



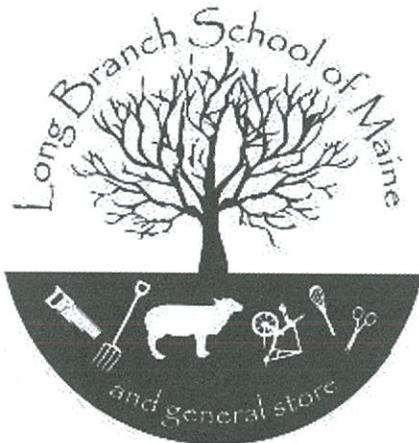
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



BOWDOINHAM WELCOMES THE LONG BRANCH SCHOOL OF MAINE

The “Old Fire Station” and “Old Bank Building” are now the home of the Long Branch School of Maine. The vision for the Long Branch School is to become the recognized leader in traditional skills education and their mission is to:

- provide people with skills they need to live sustainably;
- rekindle the skills and lifestyles of our heritage in a socially and environmentally responsible manner;
- provide people a unique and fulfilling experience that builds community and re-localizes our economy;
- incubate and grow businesses that support a local, sustainable economy.

Long Branch School of Maine will be offering a variety of classes in agriculture, crafts, building, wood and metal working, business, health and wellness, and outdoor skills. Their class catalog is growing, but they are still looking for

more instructors. If you have a skill that you'd like to share and are interested in joining the Long Branch School's growing roster of Instructors, you are encouraged to email a letter of interest describing your skill and your availability for classes to info@longbranchschool.com.

In addition to classes, the Long Branch School of Maine will feature the Long Branch General Store. The Store will feature produce from local farmers, Maine made products, local arts and crafts, refurbished tools and class supplies. If you have locally made products that you would like to sell at the School Store, please contact info@longbranchschool.com.



Long Branch General Store

The Long Branch School of Maine will have its Grand Opening on Friday, September 9th

You're invited to join Pete, Nanette, John and Crystle for refreshments by local chefs, music and demonstrations from 5–7pm. The Open House will continue for Celebrate Bowdoinham, on Saturday, September 10th, so be sure to stop by, say hi and sign up for a class (or two).

There first class will be Promote Global Worming on Sunday, September

11th from 1pm–4pm. Brett Thompson will teach students how to compost their kitchen food scraps and convert them into terrific nutrients for their plants. Be sure to register for this class by Friday, September 4th, so you do not miss out on this great opportunity.

For more information, please visit www.longbranchschool.com, call 666-8900 or stop by 20 Main Street.

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Bowdoinham's Recreation Garage

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that made the dream of a garage at our recreation field a reality. First is Kathy Durgin-Leighton, without her persistence and know how this project would not have happened. She made arrangements for the Army National Guard to come to Bowdoinham to build the garage for us, free of labor; all we needed to do is pay for supplies. This is where our wonderful volunteer base comes in! Last summer Ararat hosted a 12U Cal Ripken State Tournament in Bowdoinham and we planned on using the proceeds toward the supplies for the garage; because of the large volunteer base provided by Bowdoinham, we were able to set aside a good amount of money to put toward our garage. The Ararat Cal Ripken Board (especially Tim O'Connor, Ronnie Emmons and Steve Cox) and ALL it's



volunteers helped to run a very impressive tournament (still talked about by many). A huge piece to the tournament's success was Robin O'Connor, the master mind behind the volunteer force in the snack shack...thank you! Dick Leighton volunteered his expertise to design the garage to match the snack shack and dugouts. Kevin Prout and Nicole Briand were instrumental helping me with the details that I knew nothing about! Cote Construction laid the ground work for the slab during a morning full of t-ball; the t-ball players loved watching Cote work! Bamford Foundations came in

next and laid the slab down. Don Gerrish stepped in to help smooth some bumps along the way. Supplies were purchased through Hammond Lumber. Andrew Marquis and his crew of 10 rolled in on June 13th and were done on June 21st and handed me the "keys". It was a lot of fun watching the garage go up so quickly! Thank you Army National Guard for all your hard work! I believe that without the labor of the Army National Guard, the garage would not have happened. David Waite was called in to check on the electrical work and now we need to fill it up!



Rabies Clinic

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Rabies Vaccine—\$10.00

Ear Cleaning—\$5.00

Nail Trimming—\$10.00

Microchip ID Insertion—\$25.00

Please make sure that your animals are indeed due for a rabies vaccine. (Over vaccinating can cause short and long term adverse side effects and has been linked to cancer and immune problems. Please bring a past rabies certificate with you if available.

At this time you will also be able to register your dog(s) for the 2012 year.

Municipal Election

This year our Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th at the Bowdoinham Town Hall. The hours will be 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Nomination papers will be available from the Town Clerk on Monday, August 15th, for the following positions:

- 2(two) Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three year term.
- 1(one) Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a two year term.
- 1(one) School Board Member for a two year term.

Papers are to be picked up at the Town Office and are to be returned by Monday, September 26th at 4:00pm.

(The Town voted to the change to the election of Selectperson(s) to November and increase the Selectboard from three to five members at a Special Town Meeting on November 2, 2010.)

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk at 666-5531.

Thank You Jen Foley

The Town of Bowdoinham would like to take this opportunity to extend a special Thank You to Jen Foley.



As chair of Bowdoinham's Finance Committee, Jen went above and beyond the call of duty and applied for Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation grant for the purchasing of a new fire truck. On July 26, 2011 the Selectboard graciously accepted the \$50,000.00 grant from Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation.

Thank you, Jen!!!

Meet Bowdoinham's New Town Manager

William Post began his duties as Bowdoinham's Town Manager on July 6th. Bill has over 15 years of experience at the municipal level including time as Town Manager of the communities of Bradley, Damariscotta and Waldoboro, and as County Administrator for Knox County. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Southern Maine and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine.

"Although I have only been in Bowdoinham a few weeks, I already feel comfortable with the town, the staff and the residents that I have had the pleasure to meet. It seems to be an exciting time for

the town with the many projects that are underway in Bowdoinham such as the road reconstruction, the purchase of a new fire engine and public works truck and the future projects such as the sidewalk and skate park construction, and the decisions to be made on the Recycling Barn and Public Works garage. I look forward to helping make Bowdoinham a better place to live, work and play."

Bill lives in Waldoboro with his wife and two children. He is very involved in youth sports and coaches soccer, baseball, softball and basketball. Bill is also an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics and Portland Seadogs.

If you have not met Bill, please stop in the Town Office and say hello.



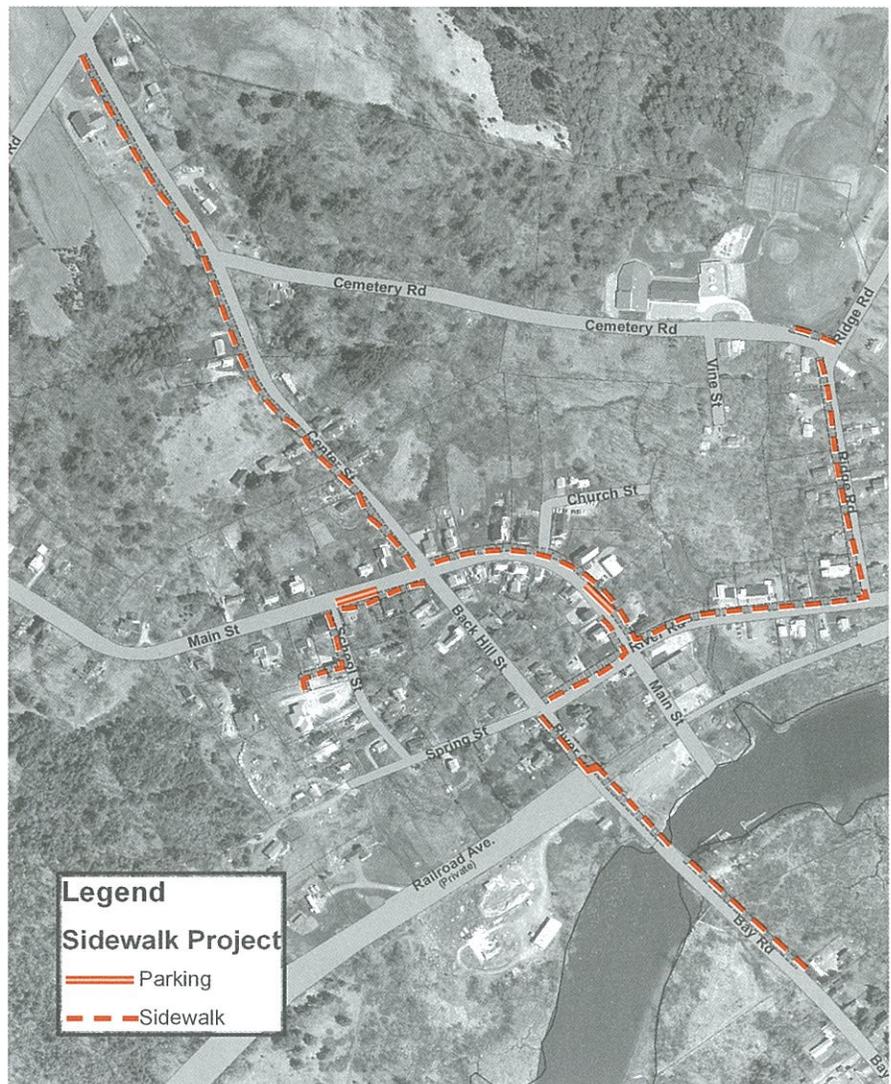
William Post

Sidewalk Project

On July 29, 2011 the Town received authorization to go out to bid for the construction of our sidewalk project!!! Construction bids are due and will be opened on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 9:00 am at the Town Office. Construction will begin this September, but it will be scheduled so that it does not interfere with Celebrate Bowdoinham. The priorities for construction this Fall 2011 are Main Street and River Road. Sidewalk construction on Center Street and School Street will be dependent on what the weather brings us this Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. Sidewalk construction on Ridge Road is scheduled to take place in Summer 2012, as lower Ridge Road is slated for reconstruction next year as well.

We will do our best to minimize delays during construction and we thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Briand, Town Planner at nbriand@bowdoinham.com or Bill Post, Town Manager at wpost@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531. We will gladly meet with you to discuss any concerns that you may have.



**Celebrate
Bowdoinham 2011**
(Sept. 10th, rain date Sept. 11th)
see schedule and maps on
www.bowdoinham.com

On Saturday, September 10th, the Bowdoinham waterfront and village center will be full of action! Favorite events from the past and new attractions are all part of a great day's schedule. Celebrate Bowdoinham starts out on Friday night at 7 pm with a Concert at the gazebo by Justin Crouse and Friends.

Saturday starts off with the Chicken Run (5K Road Race) beginning at the Community School. Then at 10 am the Celebrate Bowdoinham Parade kicks off at the Fire Station, a long procession of floats, personalities, organizations, horseback riders, fire trucks, the ever popular Kora cars, the Ziggurat Theater Ensemble, Veterans, Drum and Bugle Corps. The parade travels from Post Road to Main Street, then down Main Street to River Road and up Ridge Road.

After the Parade, the activities start at the waterfront—rides, exhibits, contests and great food and music—something for everyone!! A climbing wall/bungee jumping unit and an inflatable universe will be major attractions all day. The Bowdoinham Public Library's annual Book Sale should fill the gap left by the

closing of a bookstore chain. The Bowdoinham Historical Society will exhibit objects and photos and publications. Local Bowdoinham food vendors will provide a variety of tasty treats and delectable delights available throughout the day. The Fire Station will host a wonderful Bean Supper from 4-6 pm!!!

With the town's 250th Anniversary coming up in 2012, people will be able to see plans and schedules for the year's planned activities at the Town Tent. You can order a Commemorative Plate or sign up to volunteer for one of the many Committees getting organized. Visitors will also see information from other Town Committees and projects.

The Diaper Derby, a big hit in 2010, will be run with two different age categories of little guys scrambling across a blanket. The Lobster Crate Race will give opportunities for older kids and teens to show their skills and grace. Other children's activities will include face painting, a Coin Scramble and art activities. Then the ever popular KenDucky Derby will send rubber duckies in to the tidal current for an exciting race on the Cathance River and handsome cash



prizes. The Silent Auction will give people the opportunity to bid on a wide range of goods and services from around the area.

New to the line-up will be the Scavenger Hunt. Register and pick up your lists at The Town Landing on Thursday, September 8th. Scavenger Hunt packages must be turned into the Information Tent by 3 pm and the winners will be announced at the beginning of The Blue's Buzzards performance at the Gazebo at 8 pm!

Area merchants and artists will display and sell their wares as testament to the "Buy Local, Buy Bowdoinham" opportunities in town. Nonprofits and area organizations will mount exhibits. The many farmers of Bowdoinham will sell you their fresh produce and compete to be titled one of Bowdoinham's Best.

There will be music all day in the gazebo with a wide range of local musicians and performers showing their talents. The evening concerts will begin at 6 pm with Margot Frost followed by the Blues Buzzards at 8 pm ending the day's festivities.

We hope everyone will have a good time! Share good energy and smiles with everyone who is working to make the day a success!

For more information visit the town website or contact Lynn Spiro (666- 3872) or Peggy Muir (666-3426).

**** BOATERS: Mailyly Waterfront Park will be closed to boat traffic from 5 pm Friday through Saturday. Sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for helping make Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011 a success!!**



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***Come Share in the Fun—
Share in the Community
Celebrate Bowdoinham
Wants You!***

This is a community event, and **we need your help.** In order to help make this the most fun filled event in the area, we are in need of volunteers to help run some of the events. Below is a list of some opportunities to help:

- Lobster Crate Race
- Coin Scramble
- Parking
- Bouncy House Attendants
- Bouncy Slide Attendants
- Dunk Tank Attendants

Please contact Peggy Muir at pegbryce@comcast.net, as soon as possible!

Vendor Participant Applications are available on-line or at the Town Office.

All artist, food vendors, sales, and interested parties should apply as soon as possible. Musicians, entertainers, interested in participating should contact Lynn Spiro @ 798-2737.



THE BOWDOINHAM

Bowdoinham Historical Society

www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, BHS is really making good progress toward our goal of being able to use the Jellerson School for classes by Bowdoinham's 250th Celebration in 2012. We hope to have students from Bowdoinham and nearby towns visit in order to experience what school was like for their great and great-great grandparents. We are currently scraping and priming the exterior and restoring the window sashes. In the fall we will be having the roof sub-structure and sheathing extensively repaired and a roof installed. Once that happens and we are weather tight, we can focus on the interior.

We are also collecting the furniture and other materials we need to replicate school life between about 1890 and 1915. We have what is likely the Jellerson school bell, seven school desks, and a desk for the teacher. We need more school desks, simple benches for around the walls, a 45 star American flag, steel tipped dip pens, ink wells, old school books, lard pails/ lunch buckets, pinafores, overalls, straw hats, and other school related items.

We would especially treasure memories or stories about attending Jellerson School or any Bowdoinham one room school. We have compiled a partial list of Jellerson school teachers from 1816 to 1946 and are working on a list of students. We have class pictures from 1895, 1909, and 1939, but would love to borrow others (or any other Bowdoinham school photos) to copy.

DID YOU KNOW? School District No. 3, serving all students between Abagadasset River and the Cathance River East Branch, was



Jellerson School Bell



Scraping and Painting: Day 2

authorized in 1791, and in 1794 a school house was built by George Maxwell and George Thomas on the west side of the Abagadasset River about 3/4 mile south of Harward's Crossing (Route 24). The present Jellerson School house was built in about 1855 several hundred yards south of the current location and across the road. In 1910 the building was renovated and moved to the corner of Browns Point Road and Center Point Road. In 1946 it was closed 'for lack of students. It later served as home of the Rod and Gun Club for a number of years.

Contact Betsy Steen to be added to the 'Friends of Jellerson School' and receive email updates and notices of work days.

Other Historical Society News:

In July, BHS held a fun and interesting "What's It? Meeting." Twenty-two folks brought more than 50 fascinating items to identify or stump the rest of us. We identified all but 6! See the BHS web site.

Then and Now Pictures: Joe Ashouwak Mt Ararat, 2012 is using photos of Bowdoinham's past and taking 'the same picture now.' If you have old photos of Bowdoinham scenes, homes, or businesses we would love to borrow them so we can scan them.

Upcoming

A display from our decoy collection at Merrymeeting Arts Center's show 'Cattails and Cat's Tales' from August 12.

A display at Celebrate Bowdoinham, theme to be determined, possibly ship building and the coasting trade in Bowdoinham.

A yard sale (donations welcome) at the Meeting House (Rte 24 and Browns Point Road) October 15, culminating in a Cider Social 10/16. Funds raised to go to Jellerson School Restoration.

Bowdoinham's own 'Antiques Roadshow' type event and display in the Town Hall in mid November.

To join the fun, give a donation of items or money, or to loan materials to copy: email or call Betsy Steen (bayviewess@comcast.net 666-3468, visit Kate Cutko in the Bowdoinham Public Library, or visit our website www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/



Desk bought and donated by Chet and Jeanne Gillis

Merrymeeting Arts Center

The Merrymeeting Arts Center, in collaboration with the Bowdoinham Public Library and the Bowdoinham Historical Society, announces the opening of its late summer show “Cattails and Cat’s Tales” on Saturday August 13 from 10 am–5 pm at its center at 9 Main Street, Bowdoinham (Cathance Landing).

The show will feature works in many genres by local artists working with the concept of cattails and cat’s tales in both straightforward and whimsical ways. Included are metal sculptures by Gerry Galuza and Isabelle Pelissier, wood sculptures by Bryce Muir, multimedia works by Caroline Boylston, photographs by Jane Page-Conway, Theresa Turgeon, Leslie Anderson, and Theta Torbert, paintings by Sarah Stapler, collage by Gracia Woodward and assemblage by Howard Solomon. Photographs and text relating to cattails and cats from the Bowdoinham



Historical Society will be shown in the art center annex, including information on the feral cat problem, alluded to in Bowdoinham town reports.

A small display of decoys by local carvers from the Bowdoinham Historical Society will be shown as well (others from the collection were shown last year at the same time).

The late summer show opens on August 13th, the same day as the yearly festival put on by Ducks Unlimited at Maily Park adjacent to the arts center. The show runs from August 13 to September 25.

In addition to the show, three related events are scheduled: Tuesday August 16 from 10–11 am at the Bowdoinham

Public Library Kate Cutko, Librarian, will read several Cat Tales from favorite children’s books; Saturday, September 10, during Celebrate Bowdoinham a workshop on “Making cattails and cats’ tails will be offered; Sunday September 18 from 2–4 pm at the Merrymeeting Arts Center Jane Page-Conway will narrate a slide show entitled “A Cat on the Bay: evolution of a children’s book”.

Merrymeeting Arts Center encourages art, education and community celebrating the cultural heritage and natural environment of Merrymeeting Bay. Inspired and guided by the eclectic values of the life and spirit of Bryce Muir, the Center joyfully promotes egalitarianism, whimsy, environmental consciousness, and diversity through its artists, programs and projects. The center is open Saturdays from 10-1 and other hours by appointment. For more information please call Lee Parker, 710-0349.

Health Updates

In the last few years, the midcoast area has held many successful unused and expired medication collection take back days. In the last year, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (USDEA) decided to sponsor two Drug Take Back Days and they were both very successful in our area thanks to the many volunteers, Mid Coast Hospital, and local police and Sagadahoc Sheriff departments. Because our area already had a successful take back program in place, our rates in the midcoast area yielded one of the highest rates per capita of medications collected in the nation. USDEA has decided to sponsor another national take back day on October 29th, 2011. More information about sites where you can bring your medications will be forthcoming as details are confirmed. If you have any questions, please e-mail your local health officer at rebeccamillermph@gmail.com or call the town office at 666-5531. Stay tuned for more details!

Lyme Disease has been a growing problem in Maine. Many people think that Lyme Disease is a spring and summer threat, however, Lyme Disease is still an issue in the fall. The baby ticks or nymphs, have now grown and need to get their blood meals. Therefore, it is still important to take precautions against ticks. Wear light clothing, and wear long sleeves and pants (tuck into socks) when in the woods. Do a full body check when coming into the home. If you find a tick, remove it slowly with tweezers with upward pull to make sure you remove it all. You can also have the tick examined by the Maine Medical Center Research Lab to see if it is the *Ixodes scapularis* (dammini), the particular tick that causes Lyme Disease. For more information, go to <http://www.mmcri.org/lyme/meticks.html> or <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/epi/vector-borne/lyme/> You can also call the Northern New England Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for more information on signs and symptoms and how to

remove the tick. Dogs are also very susceptible to Lyme Disease, so check your dogs when they have been outdoors and use a recommended repellent. Cats do not typically get Lyme Disease.

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Bowdoinham Recreation

With Spring comes Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball in Bowdoinham and it sure makes for a fast and furious time of year! Again, we had a very successful season due to the HUGE volunteer base on and off the fields!! Steve McKim is irreplaceable behind the plate; he umpired at least 25 baseball games on Middle Field. Our hats go off to Steve for all his time spent calling balls and strikes! Another well known name when it comes to volunteering in Bowdoinham is Mike Egan; he stepped in to umpire both softball and baseball games!!! We had 3 softball teams this year: Harty & Harty Surveying, Village Lodge #26, and Temple Well Drilling. Bowdoinham fielded 5 baseball teams: FHC & Sure Winner Foods (2011 Ararat Cup Champs), Brian Smith Surveying, C.P. Curtis Insurance, Doug Tourtelotte Excavation, and Smith Bros. Plumbing &

Heating. Next comes 4 T-Ball teams: Little Feet Day Care, Gregory Rice Photography, Down East Credit Union, and Main Street Fuel. Thank you to all the sponsors who help to make this program succeed!!!! Next I

need to thank the coaches for all their time and effort on and off the fields; it takes a lot of organizing to hold a team together!!! Brandi Lohr, Marcia Harty, Andrea Dixon, Tricia Dau, Randy Skelton, Chris Gonyea, Tara Plant, Jerry Merrill, Steve Cox, Rick Downs, Josh Lohr, Jon Ouellette, AJ Booty, Rich Taylor, Chad Weaver, Seth Berry, Robin Persson, Marc Berry, Mark Bowker, Jen Merrill, Joe Satterfield, Tony Cox, Eric Haram, Jen Berry, David & Athena Mann, Patrick Thompson, Ken Larose,



Brian Reed, and Jim Belknap. The snack shack had many volunteers flipping burgers, tossing french fries and keeping our players and fans well hydrated. Julie Booty, Leah Groh, and Pat Johnson were truly dedicated through the entire season...thank you!!! Hannaford supplied us was lots of water and hamburg and hot dogs buns to start us off for the season. Sure Winner Foods provided a freezer and filled it with ice cream for us to sell to help support our programs. Thank you for those generous donations!!! Middle Field and Pertel Field are envied by many in the area; they are well maintained by lots of helping hands. SAD #75 mows the softball field and takes pride in seeing it used a lot by our community! Bowdoinham's Public Works kept Middle Field and North Field looking awesome even through the wet weeks that we experienced this spring!!! And then there is Steve Cox, who grooms the fields over and over again, making sure that Bowdoinham's fields are the best that they can be. Thanks to ALL you help!

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Town of Bowdoinham Vision Statement

Based on considerable public input, the Comprehensive Planning Committee presents this vision for the Town of Bowdoinham for the year 2021.

In the year 2021 Bowdoinham is pretty much the same as it is today, only better.

The town's rural character, rich history, and natural beauty are preserved. The people here are peaceful, supportive, and tolerant as they have been for generations. The local economy is strong and relatively self-sufficient.

The village is ever more attractive and lively. There are more businesses, another restaurant or two, and sidewalks. New development in the village is in character with the historic buildings and served by enhanced infrastructure.

More of the land is in agricultural use and the food produced is healthy and safe. Bowdoinham farms supply an impressive proportion of local food needs

and bring significant money into the community from away. Woods, wetlands, and waterfronts are highly valued as in the past. Continuing a tradition of thoughtful management, Bowdoinham's wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation areas, including Merrymeeting Bay, are treasured by locals and visitors alike. Bowdoinham's country roads continue to be lined with scattered houses, fields, forests and small businesses. New development and stores are in keeping with local and historic character.

We are a hugely diverse mix of blue collar and white collar, young and old, liberal and conservative, from here and from away, and are proud to support each other and our community in the face of challenges. Artists, musicians, and craftspeople are abundant and appreciated. Small businesses and entrepreneurship are encouraged. Though proud to be local, Bowdoinham people are connected to the region and to the world. There is high quality cell phone connectivity and internet access throughout the town.

Bowdoinham is a great place to live, work, play, raise kids and grow old. Specific initiatives are targeted to help youth love, appreciate and engage with their community, and to help elderly live here comfortably and securely. Affordable housing, among a diversity of housing options, is available for young and old.

Specific institutions, central to the appeal of community, are maintained and nurtured; for instance, Town Meeting, Bowdoinham Community School, the Library, the Recycling Barn and Program, the Waterfront Park, the Farmers Market, and the Town Hall.

In the year 2021, Bowdoinham has adapted to global change yet retained its human scale and historic values.

*Unanimously approved by the
Comprehensive Planning Committee,
August 2, 2011*

Comprehensive Planning Committee—Update

As Summer wanes the Comprehensive Planning Committee begins data collection and analysis and continues to seek resident input to write the Town of Bowdoinham's ten year Comprehensive Plan. Considerable input by townspeople through surveys, public forums and community organizations has resulted in the Vision Statement (above), which will serve as a guide as we develop the Plan.

The process to develop the Vision Statement is complete, but input to the actual Comprehensive Plan is just beginning. It is our hope that the participation we have experienced so far will continue. Our meetings are generally the First Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 PM in the Coombs School Meeting Room. Please join us at any meeting as they are

open to the public. With school and family schedules tightening up as Fall approaches, follow our progress and receive meeting information, agendas and updates by email. No email, no problem, as you may know one of our Committee members—contact us. Still too busy? Hopefully you can catch up with us at the Bowdoinham Fire Department's Bean Suppers that resume in September. Last, but by no means least, please come to Celebrate Bowdoinham, Saturday, September 10th. You will find us in the Information Area, and all over, as several committee members will be volunteering in other areas as well. We are looking forward to sharing our progress and continuing to get your input.

Best for a remaining Summer Season,

Cynthia Lamoreau, *Chair*
Comprehensive Planning Committee

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“Largest Tax Shift Ever” on the Way, but Limited 2010 Refunds Available Now

By Rep. Seth Berry

Concerned about rising property taxes or rent? If so, I have some bad news and some good news for you.

The bad news: tax shifts in the new state budget will likely lead to major property tax increases in the coming years. The good news: you may be due a refund on your 2010 property taxes today.

Passed in late June, the new state budget cuts over \$110 million in funds slotted for property tax reductions. This is a cut of over 30% compared with most previous years. Potentially adding to the property tax increase, the two school systems I represent (R.S.U. 2 and M.S.A.D. 75) each lose over \$1 million this year from combined state and federal funding.

Money saved by this shift is used to reduce income taxes for some Mainers. The big tax “winners” include nonresidents, some corporations, and 550 estates worth over \$1 million apiece. Those making \$360,000 per year, Maine’s wealthiest 1%, will receive an average annual benefit of \$3,000 apiece. Minimum-wage earners, by comparison, will receive \$9 apiece.

Not all of the budget’s tax changes are paid for through property tax increases. In fact, most changes are not paid for at all. By starting when the two-year budget is almost over, they simply bypass Maine’s balanced budget requirement.

Billing \$400 million to future legislatures and over \$110 million to local governments, this budget represents the largest tax shift in Maine history.

Seeking a better path, I did present a budget amendment to avoid these unwise shifts and unpaid bills. According to analyses done by Maine Revenue Services, my approach would have reduced income taxes for at least 16,000 more Maine families and businesses, cost less than half as much, and avoided increases to property taxes. Even though it helped far more Mainers at far less cost, my compromise tax proposal was voted down.

I regret that my supportive colleagues and I were in the minority, and could not

turn the shifting tide. I will keep working for positive alternatives that benefit more Mainers and create more jobs.

One small piece of good news is that you may be owed a refund on your 2010 taxes.

While reduced, the Property Tax and Rent Refund has not been completely—and the one-page application is easy. On August 1st, refunds of up to \$1600 became available for taxes or rent paid in 2010. Many hard-working Bowdoinham families, deserving seniors and others who apply will receive a partial refund of taxes and/or rent paid on their primary residence.

To qualify, your 2010 adjusted household income must be less than \$64,950 or less (\$86,600 for those with spouse or dependents). In addition, your 2010 property tax must have been more than 4% (or rent more than 20%) of your 2010 household income. Low-income seniors do not need to meet this requirement.

To apply, visit maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief or call 626-8475.

In another small piece of good news for towns, my colleagues and I were able to defeat L.D. 79, a partisan proposal to cut funding to repair local roads by 5 percent. Like the state budget, this bill would only have shifted the burden to Bowdoinham’s property taxes, creating

potholes in both our local roads and our bank accounts.

Maine will not prosper by asking even more of local, middle-class taxpayers and working families who are already struggling. Targeted investments and a balanced tax code are crucial for Maine to create jobs and compete globally.

Research shows that while benefits to the extremely wealthy tend to boost multinational investment portfolios, benefits to the heavily burdened middle class tend to be spent locally. Money that stays longer in the local economy is spent two or three times over, lifting more boats and creating more local jobs.

As a Bowdoinham parent and former selectperson, as well as your Representative and the ranking minority member of the Legislature’s Taxation Committee, I intend to keep striving for positive long-term changes that are more morally and economically sound.

Please do consider applying for the Property Tax and Rent Refund today. And as always, I thank you for the honor of representing you in the State House. Please call me anytime at 522-1609, or email me at seth@sethberry.org.

And last but not least, I hope to see you at the Gazebo or on the Bay this summer!



13 August 2011, at 9:00 am
Philip Maily Waterfront Park,
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FREE ADMISSION
\$10:00 entry fee for competition

RAFFLES: guns, decoys, gun cases, blind bags, and various waterfowling gear.

GAMES for the kids.

VENDORS.

DECOY COMPETITION: floating carved decoys.

RETRIEVER COMPETITION: all breeds welcomed. Bring water for your dog.

DUCK BOAT COMPETITION: antique and modern, rigged for hunting.

CALLING COMPETITION: duck and goose, amateur to advanced welcomed.

FOOD: hamburgers, Hotdogs, and refreshments.

For information call Ron or Lisa Volk at 353-4003.

Bowdoinham EMS

By Ann Davis

Bowdoinham EMS is working on a cookbook to commemorate the Town's 250th Anniversary. There are some awesome cooks in this town and we would love to have some of your family secret recipes or any new recipes that you have tried. Please help us make this an extraordinary cookbook that we can all have forever. Please either drop recipes off at the town office, send them to the town office at 13 School St or email them to Ann

Davis at adavis@bowdoinham.com.

We are also proud to have some new members join us and one old member come back to us. We have Betsy Ham as a new member. Betsy will be taking her Basic EMT class in the fall. Also Eric Kelley who has been a helper with us for a while will be taking his Basic EMT class in the fall also. Good Luck to both of you. Colleen Wormwood our paramedic has rejoined us again after taking a break due to her work schedule. Colleen has been doing trainings once a month for all the responders.

We have purchased new CPR Mannequins and are ready to teach. Colleen, Dawna Bowlin and Linda Williams are all CPR instructors. If you have any interest in taking a CPR class please feel free to let us know. Call Ann Davis @ 666-5531.

All our members are now certified in AVOC which allows them to drive an ambulance should the need arise. Some other trainings that we have done are Trauma Assessment, Cold Weather Emergencies, Burns and Water Rescue.

Community Development Advisory Committee

The Community Development Advisory Committee with a number of Bowdoinham residents, and the support of the town, have pulled together and through written articles, pictures, and a developing calendar of events, have worked hard to share the pride and community spirit we all feel for the town we call home. Starting in November the Bowdoinham Brochure will be ready for distribution along the Maine Turnpike at the Visitors Information Centers (VIC's), the town offices and businesses throughout the area.

We are excited about this brochure as it will showcase all that Bowdoinham

has to offer. It will be informative with maps, business listings, business advertisements, history and more. With the upcoming 250th anniversary of Bowdoinham, we will highlight the many happenings over time, as well as what Bowdoinham offers today. It is sure to be a useful publication for promoting the area and all there is to see and do!

Spencer Richie, of Direct Display Publishing, is in the process of contacting Bowdoinham businesses and organizations. Spencer and his team of graphic designers will work the businesses and organizations to provide an affordable, dynamic, and creative avenue to promote your business, and the place you call home. An incoming tide raises all ships! And if a handful of businesses

benefit specifically through advertising response, then the trickle down can only benefit the town. There will be those who simply get on board to support the project even though it may not be their advertising venue. Regardless of the reason, there are 160+ businesses in Bowdoinham, in a community of 2800 residents, the town has said yes and chooses to support the project to make it affordable for everyone. Good for Bowdoinham!

No project would be complete without your added touch and input. Included in the Bowdoinham Booklet will be a calendar of events for the upcoming year, and pictures that show off the beauty of the place we call home. Please send us your events for 2012, and your photos of Bowdoinham. E-mail any information to Nicole Briand at the Town Office at Nbriand@bowdoinham.com. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Spiro at The Town Landing Restaurant.

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Cruise 'In

The idea of Cruise 'In on the Cathance was established April 23, 2009. It was suggested by a local resident over lunch at The Town Landing Restaurant that Bowdoinham, and the waterfront area would be a great place to attract car enthusiasts. "If you build it, they will come", and they have!

Hosted by The Town Landing Restaurant, Cruise 'In on the Cathance has hit the ground running in 2011. Despite the rain and overcast day, our first event this year brought cars and people to downtown Bowdoinham. The Lady's Auxilliary generously have donated a basket of baked goods to be raffled off at each event! We will have that and

a number of other items, t-shirts, gift certificates, food, and goodies to raffle off the remainder of the year, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Lynn Spiro of The Town Landing states, "This has become a great way of enjoying the beauty and work that goes into these customized and tricked out cars, supporting and promoting the local businesses, and Bowdoinham's own 'Buy Local, Buy Bowdoinham' program." All items for the door prize raffles are donated by local



businesses, all monies raised go back to local town organizations. Each one supporting the other, a tradition that began in 1762, when the town was first incorporated. A community of friends, family, and car enthusiasts. This year, all monies raised will benefit The Bowdoinham Firemen's Association.

Come visit us August 27th from 4-6:30 for Cruise 'In on the Cathance, and then stick around as we dance in the street and celebrate the car, the music, and the dance from that era with an old fashioned Sock Hop! With music by DJ Jason Everett, we will have a Hoola-Hoop contest, and do some hand-jive. Come dressed for the event in your favorite poodle skirt, or leather jacket. Slick back your hair, and polish your shoes, and win the best dressed contest!!

For additional information please stop by The Town Landing, or contact Lynn Spiro at 666-3872.

An Update on the Recycling Barn and Recycling Program

As most of you know, the Town leases space from Dave Berry in an old chicken barn to house the recycling program. As with any old building, there have been issues with the structure that have been addressed and some that have not been addressed. Earlier this year, part of the roof collapsed and was subsequently repaired by Mr. Berry. Since then, the Town's worker's compensation insurance carrier has inspected the building and determined that the roof does not meet the current building codes. What this means for the Town is that the insurance carrier will not continue to provide workers' compensation insurance for the town employees after December 31, 2011. The Town is required by law to provide this type of insurance for its employees.

So, what's next? The Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager will be looking at all of the options at our disposal to ensure that the Town's recycling program continues. An informational meeting will be held in the early fall to provide information about the issues with the building and to begin



discussing the possible options.

In the meantime, the recycling program continues as it always has, and the Recycling Barn is open its usual hours. If you have a question, concern or an idea about the facility and/or program, please contact Bill Post (wpost@bowdoinham.com) or any member of the Select Board.

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Plumbing Tip from Peggy the Plumber

Fall maintenance of your outside faucet (AKA silcock)

Most new silcocks are frostproof and will not freeze in the winter - if treated properly. The washer is on a long stem that ends inside your foundation so water is stopped where it will not freeze. Plus the silcock is pitched to allow water in the barrel to drain out when shut off. If you leave a hose attached the water will be trapped and most likely freeze and break the silcock. If the silcock is dripping each drop will freeze building up enough to break the silcock. repair it or drain it before winter. If you have an old style silcock then you need to turn off the water to it and drain the pipe to prevent freezing.

Merrymeeting Trail— Project Update

The goal of the Merrymeeting Trail is to use the existing railroad corridor to create a twenty five mile regional rail-with-trail from Topsham through Bowdoinham and Richmond to Gardiner. The Merrymeeting Trail as proposed would connect the following locations:

- Androscoggin River Pedestrian Bike Path in Topsham that links Brunswick to Topsham;
 - the village area in Bowdoinham;
 - the village area in Richmond;
 - the village area in Gardiner; and
 - Kennebec River Rail Trail that links Gardiner, Farmingdale, Hallowell, and Augusta.
- East Coast Greenway, a 3,000 mile national trail linking Calais, Maine with Key West, Florida

All together, the Merrymeeting Trail would serve to create a 35-mile regional trail that could bring the following benefits to the region:

- Serve the region (Brunswick to Augusta) with an alternative transportation route

- Support healthy communities by providing healthy outdoor activities for area residents

- Serve as an alternate/additional route for the East Coast Greenway (a planned trail system from Canada to Florida)

- Create economic development opportunities and support downtown revitalization

- Provide opportunities for the region to develop as a destination for ecotourism.

- Provide potential cultural/historic education opportunities for communities along the trail

- Provide potential environmental and natural resources education opportunities for local and regional natural resources groups

- Provide local and regional recreational opportunities

- Allow for future rail use (transportation & shipping) along the corridor, while accommodating safe bicycle and pedestrian routes

Midcoast Council of Governments completed the Feasibility Study for the trail in June 2011 and can be viewed online at www.merrymeetingtrail.org or at

the Town Office. Now Midcoast Council of Governments is working with Wright-Pierce to conduct a planning study, which should be completed this September for presentation in October. We are able to conduct these studies thanks to the following funding:

- \$20,000 Regional Challenge Grant from the State Planning Office
- \$20,000 from MDOT
- \$13,500 from Maine Outdoor Heritage Board
- \$1,000 from the City of Gardiner
- \$1,000 from the Town of Richmond
- \$1,000 from the Town of

Bowdoinham

- \$1,000 from Topsham Development Incorporated

- \$1,000 from Friends of Kennebec River Rail Trail

We wish the best of luck to Midcoast Council of Government's application to the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for technical assistance. We hope to hear good news this October.

For more information about the Merrymeeting Trail please visit their website at www.merrymeetingtrail.org.

Center Street Reconstruction

At this year's annual Town Meeting, funding was approved for the reconstruction of Center Street. Due to the condition of Center Street, it will be completely rebuilt. The scope of the work will consist of the removal of all of the existing pavement, extensive ditching and culvert replacement and a new gravel sub-base. The final stage of construction will be the placement of new pavement.

On June 20, 2011, the Selectboard awarded the contract to Ray Labbe and Sons, whose low bid was \$415,560.00. Ray Labbe and Sons began construction in early July and expect to finish in late August. There will be minimal delays during construction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Prout, Public Works Director at kprout@bowdoinham.com or Bill Post, Town Manager at wpost@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531.

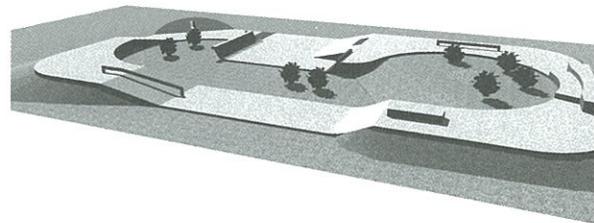
Thank you for your patience.

Skatepark Update

A new location for the Skatepark has been approved! The Skatepark will be located at 6 Main Street (parallel to the railroad tracks and Maily Waterfront Park), thanks to Frederick and Jill Haer, who graciously offered the Town use of their properties at no cost.

On July 26, 2011, the Selectboard accepted a half pipe from Ammon Smith. The half pipe, originally located in Camden's Skatepark is made with pressure treated wood and is approximately 10-ft by 20-ft in size. The half pipe will be located at Maily Waterfront Park near the gazebo. Installing the half pipe at this location will provide us with several opportunities for fundraising. Thank you, Ammon!

We are in the process of obtaining the necessary State and local permits. Once the permits are in place, Public Works will do the site work for the Skatepark.



Due to site constraints, the site work must be completed at least four months prior to the construction of the skatepark itself. Performing the site work this Fall 2011 will allow us to construct the skatepark in Summer 2012 in time for Bowdoinham's 250th Anniversary.

We are just beginning the design phase of the Skatepark, so if you like to skate or know someone that does PLEASE help us to create your Skatepark. The next Skatepark meeting will be August 17th at 7pm at the Maily Waterfront Park (rain location: Town Office).

For more information please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

Bowdoinham 250th Anniversary Plans Underway for 2012

2012 is Bowdoinham's 250th Anniversary and plans are underway! A large group of townspeople have been meeting once a month at the Town Office to start the planning process. The Selectmen have formally recognized this group (the Steering Committee) as the official organizer of activities and money has been allocated, some of which was put aside at the last major anniversary celebrations in 1962 and 1912.

The 250th Committee has looked at Bowdoinham Historical Society materials from the 200th Anniversary, which has provided fascinating reading and many ideas. One encouraging fact from 1962 is that we are beginning the planning process much earlier than they did back then! We hope we have as varied and exciting a calendar as they did!

A number of activities have been proposed and discussed. Many more will be considered in the future. Subcommittees are being organized (see lists below). Plans will be updated on the 250th Anniversary page of the Town's website. The Steering Committee will have an exhibit at Celebrate Bowdoinham this September describing the plans underway.

Information and signups sheets, as well as a great exhibit of historical materials were on view at Town Meeting in June and a wonderful historical slide show created by Ann Hartzler was shown. We hope this started many people thinking about the anniversary.

Organizations wishing to be an official part of the Bowdoinham 250th celebration (who would like to sponsor an event or project connected to the 250th) should present their proposals to the Steering Committee for approval and may request seed money. Projects and events that are sponsored in this manner by the Steering Committee will have assistance with advertising and marketing, and will be listed in all official publications. If money is made by a sponsored event or project, the organization must repay what was borrowed and add 10% of its profits. This

help will provide funding for the 300th Anniversary in 2062.

Now is the time to get involved as a volunteer and to attend our meetings. All ideas and input are welcome!

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 9/7/11 AT 7pm at the Bowdoinham Public Library. (future meetings will be listed at www.bowdoinham.com)

2012 PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DRAFT I (this will change)

Late January 2012
SMELTFISHING -ICE CUTTING FESTIVAL with Best Beard Contest as in 1962

May 2012—ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PLANT SALE

Late June 2012—CHICKEN BAR-B-Q and RED-WHITE-BLUE FESTIVAL ORIGINAL DRAMA BY LOCAL STUDENTS

September 2012
3 DAY CELEBRATE BOWDOINHAM FESTIVAL

November 2012
VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

OTHER PLANNED
2012 ACTIVITIES
Creation of a cookbook by EMS

Publication of a 250th commemorative book by Bowdoinham Historical Society

Creation of a commemorative Quilt sponsored by BHS

Renovation and opening of the Jellerson School Cemetery Cleanup Day

Creation and sale of a 250th commemorative plate and other memorabilia

Memory Project

Creating-Installing Historical Markers for Town Cemeteries, one room schools and other historical locations

Creation of Bowdoinham Historical Trail / Map

250th Anniversary Committees (all would welcome new members !!)

1. Finance - Chair: Glenna Morin
2. Publicity- Chair: Ann Hartzler & Tessa Kingsley
3. Memory Projects – Chair
4. Cookbook – Chair: Ann Davis
5. Commemorative Memorabilia – Chair: Peggy Muir

6. Commemorative Book –
Chair: (shared) Frank Connors, Betsy Steen, Leslie Anderson, Kate Cutko,

7. Commemorative Quilt –
Chair: Bowdoinham Historical Society.

8. Historical Town Map – Chair: Kate Cutko.

9. Jellerson School Renovation (to be used as a Demo 1-Room School –)
Chair: Bowdoinham Historical Society

10. Smelt Fishing and Ice Cutting Festival –
Chair: Merrymeeting Arts Center

11. Old Fashioned Bowdoinham Chicken BBQ – in Conjunction with FHC's Red, White and Blue – Saturday, June 30, 2012
Chair: David Berry

12. Agriculture in Bowdoinham: Past and Present. Chair ?

13. Musical Event(s) – Variety Show
Chairs: Judy Gray and Ann Hartzler

14. Firemen's Muster. Chair: Jack Tourtelotte

15. Alumni Reunion – Chair ?

16. Drama Production of Bowdoinham History by Bowdoinham Students. Chair: Cathy Curtis

17. Bowdoinham History Day (on Veteran's Day). Chair: Bowdoinham Historical Society

18. Historical Placards (marking sites of schools, cemeteries, events) & Tour of Bowdoinham Historical Trail. Chair: Albert Stehle

19. Town Clean-up Day – to include cemeteries
Chair: Albert Stehle

20. **Celebrate Bowdoinham (3-day Event) – September 16-18, 2012

For further information, watch the Town website or contact

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Wednesday mornings

September 14th, 21st, 28th

October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

November 02

**WEEKLY
RAFFLE
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9:30—11:00am

at the Bowdoinham Fire Station

Learn tips to share with family members, friends and neighbors.

For more information, call *Midcoast Maine Community Action*: 442-7963, ext. 230

Home Safe Home

fire prevention

home safety/fall prevention

A Healthy You

taking care of yourself

healthy eating

Fighting Fraud

presented by *Sagadahoc Sheriff's Dept.*

keep an eye on your purse

community safety

Saving Money

programs designed to keep your hard-earned money in your pocket—where it belongs.

Emergency Preparedness

sheltering with a pet

the next ice storm?

Let the Fun Begin!

senior college

volunteering

Series Sponsors: *Village Seniors, TRIAD, EATF, MMCA, and SASSMM*

Community Calendar

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays at the Grange from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Sundays at Maily Waterfront Park from 6:30 pm to 8 pm

AUGUST

13

Ducks Unlimited – at Maily Waterfront Park (rain date August 20th)

SEPTEMBER

9–10

Celebrate Bowdoinham at Maily Waterfront Park

20

BOWDOINHAM BUSINESS

MEETING—6:30 pm at Town Office

NOVEMBER

12

Bowdoinham Public Library Used Book Sale, 9 am–2 pm, Coombs Municipal Building, second floor

TOWN BOARD & COMMITTEE

MEETINGS—*(please refer to website www.bowdoinham.com for updates)*

All meetings are held at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building (13 School St) at 6:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

Selectboard

August 23rd
September 13th
September 27th
October 11th
October 25th

Planning Board

August 25th
September 22nd
October 27th

Comprehensive Planning Committee

September 6th
October 4th

Community Development Advisory Committee

August 16th
September 20th
October 18th

Cable/Internet Committee

August 25th
September 22nd
October 27th

Biking, Walking, Paddling Committee

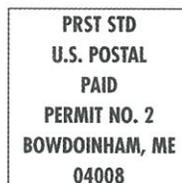
September 26th
October 24th

250th Anniversary Committee

September 7th at 7pm at the Bowdoinham Public Library

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Celebrate Bowdoinham

Along the Cathance River

2011 Schedule of Events

(subject to change)

Friday, September 9th

- 5:00 pm The Long Branch School of Maine Open House at 20 Main Street
7:00 pm JC & the Pickups at the Gazebo (Parking at Public Works facility)

Saturday, September 10th

- 8:00am The Chicken Run (5K Road Race) at Bowdoinham Community School
10:00am **Parade**
10:45am Drum and Bugle Corp at the Gazebo
10:45am-5:00pm Children's Art Activities at Cathance Place
11:00am Coastal Cloggers at the Gazebo
11:15am Coin Scramble*
11:00am-2:00pm Silent Auction*
11:45am FAFALO the at Gazebo
12:00pm Diaper Derby*
12:30pm Lobster Crate Races*
12:30pm Jay Conway and Kevin Midgely at the Gazebo
1:15pm Maine Event Dance at the Gazebo
1:30pm **Skillet Toss*** - Prize \$\$\$ for the Winners!
2:00pm Bowdoinham's Best - Judging
2:00pm Bob White at the Gazebo
2:45pm Charlie Gill Band at the Gazebo
3:00pm Scavenger Hunt Ends – Submit Your List to the Information Tent
Register and pick up your List at the Town Landing (beginning Thursday)
3:30pm **Great KenDucky Derby Race** along the Cathance River
1st Duck Wins \$400; Last Duck Wins \$100!
4:00-6:00pm **Bean Supper** at the Bowdoinham Fire Station
5:00pm Earl's Kids – The Barn Cats at the Gazebo
6:00-7:45pm Margot Frost at the Gazebo
8:00pm Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced at Gazebo
8:00-10:00pm Blues Buzzards at the Gazebo

AT MAILLY WATERFRONT PARK, LOWER MAIN STREET FREE ADMISSION ** FREE PARKING**

* PLEASE REFER TO EVENT MAP FOR LOCATION.

