETTE,FRED S	1,807.08
HALSEY,IAN	1,620.60	SHOREY,DAVID B & NINA	41.67
HALSEY,SEAN	507.64	SIEGLER,RAYMOND J JR	973.84
HARRIMAN,HOPE L (PERS REP)	775.52	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	7.40
HARRIS,DAVID	1,306.84	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	547.60
HEATH,GEORGE MRS	2,012.80	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	580.16
HENRY,CAROLYN	387.26	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	646.76
HERARD,CARL R & THERESA R	1,663.52	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	535.76
HEWETT, REBECCA & SALLY	113.96	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	491.36
HIGGINS,ROBERT P & ROBIN L	36.33	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	535.76
HILL,RANDY E & GARLAND, LORI A	273.80	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	528.36
HUNTINGTON,PATRICIA & ALLEN	158.36	SK ENTERPRISES LLP	523.92
HYDE,CELESTE R	843.60	SK ENTERPRISES, LLP	11.84

Outstanding 2012 Real Estate Taxes
As Of 06/30/2012

Name	Due	Name	Due
STANLEY, DONALD G	1,752.32	TUCKER, MARIE L	1,103.34
STEHLE, ALBERT E	900.10	VAILLANCOURT, PATRICK	995.08
STILLWELL'S AUTO REPAIR INC	858.42	VENO, RUTH G (HEIRS)	2,436.08
TALBOT, KATHLEEN BIANCA	1,336.44	WEAVER, BETTY D	880.60
TAYLOR, HOWARD E II (HEIRS OF)	1,546.60	WEST, ELIZABETH A	2,575.20
THOMAS, BRIAN	2,171.16	WHITMORE, DENISE K	836.20
TOMKO, KATHERINE	1,470.71	WHITTAKER, TYNE J	519.48
TOMPKINS, RANDY W.	1,306.84	WILLEY, FRANK S JR (TRUSTEE)	657.86
TRUDELL, PETER J	333.00	YARMALA, JOSEPH A & CYNTHIA C	2,011.32
TRUDELL, PETER J	1,231.36		
		Total	93,142.06

Lien Breakdown
Tax Year 2011 as of 06/30/2012

Name	Due	Name	Due
ALMY, P ARTHUR & DAVIS S SR	5.92	KRECHKIN, ALEXEJ A JR (PERS REP)	1,181.89
ASHOUWAK, LARA PERTEL	1,795.33	MAILLY, MARY	1,480.00
BAMFORD, JAMES J	444.00	MULLDUNE, WILLIAM & DWAYNE & SHANE	803.64
BUTTERFUSS, FRANK	211.64	PATTERSON, DENNIS & PAMELA	988.20
CURRAN, ROBERT	159.84	RILEY, SEAN G & LISA M	1,399.65
CUTLER, ALAN F	627.52	ROLLINS, JOSHUA	81.40
DAVIS, ROBERT C & KELLY L	168.28	SHORETTE, FRED S	1,845.56
DELYRA, MICHEL CARLOS	1,892.48	SIEGLER, RAYMOND J JR	973.84
DEROCHER, PAUL	54.11	STANLEY, DONALD G	1,782.96
DESPRES, JOSEPH L & ANGELIA B	486.65	TALBOT, KATHLEEN BIANCA	1,338.96
GAUTHIER, SUZANNE	834.28	TAYLOR, HOWARD E II	1,549.12
GUSTAFSON, PAUL E	776.63	THOMAS, BRIAN	1,276.31
GUSTAFSON, PAUL E & KIM P	1,085.60	TOMPKINS, RANDY W	1,340.44
HALSEY, IAN	809.16	TRUDELL, PETER J	333.00
HALSEY, SEAN	535.76	TRUDELL, PETER J	1,247.64
HARRIS, DAVID	1,306.84	VENO, RUTH G (HEIRS)	2,436.08
HERARD, CARL R & THERESA R	1,698.60	WEAVER, BETTY D	883.12
HILL, RANDY E & GARLAND, LORI A	189.94	WHITMORE, DENISE K	929.00
HUNTINGTON, PATRICIA & ALLEN	158.36	WHITTAKER, TYNE J (WATSON)	519.48
JOHNSON, ARTHUR W & PATRICIA L	815.85	YARMALA, JOSEPH A & CYNTHIA C	1,858.44
		Total:	\$38,305.52

2012 and Prior Delinquent
Personal Property as of 06/30/2012

Name	Year	Amount Due	Name	Year	Amount Due
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	2012	199.67	MCPHERSON,JAMES A	2012	170.20
BAINES,PAUL	2012	96.20	PRINDALL,WILLIAM E	2004	27.02
BEAULIEU,JASON	2011	26.64	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2004	88.78
BEAULIEU,JASON	2012	28.12	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2005	91.54
BOWDOINHAM ASSOCIATES	2011	104.23	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2006	54.56
BOWDOINHAM ASSOCIATES	2012	164.28	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2007	71.76
BRIAN B SMITH SURVEYING INC	2012	307.84	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2008	73.95
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	2011	134.68	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2009	69.56
CAVANDISH, CHRIS	2012	137.64	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2010	71.04
DOWNEAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	2012	59.94	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2011	71.04
EAGLE ATM (C/O DELL HOLMAN)	2012	88.80	RIENDEAU-CARD, ROBIN	2012	72.52
FAVREAU,MARK	2011	26.64	SCOTT LIBBY WOODWORKING LLC	2012	76.96
FAVREAU,MARK	2012	28.12	SIX RIVER FARM LLC	2012	0.43
FOX,ROBERT T JR & HELEN G	2012	97.68	STEEN,DAVID S	2012	19.24
GRAY,WENDY	2011	208.68	STILLWELL'S AUTO REPAIR INC	2012	88.21
GRAY,WENDY	2012	183.52	TOME,DAVID M	2011	10.44
HARRIMAN,JESSE W JR	2012	71.04	TOME,DAVID M	2012	19.24
HILLTOP LOG HOMES INC	2010	666.00	TRUBEE, DAVID & ELAIN	2011	68.08
HITCHCOCK,JUDITH L	2012	23.68	TRUBEE, DAVID & ELAIN	2012	358.16
HITZ,PAUL M A	2009	65.97	UNISYS CORPORATION	2011	-1.48
HITZ,PAUL M A	2010	66.60	WALLENTINE,ROBIN	2013	-51.80
HITZ,PAUL M A	2011	68.08	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	2009	48.49
HITZ,PAUL M A	2012	69.56	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	2010	93.24
LEIGHTON,RICHARD	2012	20.72	ZOULAMIS,DEAN	2011	81.40
LEIGHTON,STEPHEN	2013	-0.11	ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	2011	21.22
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	2010	219.04	ZOULAMIS,GREGORY	2012	105.08
MCPHERSON,JAMES A	2011	224.96			5,187.10

Lien Breakdown
Tax Year 2010 as of 06/30/2012

Name	Due
BUTTERFUSS,FRANK	211.64
DELYRA,MICHEL CARLOS	1,088.39
WHITTAKER,TYNE J (WATSON)	260.46
Total:	\$1,560.49

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REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Selectmen and Manager
TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
Bowdoinham, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major funds, and remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the financial statements, of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

We were unable to obtain sufficient evidential source documentation to support the permanent funds because the relevant legal indentures could not be located. The prior audit reports did not distinguish between expendable and nonexpendable trust funds.

In our opinion, except for the permanent funds, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business - type activities, and remaining fund information of the Town of Bowdoinham and the changes in financial position of those activities, cash flows and funds and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Yarmouth, Maine
September 18, 2012

EXHIBIT I

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2012**

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 999,942
Investments	559,354
Accounts Receivable	53,892
Taxes Receivable	7,338
Liens Receivable	133,008
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,334,457</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,087,991</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 22,922
Accrued Expenses	54,801
Non Current Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	154,802
Due in More Than One Year	<u>1,288,547</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,521,072</u>
Net Assets	
<i>Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</i>	\$ (108,892)
<i>Restricted</i>	
Tax Increment Financing District	15,037
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>1,660,774</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,566,919</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of This Statement.

EXHIBIT II

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Assets Primary Government</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$ 528,787	\$ 41,619	\$ 0	\$ (487,168)
Public Works and Maintenance	1,385,609	31,586	418,461	(935,562)
Solid Waste	171,425	96,950	0	(74,475)
Public Safety	80,845	30,792	0	(50,053)
Culture and Recreation	44,389	35,996	0	(8,393)
Public Health and Welfare	32,520	6,989	3,482	(22,049)
Education	2,338,515	0	0	(2,338,515)
Contingency	25,000	0	0	(25,000)
County Tax and Overlay	430,129	0	0	(430,129)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	42,380	0	0	(42,380)
Depreciation - Unallocated	<u>85,352</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(85,352)</u>
Total Primary Government	\$ 5,164,951	\$ 243,932	\$ 421,943	\$ (4,499,076)
General Revenues				
Property and Other Taxes				\$ 3,805,228
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Special Programs				247,316
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				18,059
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments				2,369
Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments				<u>186</u>
Total General Revenues				\$ 4,073,158
Changes in Net Assets				
				\$ (425,918)
Net Assets – July 1, 2011				<u>1,992,837</u>
Net Assets – June 30, 2012				<u>\$ 1,566,919</u>

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EXHIBIT III

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2012**

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 991,080	\$ 0	\$ 8,862	\$ 999,942
Investments	0	559,354	0	559,354
Taxes Receivable	7,338	0	0	7,338
Tax Liens Receivable	133,008	0	0	133,008
Accounts Receivable	53,892	0	0	53,892
Due From Other Funds	<u>97,777</u>	<u>3,202</u>	<u>86,655</u>	<u>187,634</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,283,095</u>	<u>\$ 562,556</u>	<u>\$ 95,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,941,168</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 22,922	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 22,922
Accrued Expenses	8,286	0	0	8,286
Deferred Revenues	93,982	0	0	93,982
Due to Other Funds	<u>89,857</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>97,777</u>	<u>187,634</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 215,047</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 97,777</u>	<u>\$ 312,824</u>
Fund Balance				
<i>Reserved, Reported In:</i>				
<i>Nonspendable</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<i>Restricted</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Committed</i>				
Capital Funds	0	0	(41,227)	(41,227)
<i>Unreserved, Reported In:</i>				
<i>Assigned</i>				
Appropriated from Surplus to Reduce Taxes in FY 2012/13	100,000	0	0	100,000
Permanent Funds	0	562,556	0	562,556
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	38,967	38,967
<i>Unassigned</i>				
General Fund	<u>968,048</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>968,048</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,068,048</u>	<u>\$ 562,556</u>	<u>\$ (2,260)</u>	<u>\$ 1,628,344</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,283,095</u>	<u>\$ 562,556</u>	<u>\$ 95,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,941,168</u>

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EXHIBIT IV

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2012**

Total Fund Balances – Total Governmental Funds	\$1,628,344
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are Different Because:	
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are Not Current Financial Resources and Therefore are Not Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	1,334,457
Interest Payable on Long-Term Debt Does Not Require Current Financial Resources and Therefore Interest Payable is Not Reported as a Liability in Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.	(26,522)
Property Tax Revenues are Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet Under NCGA Interpretation-3, <u>Revenue Recognition-Property Taxes</u> .	93,982
Long Term Liabilities are Not Due and Payable in the Current Period and Therefore, They are Not Reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:	
Due in One Year	\$ 154,802
Due in More Than One Year	1,288,547
Accrued Compensated Absence Pay	<u>19,993</u>
	<u>(1,463,342)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,566,919</u>

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EXHIBIT V

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 3,814,997	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,814,997
Intergovernmental	295,918	0	373,341	669,259
Licenses, Permits and Fees	43,946	0	0	43,946
Charges for Services	126,741	0	135	126,876
Investment Income	3,093	14,939	27	18,059
Realized Gains	0	186	0	186
Unrealized Gains	0	2,369	0	2,369
Miscellaneous	<u>3,410</u>	<u>26,111</u>	<u>43,589</u>	<u>73,110</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,288,105</u>	<u>\$ 43,605</u>	<u>\$ 417,092</u>	<u>\$ 4,748,802</u>
Expenditures				
<i>Current</i>				
General Government	\$ 404,674	\$ 5,265	\$ 113,517	\$ 523,456
Public Works and Maintenance	470,428	2,049	983,069	1,455,546
Solid Waste	170,760	0	0	170,760
Public Safety	95,761	0	24,875	120,636
Culture and Recreation	37,823	0	6,014	43,837
Public Health and Welfare	26,276	0	6,244	32,520
Education	2,337,515	1,000	0	2,338,515
Contingency	25,000	0	0	25,000
Debt Service	122,583	0	0	122,583
County Tax and Overlay	430,129	0	0	430,129
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>325,084</u>	<u>325,084</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,120,949</u>	<u>\$ 8,314</u>	<u>\$ 1,458,803</u>	<u>\$ 5,588,066</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 167,156</u>	<u>\$ 35,291</u>	<u>\$ (1,041,711)</u>	<u>\$ (839,264)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In (Out)	\$ (92,329)	\$ 24,875	\$ 67,454	\$ 0
Proceeds From Loan	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (92,329)</u>	<u>\$ 24,875</u>	<u>\$ 967,454</u>	<u>\$ 900,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 74,827	\$ 60,166	\$ (74,257)	\$ 60,736
Fund Balance – July 1, 2011	<u>993,221</u>	<u>502,390</u>	<u>71,997</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,608</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 1,068,048</u>	<u>\$ 562,556</u>	<u>\$ (2,260)</u>	<u>\$ 1,628,344</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of This Statement

EXHIBIT VI

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

Net Change in Fund Balance – Total Governmental Funds	\$60,736
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are Different Because:	
Governmental Funds Report Capital Outlays as Expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the Cost of Those Assets is Allocated Over Their Estimated Useful Lives and Reported as Depreciation Expense. This is the Amount of Capital Assets Recorded in the Current Period.	434,098
Depreciation Expense on Capital Assets is Reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets, But They Do Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources and Therefore, Depreciation Expense is Not Reported as Expenditure in Governmental Funds.	(85,352)
The Issuance of Long-Term Debt (E.G. Bonds, Leases and Accrued Compensated Absence Pay) Provides Current Financial Resources to Governmental Funds, While the Repayment of the Principal of Long-Term Debt Consumes the Current Financial Resources of Governmental Funds. Neither Transaction, However, has Any Effect on Net Assets. Also, Governmental Funds Report the Effect of Issuance Cost, Premiums, Discounts, and Similar Items When Debt is First Issued, Whereas the Amounts are Deferred and Amortized in the Statement of Activities. This Amount is the Net Effect of These Differences in the Treatment of Long-Term Debt and Related Items.	(819,949)
Some Property Tax Will Not be Collected for Several Months After the Town's Fiscal Year End; They are Not Considered "Available" Revenues in the Governmental Funds. This Amount is the Net Effect of the Differences.	(9,769)
Accrued Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt is Reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets, But Does Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources; Therefore, Accrued Interest Expense is not Reported as Expenditures in Governmental Funds.	<u>(5,682)</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (425,918)</u>

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EXHIBIT VII**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
GENERAL FUND****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 3,756,360	\$ 3,756,360	\$ 3,814,997	\$ 58,637
Intergovernmental	284,292	284,292	295,918	11,626
License, Permit and Fees	39,700	39,700	43,946	4,246
Charges for Services	134,850	134,850	126,741	(8,109)
Investment Income	4,000	4,000	3,093	(907)
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,410</u>	<u>2,410</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 4,220,202	\$ 4,220,202	\$ 4,288,105	\$ 67,903
Expenditures				
<i>Current</i>				
General Government	\$ 425,167	\$ 425,167	\$ 404,674	\$ 20,493
Public Works and Maintenance	473,777	473,777	470,428	3,349
Solid Waste	174,583	174,583	170,760	3,823
Public Safety	103,519	103,519	95,761	7,758
Culture and Recreation	47,067	47,067	37,823	9,244
Public Health and Welfare	28,900	28,900	26,276	2,624
Education	2,337,515	2,337,515	2,337,515	0
Contingency	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Debt Service	123,036	123,036	122,583	453
County Tax and Overlay	<u>451,184</u>	<u>451,184</u>	<u>430,129</u>	<u>21,055</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,189,748	\$ 4,189,748	\$ 4,120,949	\$ 68,799
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 30,454	\$ 30,454	\$ 167,156	\$ 136,702
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000
Transfers Out	<u>(92,329)</u>	<u>(92,329)</u>	<u>(92,329)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ (80,329)	\$ (80,329)	\$ (92,329)	\$ 12,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (49,875)	\$ (49,875)	\$ 74,827	\$ 148,702
Fund Balance – July 1, 2011	<u>993,221</u>	<u>993,221</u>	<u>993,221</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 943,346</u>	<u>\$ 943,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,068,048</u>	<u>\$ 148,702</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of This Statement.

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2012**

NOTE 7 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2012, consisted of the following:

Transfer To	
Permanent Funds	\$ 24,875
Non Major Governmental Funds:	
Special Revenue Funds	\$ <u>67,454</u>
Total	\$ <u>92,329</u>
Transfer From	
General Fund	\$ <u>92,329</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them; and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverages during the fiscal year and no significant settlements that exceeded insurance coverage.

NOTE 9 – OVERLAPPING DEBT

The Town's proportionate share of Sagadahoc County's debt is not recorded in the financial statements of the Town of Bowdoinham. At June 30, 2012, the Town's share was 5.62% (or \$531,023) of the County's outstanding debt of \$9,448,812.

The Town's proportionate share of Maine School Administrative District No. 75's debt is not recorded in the financial statements of the Town of Bowdoinham. At June 30, 2012, the Town's share was 12.44% (or \$1,517,308) of the District's outstanding debt of \$12,197,012.

NOTE 10 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING/DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

During 2002, the Town of Bowdoinham was given approval for the creation of the Natural Gas Pipeline Pipeline Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District ("the District").

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2012**

NOTE 10 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING/DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (CONTINUED)

The designation of the District and pursuit of the Development Program will generate substantial economic benefits for the Town and its residents, including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus and therefore, constitutes a good and valid public purpose.

The expenditures from this development project will be recouped in future years via an incremental tax levied upon the District's captured assessed value over a twenty-year period.

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the Town implemented the following accounting standard issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

- GASB Statement 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

GASB Statement 54 clarifies the existing governmental fund type definitions and provides clearer fund balance categories and classifications. The hierarchical fund balance classification is based primarily upon the extent to which a government is bound to follow constraints on resources in governmental funds and includes the terms: nonspendable, committed, restricted, assigned, and unassigned.

The Town's fund balances represent: **(1) Nonspendable Fund Balance**, resources that cannot be spent because of legal or contractual provisions that require they maintained intact. (e.g. the principal of an endowment). **(2) Restricted Purposes**, which include balances that are legally restricted for specific purposes due to constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; **(3) Committed Purposes**, which include balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Selectmen; **(4) Assigned Purposes**, which includes balances that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. **(5) Unassigned Fund Balance**, net resources in excess of what is properly categorized in one of the four categories already described. A positive amount of unassigned fund balance will never be reported in a governmental fund other than the general fund, because GASB Statement 54 prohibits reporting resources in another fund unless they are at least assigned to the purpose of that fund. However, funds other than the general fund could report a negative amount of unassigned fund balance should the total of nonspendable, restricted and committed fund balance exceeds the total net resources of the fund.

The Town of Bowdoinham has the responsibility for committing fund balance amounts and likewise would be required to modify or rescind those commitments.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned, and unassigned resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use committed or assigned resources first, then unassigned resources as they are needed.

The General Fund unassigned fund balance total of \$968,048 represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

**TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2012**

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

As per Exhibit III, a summary of the nature and purpose of these reserves by fund type at June 30, 2012 follows.

Restricted

Special Revenues

Tax Increment Financing District	\$ <u>15,037</u>
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Committed

Capital Projects Funds

Skateboard Park	\$ 20,740
2011 Bond Roads	16,463
Fire Department	10,003
Waterfront Reserve	5,654
Coombs Septic	3,182
Solid Waste Hazardous	505
Recreational	3
Sidewalk Grant	<u>(97,777)</u>

Total	\$ <u>(41,227)</u>
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Assigned

General Fund

Appropriated from Surplus to Reduce Taxes in FY 2012/13	\$ <u>100,000</u>
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Assigned

Special Revenues

Celebrate Bowdoinham	16,299
Home Heating for Needy Families	4,776
Bottle Funds Community Projects	1,972
EMS Department Reimbursements	821
Planning Board Fees	<u>62</u>

Total	\$ <u>23,930</u>
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Assigned

Permanent Funds

Cemetery Funds:

Noble Maxwell	\$ 332,056
Village Cemetery	39,887
Ridge	25,835
Charles B. Randall	18,707
Sara Miles	7,907
Eliza Mustard	1,583
Browns Point	<u>(68)</u>
	\$ 425,907

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE 11 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Assigned

Permanent Funds(Continued)

Worthy Poor		12,193
Commemorative Trust		78,266
Anniversary Trusts		6,133

Other Funds:

Bowdoinham Community School Scholarship	\$ 16,394	
Viola Coombs	6,052	
Volunteer Fire Dept	5,627	
Lewis Fulton-Prize Trust	4,276	
Lancaster Bishop School	2,701	
Franklin K. Jack	2,025	
Dussault	1,857	
Carrie Rideout	1,125	40,057

Total Permanent Funds \$ 562,556

Unassigned

General Fund \$ 968,048

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Sidewalk Grant

On November 3, 2009, the Town approved spending of \$133,750 to match a "sidewalk" grant of \$535,000 in Federal Enhancement Funds from the Maine Department of Transportation Quality Community Program. The Town is carrying out this project as a Local Administered Project through Maine Department of Transportation and hired Pine Tree Engineering to do the project design and assist with the construction administration. The goal is to have the sidewalks constructed in time for Bowdoinham's 250th Anniversary Celebration. As of year to date June 30, 2012, a Sidewalk Grant of \$379,305 has been received from the state and \$477,082 has been spent on the sidewalk project.

NOTE 13 – FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATIONS

At the Annual Town Meetings on June 15, 2011 and June 9, 2010, the Town's people voted appropriations of general fund balance to reduce the commitment, which are reflected as the excess of budgeted expenditures over budgeted revenues as per Exhibit VII. These appropriations were for the following purposes:

Contingency/Emergency Fund	\$25,000
Fire Department Reserve	<u>24,875</u>
Total	<u>\$49,875</u>

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

At the June 13, 2012 Town Meeting, the townspeople adopted an article to authorize the issuance of general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. The general obligation bonds are to be used for paving, reconstruction, and maintenance of town roads, purchase of a public works equipment to sand and remove sidewalk snow.

NOTE 15 – OVERDRAFTS

At the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2012, the Townspeople voted to close all Fiscal Year 2012/2013 overdrafts to surplus.

NOTE 16 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. - Budgetary Accounting

The Town of Bowdoinham utilizes a formal budgetary accounting system to control revenues and expenditures accounted for in the General Fund. This budget is established by the Board of Selectmen and must be approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

B. - Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2012, expenditures did not exceed appropriations.

C. - Deficit Balances

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure of individual funds that have deficit balances at year-end.

As of June 30, 2012, the following funds held a deficit balance:

Capital Projects Funds	
Sidewalk Grant	\$ <u>(97,777)</u>

Note disclosure number 12 explains the Sidewalk Grant and the Town’s planned use of up to \$133,750 of fund balance to fund the completion of the project.

NOTE 17 – DATE OF MANAGEMENT’S REVIEW

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 18, 2012 the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



**PROPOSED BUDGETS
FOR FISCAL YEAR**

2013-2014

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014

Summary

ARTICLE #	DEPARTMENTS	FY 13 BUDGET	FY 14 REQUEST	INCREASE / DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE
17	Administrative Budget	362,359	374,955	12,595	3.48%
18	General Services Budget	29,500	29,500	0	0.00%
19	Debt Services Budget	205,876	256,662	50,786	24.67%
20	Fire Department Budget	70,497	71,684	1,187	1.68%
21	Town Maintenance Budget	94,350	86,350	(8,000)	-8.48%
22	ACO/Harbor Master	17,080	17,054	(26)	-0.15%
23	EMS Budget	17,732	17,651	(81)	-0.46%
24	Public Works Budget	387,053	376,506	(10,547)	-2.73%
25	Solid Waste & Recycling Budget	180,054	174,709	(5,345)	-2.97%
26	Recreation Budget	48,474	45,957	(2,517)	-5.19%
27	Planning/Codes	71,337	77,153	5,816	8.15%
28	Contingency	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
TOTAL					2.94%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014

Administration Budget

Department Item	FY 13 Budget	FY 14 Request	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Change
<u>Personnel</u>				
Town Manager Salary	70,000	71,400	1,400	2.00%
Administrative Personnel	<u>81,600</u>	<u>82,364</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>0.94%</u>
Subtotal:	151,600	153,764	2,164	1.43%
<u>Support & Benefits</u>				
FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	11,597	11,763	166	1.43%
Health, & Retirement benefits	30,000	35,866	5,866	19.55%
Health & Benefits - Dep. CEO/CSR		<u>6,931</u>	6,931	
Subtotal:	41,597	54,560	12,963	31.16%
Subtotal Personnel Svcs Budget:	193,197	208,324	15,127	7.83%
<u>Professional Services</u>				
Legal Expense	8,000	7,000	(1,000)	-12.50%
Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues	3,012	3,200	188	6.24%
Municipal Audit Services	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%
Mapping Services	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Assessing Services	<u>19,500</u>	<u>16,400</u>	<u>(3,100)</u>	<u>-15.90%</u>
Subtotal:	40,512	36,600	(3,912)	-9.66%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014

Administration Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Boards & Stipends</u>				
Selectmen's Stipend	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
Election Stipends	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Health Officer	750	750	0	0.00%
Cemetery Sexton	550	550	0	0.00%
FICA/Medicare (7.65%)	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Subtotal:	10,550	10,550	0	0.00%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Print/Publications/Training	3,500	4,500	1,000	28.57%
Election Expenses	5,500	5,500	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Expense	750	750	0	0.00%
Payroll Service Expense	3,500	3,700	200	100.00%
Mileage Expense	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Office Supplies	3,250	3,000	(250)	-7.69%
Postage & Bulk Mail	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Registry of Deeds	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	26,000	26,950	950	3.65%
<u>Equipment Maint./Repair</u>				
Equip. Replace/Repair/Computer	9,000	8,000	(1000.00)	-11.11%
Software Licenses	7,600	7,900	300	3.95%
Postage Meter-Lease/Purchase	1,200	1,250	50	4.17%
Copier Lease/Maint. Agreement	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>8.33%</u>
Subtotal:	23,800	23,650	(150.00)	-0.63%
<u>Risk Management</u>				
Public Officials Liability	2,000	5,880	3,880	194.00%
Recreation	0	0	0	
Employee Bonding	500	500	0	0.00%
Worker's Comp	24,730	24,753	23	0.09%
Unemployment	7,048	7,048	0	0.00%
General Liability	9,500	6,600	(2900.00)	-30.53%
Auto Ins.	6,000	5,700	(300.00)	-5.00%
Fire Dept Ins.	<u>9,172</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>1.40%</u>
Subtotal:	58,950	59,781	831	1.41%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity	2,800	2,600	(200.00)	-7.14%
Heating Expense	3,200	2,400	(800.00)	-25.00%
Water Service	850	1,200	350	41.18%
Telephone Expense	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>16.00%</u>
Subtotal:	9,350	9,100	(250.00)	-2.67%
Total Administrative Budget:	362,359	374,955	12,595	3.48%
ARTICLE 17				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014
Planning/Codes Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Personnel				
Planner (62%)	30,896	28,050	(2846.00)	-9.21%
Code Enforcement Officer	15,080	20,150	5,070	33.62%
FICA	3,517	3,687	170	4.84%
Health & benefits (Dep. CEO)	0	6,931	6,931	100.00%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>8,554</u>	<u>8,045</u>	<u>(509.00)</u>	<u>-5.95%</u>
Subtotal:	58,047	66,863	8,816	15.19%
Operating Expenses				
Print/Publications/Training	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Enforcement	250	250	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	500	500	0	0.00%
Mileage	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Postage/Bulk	500	500	0	0.00%
Telephone	<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	3,790	3,790	0	0.00%
Planning Expenses				
Comprehensive Plan	8,000	5,000	(3000.00)	-37.50%
Planning/Appeals	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Mapping Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Subtotal:	9,500	6,500	(3000.00)	-31.58%
Planning Budget: ARTICLE 27	71,337	77,153	5,816	8.15%

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014

Fire Department Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Administration</u>				
Fire Chief Salary	15,155	15,155	0	0.00%
Vol. Reimb.	<u>14,000</u>	<u>16,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>18.57%</u>
FICA	2,242	2,429	187	8.35%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>-100.00%</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>34,397</u>	<u>34,184</u>	<u>(213)</u>	<u>-0.62%</u>
<u>Operating Expense</u>				
Training	1,800	1,900	100	5.56%
Mileage Reimburse	900	1,000	100	11.11%
Office Supplies	500	500	0	0.00%
Physicals/Innoculations	1,800	2,000	200	11.11%
Fire Suppression Equipment	3,500	4,000	500	14.29%
Equipment Testing	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
Radio Purchase & Repair	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Turnout Gear replacement	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Building Maintenance	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>22,800</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>3.95%</u>
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Heating Expense	3,000	3,500	500	16.67%
Water Service	300	300	0	0.00%
Telephone	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	<u>6,800</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>7.35%</u>
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>				
Diesel	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance/Parts & Repair	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Fire Department Budget:	<u>70,497</u>	<u>71,684</u>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>1.68%</u>
ARTICLE 20				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014 General Services & Debt Service Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET</u>				
General Assistance	7,500	7,500	0	0.00%
Library Appropriation	18,500	18,500	0	0.00%
Snowbirds Appropriation	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
County Ambulance	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
General Services Budget:	29,500	29,500	0	0.00%
<u>DEBT SERVICE BUDGET</u>				
10 YR ROAD	0	0	0	0.00%
Pleasant & Ridge Road	43,336	43,336	0	0.00%
2010 Road Bond	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
2011 Road, PW Truck Bond(10yr)	64,400	64,400	0	0.00%
2011 Fire Truck Bond(15 yr)	17,067	17,067	0	0.00%
2012 Road, PW Trackless Bond (10yr)	0	34,752	34,752	
Lease/Purchase Backhoe	0	11,000	11,000	
Interest Expense	51,073	56,107	5,034	9.86%
Debt Service Budget:	205,876	256,662	50,786	24.67%
Total Budget	235,376	286,162	50,786	21.58%
ARTICLE 18				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014 Maintenance Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>TOWN MAINTENANCE</u>				
Custodial & Supplies	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Town Hall / Office Maint & Repair	9,000	8,000	(1,000)	-11.11%
Town Hall Painting	11,000	5,000	(6,000)	-54.55%
Waterfront Maintenance/Parks	6,000	5,000	(1,000)	-16.67%
Hydrant Rental	54,850	54,850	0	0.00%
Street & Facility Lighting	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Memorial Day	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Town Maintenance Budget:	94,350	86,350	(8,000)	-8.48%
ARTICLE 21				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014

Public Works Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>				
Public Works Foreman	38,784	39,568	784	2.02%
PW Personnel	<u>55,161</u>	<u>56,265</u>	<u>1,104</u>	<u>2.00%</u>
Subtotal:	93,945	95,833	1,888	2.01%
FICA	8,602	8,837	235	2.73%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>34,856</u>	<u>39,155</u>	<u>4,299</u>	<u>12.33%</u>
Subtotal:	43,458	47,992	4,534	10.43%
<u>Operating Expense</u>				
Training	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance	9,500	9,500	0	0.00%
Tools/Equip/Radios/Uniforms	4,500	4,500	0	0.00%
Building Maintenance	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(4000.00)</u>	<u>-57.14%</u>
Subtotal:	23,000	19,000	(4000.00)	-17.39%
<u>Utilities</u>				
Electricity	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Heating	4,500	4,000	(500.00)	-11.11%
Telephone/Internet/trash	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(150.00)</u>	<u>-5.66%</u>
Subtotal:	8,650	8,000	(650.00)	-7.51%
<u>Highway Maintenance</u>				
Mow/Grade/Culvert	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Ditching/Gravel	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%
Signage	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Paving/Surf mant	15,000	12,500	(2500.00)	-16.67%
Gas/Diesel	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Subtotal:	50,000	47,500	(2500.00)	-5.00%
<u>Snow & Ice Removal</u>				
Plowing & Sanding	28,000	16,000	(12000.00)	-42.86%
PW Overtime	18,500	19,681	1,181	6.38%
Road Salt and Sand	75,500	75,500	0	0.00%
Diesel	19,000	19,000	0	0.00%
Winter Vehicle& Equip. Main.	<u>27,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3.70%</u>
Subtotal:	168,000	158,181	(9819.00)	-5.84%
Road & Highway Budget:	387,053	376,506	(10547.2 2)	-2.73%
ARTICLE 24				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014
ACO/Harbor Master Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>				
ACO Salary	8,115	8,115	0	0.00%
Harbor Master salary	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%
FICA	<u>775</u>	<u>759</u>	(16)	-2.06%
Sub-total	10,690	10,674	(16)	-0.15%
<u>ACO</u>				
Pager/Phone	600	840	240	40.00%
Mileage Reimbursement	500	500	0	0.00%
Impound Fees	3,750	3,750	0	0.00%
Feral Cat/Disposal	250	150	(100)	-40.00%
Supplies & Equip./Training	<u>600</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>(150)</u>	<u>-25.00%</u>
Sub-total	5,700	5,690	(10)	-0.18%
<u>HARBOR MASTER</u>				
Training & Membership	375	375	0	0.00%
Harbor Master Supplies & Equip	150	150	0	0.00%
Telephone	<u>165</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Sub-total	690	690	0	0.00%
Animal Control/Harbor Budget:	17,080	17,054	-26	-0.15%
ARTICLE 22				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014
EMS Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>EMS</u>				
Volunteer Reimburse	2,400	2,500	100	4.17%
EMS Director	5,200	5,304	104	2.00%
FICA/Medicare	582	597	15	2.58%
Print/Publications/Train	2,500	2,400	-100	-4.00%
Equipment	4,600	4,300	-300	-6.52%
Mileage	900	900	0	0.00%
License/Memberships	550	650	100	18.18%
Protective Clothing	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
EMS Budget	17,732	17,651	-81	-0.46%
ARTICLE 23				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014
Recreation Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Personnel</u>				
Rec Director	16,975	17,006	31	0.19%
FICA	1,299	1,301	2	0.19%
Health/Retirement	<u>2,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,700)</u>	<u>-90.00%</u>
	20,974	18,307	(2,667)	-12.75%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Misc. Expense	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%
Food Service Expense	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Recreation Advertising	350	350	0	0.00%
Recreation Facilities	<u>6,350</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>(350)</u>	<u>-5.51%</u>
Operating Expenses	12,500	12,150	(350)	-2.80%
<u>Athletic Program</u>				
Program Expenses	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>8.33%</u>
Athletic Program Expense	6,000	6,500	500	8.33%
<u>Activities Program</u>				
Activities	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Activities Expense	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Recreation Budget:	48,474	45,957	(2,517)	-5.19%
ARTICLE 26				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014
Contingency Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Contingency</u>				
Contingency	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
EMS Budget	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
ARTICLE 28				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014
Solid Waste & Recycling Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Personnel</u>				
Recycling Personnel	37,533	38,284	751	2.00%
Recycling Director	19,247	19,632	385	2.00%
FICA	4,344	4,431	87	2.00%
Health & Retirement benefits	<u>7,700</u>	<u>7,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	68,824	70,047	1,223	1.78%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Misc. Expense	2,250	2,550	300	13.33%
Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Recycling Barn Lease	14,138	14,562	424	3.00%
Gas/Oil/Propane	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Building Upgrades	6,000	1,500	(4500.00)	
Building Maintenance - General	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(300.00)</u>	<u>-20.00%</u>
Sub-total	29,888	25,812	(4076.00)	-13.64%
<u>Utilities Expense</u>				
Electricity & Telephone	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(100.00)</u>	<u>-9.09%</u>
Sub-total	1,100	1,000	(100.00)	-9.09%
<u>Recycling & Disposal Expenses</u>				
Single Stream Contract	350	350	0	0.00%
General Disposal	6,450	5,000	(1450.00)	-22.48%
Curbside Pickup Contract	53,000	54,500	1,500	2.83%
Trash Disposal	17,442	17,000	(442.00)	-2.53%
Hazardous Waste	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(2000.00)</u>	<u>-66.67%</u>
Sub-total	80,242	77,850	(2392.00)	-2.98%
Solid Waste & Recycling Budget:	180,054	174,709	(5345.10)	-2.97%
ARTICLE 25				

Bowdoinham Municipal Budget FY 2014

TIF Budget

Department Item	<u>FY 13 Budget</u>	<u>FY 14 Request</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Staff</u>				
ED Director	19,104	22,950	3,846	20.13%
FICA	1,461	1,756	294	20.13%
Health, & Retirement benefits	<u>4,700</u>	<u>6,582</u>	<u>1,882</u>	<u>40.04%</u>
Subtotal	25,265	31,288	6,022	23.84%
Print/Publications/Training	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Website/Phone/Maint.	2,200	1,600	(600)	-27.27%
Office Equip./Supplies/Computer	1,500	500	(1,000)	-66.67%
Concert Series	2,500	2,300	(200)	-8.00%
Printing/Advertise/Postage	500	250	(250)	-50.00%
Dues/ Memberships	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.00%
Celebrate	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
Newsletter	11,000	9,000	(2,000)	-18.18%
Capital Projects	<u>14,856</u>	<u>13,883</u>	<u>(973)</u>	<u>-6.55%</u>
Subtotal	43,556	37,533	(6,023)	-13.83%
TIF Budget Total	68,821	68,821	(0)	0.00%
ARTICLE 13				

Bowdoinham FY 2014 Revenue Budget

	<u>FY 13 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 14 PROPOSED</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Tax Collector's Revenue</u>				
Excise - Boat	5,400	5,400	0	0.00%
Excise - Airplane	50	50	0	0.00%
Excise - Auto	405,000	405,000	0	0.00%
DMV Agent	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
Veterans Reimbursement	2,500	2,600	100	4.00%
Interest - Taxes	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Tax Collectors Revenue	436,450	436,550	100	0.02%
<u>Treasurer's Revenue</u>				
Local Road	45,120	45,120	0	0.00%
Snowmobile	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
General Assistance	3,000	3,750	750	25.00%
State Park Fees	2,200	2,600	400	18.18%
Tree Growth Reimb	<u>7,000</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>21.43%</u>
Total Treasurer's Revenue	58,520	61,170	2,650	4.53%
<u>Local Revenue</u>				
Plumbing Fees	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Building Fees	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Ordinance/Fines	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Rec. Advertising	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Rec. Fundraising	3,500	3,000	(500)	-14.29%
Rec. Food Service	6,300	6,800	500	7.94%
Rec. Registration	11,500	11,500	0	0.00%
Rec. Sponsor	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Total Local Revenue	33,800	33,800	0	0.00%

Bowdoinham FY 2014
Revenue Budget
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	<u>FY 13 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 14 PRO- POSED</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<u>Other Revenue</u>				
General Disposal	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
Solid Waste	72,000	70,000	(2000)	-2.78%
Hazardous Waste	0	0	0	100.00%
Recycling	23,000	22,000	(1000)	-4.35%
Public Works Recycling	300	500	200	100.00%
Mooring Fees	900	900	0	0.00%
Rentals	7,800	7,800	0	0.00%
Cemetery	0	0	0	
Trust Transfers	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Fire Station Rental	200	500	300	100.00%
Franchise	11,000	11,500	500	4.55%
Lien Fees	5,000	5,000	0	100.00%
Investment	4,000	3,000	(1000)	-25.00%
EMS Donations	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Fire Donations	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
Total Other Revenue	138,500	135,500	(3000)	-2.17%
<u>Town Clerk Revenue</u>				
IF & W Agent	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
Dog Agent	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
Late Dog	1,500	1,400	(100)	-6.67%
Vital Statistics	1,600	2,000	400	25.00%
Misc. Revenue	1,400	1,600	200	14.29%
Total Town Clerk Revenue	7,100	7,600	500	7.04%
Subtotal Non Property Tax Revenue	674,370	674,620	250	0.04%
<u>Undesignated Fund Balance Transfers</u>				
Undesignated FB	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
Total Undesignated FB Revenue	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
Total Non Property Tax Rev	774,370	774,620	250	0.03%
<u>Property Tax Related Revenues</u>				
Homestead Reimbursement	58,000	60,000	2,000	3.47%
Municipal Revenue Sharing	187,685	187,685	0	0.00%
BETE Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	0	
Total Property Tax Related Revenue	246,685	248,685	2,000	0.91%
Total Non Property Tax Rev	774,370	774,620	250	0.03%
Total All Revenues	1,021,055	1,023,305	2,250	0.22%

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Sagadahoc, ss

State of Maine

To: Brandi Lohr, 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 Town Hall on Tuesday, June 11, 2013** at 8:00 a.m. then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 and 3 as set out below, the polling hours for voting on Articles 2 and 3 will be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Bowdoinham Town Hall** in said town on **Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on Articles 4 through 49 as set out below:

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

ARTICLE 2: Shall this municipality authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday? (Article submitted by petition)

ARTICLE 3: Shall this municipality authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of wine to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday? (Article submitted by petition)

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 4: Shall an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks or consumer fireworks within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Bowdoinham, except for professional fireworks displays as specifically sanctioned by municipal officials be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection. (Article submitted by petition)

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends this article not pass (Vote 5 – 0).

ARTICLE 5: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Official Shoreland Zoning Map to Delete All References to the ‘Marina District’ and to Replace Them With References to the ‘Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District’” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 6: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Remove Certain References to ‘Great Ponds’ Because There Are No Great Ponds Located in Bowdoinham” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 7: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Add Provisions Regarding Non-Permanent Structures and Temporary Buildings” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 8: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Revise and Clarify Provisions Relating to Business Name Signage, Home Day Cares, Home Occupations, and Home-Based Businesses ” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 9: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Article 9 (Subdivisions) of the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Revise and Streamline the Application and Review Process” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 10: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Article 11 (Administration, Enforcement & Penalties) of the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Revise Provisions Regarding Consent Agreements for Illegal Structures in Shoreland Areas and to Clarify Provisions Regarding General Administrative Fees and Fines” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 11: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Article 12 (Appeals) of the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to Clarify the Application Procedure for Appeals” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 12: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Official Shoreland Zoning Map and Article 6 (Shoreland Zoning Overlay Districts) of the Town of Bowdoinham Land Use Ordinance to expand the ‘Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District’” be enacted? Copies of the proposed ordinance and proposed Official Zoning Map are on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

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

ARTICLE 13: Shall an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Ordinance Creating A Municipal Fire Department” be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file at the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends this article to pass.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$68,821 from the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) for Economic and Community Development.

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement in a principal amount not exceeding \$110,000 (exclusive of finance costs), for a term not to exceed ten years, and under other terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable, for the purpose of funding the acquisition of a backhoe for the Public Works Department? Said \$110,000 being a portion of the total estimated acquisition cost of \$125,000 for a backhoe that will replace a 1997 Case backhoe.

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

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town establish an Electronic Equipment Reserve Fund and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Cable Franchise Fee revenue to transfer to the Electronic Equipment Reserve Fund?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town establish a Comprehensive Plan Reserve Fund and authorize the Select Board to transfer the unexpended balance of the FY 2013 Planning/Code Enforcement Budget to the Comprehensive Plan Reserve Fund?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

(All recommendations for the Expense Budget Articles are joint recommendations of the Select Board and the Finance Advisory Committee.)

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 374,955.00

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

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 29,500.00

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Debt Services Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 256,662.00

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 71,684.00

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Town Maintenance Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 86,350.00

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Animal Control Budget/Harbor Master Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 17,054.00

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 17,651.00

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Public Works Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 376,506.00

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Recycling Department Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 174,709.00

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Recreation Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 45,957.00

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Planning/Code Enforcement Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 77,153.00

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Contingency Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: \$ 10,000.00

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$590,523 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 31: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$674,620.00 from the Estimated Revenues Account (Non-Property Tax Revenues) to be applied to reduce the 2014 tax rate?

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

FUND BALANCE ARTICLE

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to be applied to reduce the 2014 tax rate?

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

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to fix two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable and after which interest shall accrue.

First Installment: Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Second Installment: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the interest Rate: 7.0% - The maximum allowed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §505(4).

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate of 3% per year on the amount of over-payment 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 36: 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 37: Shall the Town authorize the payment of any overdrafts that may occur in the Town's 2013 budget to be paid out of the fund balance?

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 38: 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 39: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept on behalf of the Town, monetary gifts, and to appropriate said gifts to supplement the accounts specified by the benefactor.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 40: 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 41: 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 42: 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 43: 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 44: 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 assessing, ambulance service, banking, road maintenance, snow removal, curbside recycling and rubbish disposal.

ARTICLE 45: 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 46: 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 47: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to collect Solid Waste Management User Fees for FY 2013/2014 at the rate of \$2.50 per bag.

RECOMMENDATION: Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 48: 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 \$150.00 per year, per truck fee for trucks with up to and including six (6) wheels; a fee of \$250.00 per year, per truck for trucks with more than six (6) wheels. Select Board recommends the article to pass.

ARTICLE 49: 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.

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