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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Changing Businesses

By Wendy Rose

Our Bowdoinham businesses are a dynamic force in the life of our town. This month, we are revisiting several previously profiled businesses since they have experienced some major changes or growth. We want to celebrate the hard work and dedication of these entrepreneurs as they explore new avenues.

The Alcove

Rachel Murphy

Started in 2015, The Alcove is a shared office-space facility that took a major step when it moved from the Knights of Pythias building to the former Post Office further up Main Street this last year. The move has enabled the business to offer a state-of-the-art facility for individuals needing temporary or long-term office space.

The Alcove follows the model of providing both private offices and open work space areas for independent workers and entrepreneurs which has become very popular in larger towns and cities. The advantages of this model include 24/7 access to an affordable work space, use of a printer, fax, and copy machine,



Rachel Murphy & Reggie Lebel

good wi-fi connections, a small kitchen, and common areas for socializing.

Rachel Murphy recognized that even a small town like Bowdoinham could benefit from a shared work area and set up the first space at the Knights of Pythias building. It proved to be very popular and demonstrated that there was a demand for this service. Because there were a lot of drawbacks to that space, however, Rachel and her partner/husband Reggie Lebel took the leap to purchase the former Post Office so they could create a modern facility. The space required a major renovation, which has recently been completed. There are currently three closed office spaces and an adjoining suite of 2 offices that are all rented. Two of the four semi-private desk spaces are taken and there is serious interest from someone for one of the remaining desks.

“I hope we can eventually put an addition on the back of the property so we can offer more space,” Rachel says. “We’d like to have upstairs spaces as well and would consider areas for artists or artisans.” To learn more, check out The Alcove website at www.alcoveworkspace.com, email Rachel at alcovework@gmail.com or call her at 449-1819.

Emerald Builders

Reggie Lebel

As the owner of Emerald Builders and the partner of Rachel Murphy, Reggie Lebel recognized that a renovation of The Alcove’s new facility could provide a showcase for the deep energy retrofit that is a special expertise of Emerald Builders. Reggie’s crew started by replacing all the sills and floors. The building was then wrapped and taped to form airtight and water tight layers. Wall cavities were insulated with a dense-packed, recycled paper product. The brown panels that went up on the outside were made in Europe out of a wood fiber insulation. “These panels could be made in Maine, and there is some talk about that,” says Reggie.

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Once the outer shell was done, vertical strapping was added to provide a drainage stream for any accumulated moisture that can gather in our climate during freezing/thawing cycles. The horizontal strapping that came next provided the anchor for attaching the outer shingles. “We like the look of shingles and plan to leave them to weather naturally,” Reggie added. “The original siding for the Post Office was shingles, so this keeps the historic tradition.”

Demand is increasing for the green building techniques that Emerald Builders offers. Their reputation is steadily growing and they are seeing the business grow.

You can reach Reggie by emailing him at reggie@emeraldbuild.com or by calling 841-2775. His office is located at The Alcove at 43 Main Street. Find out more about Emerald Builders by going to their website at www.emeraldbuild.com.

Hutson Hayward

Hutson Hayward has been a tenant at the Alcove from its start in 2015. He finds that the private office space, access to technology, and the collegial environment provide the perfect space for him to work both as a long-distance employee

and as an entrepreneur. The Alcove provides a quiet space away from his busy family at home where he can concentrate on managing a team of post-production film editors and pursue special projects that interest him.

Hutson loves his career doing editing work for Hollywood film companies. He works on post-production marketing pieces as well as original documentary series and specials. Examples of marketing products are things such as movie trailers, “First Looks” that appear before movies in movie theaters, and DVD bonus features. Many of the trailers you may have seen for Amazon Prime shows, such as Jack Ryan, were created by Hutson and his team of editors. His work includes overseeing staff, doing editing, arranging schedules to meet deadlines, and ensuring that the work meets budget guidelines.

The expertise that Hutson has developed began with his love of movies when he was very young. He searched out a good liberal arts college with a film program and went to Los Angeles shortly after graduating. By being willing to do any camera work and then editing work, Hutson was able to develop his contacts and learn important skills as he sought new assignments. Eventually he worked his way up in a production company and



became a supervisor.

The time came, however, when he and his wife—both native Mainers—wanted to return to Maine to raise their family. Fortunately, Hutson’s company allowed him to configure his assignments so he could work from a distance. Now, Hutson lives only five minutes from The

Alcove and is able to eat supper with the family and participate more fully in raising his two children. Trips to Los Angeles every two to three months keep him in touch with his company and team.

When Hutson has some extra time available, he likes to pursue editing projects outside of his usual work assignments. He is also a member of the Maine Film and Video Association and tries to stay in touch with other professionals throughout Maine.

Because many of the traditional industries have left Maine, Hutson feels that remote work using the internet will form an important work sector for Maine in the future. Younger people will be able to live here and create new opportunities. “I love being back in Maine,” says Hutson. “Our parents are nearby and help with child care which is a big help. The quality of life makes it worth it.”

If you have questions for Hutson, it is best to send him an email at hutson@hayward.io.

Richard Ferrier Scholarship

Richard Ferrier Scholarship offers financial assistance to Bowdoinham residents between the ages of 13 and 18 as of April 1, 2019, to pursue their artistic, academic, athletic and vocational or life’s passion outside of the traditional school environment. The application deadline is April 1st. Paper applications are available at the Bowdoinham Town Office, the Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Maine Community Foundation website, www.maine.org to download and print.

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O'Farrell Energy
Kevin O'Farrell

Kevin O'Farrell is a great example of a serial entrepreneur. The businesses he has had for many years are now

being phased down so he can concentrate more fully on the new enterprise he began last November, O'Farrell Energy.

The opportunity to do this business came when Kevin heard that Dick Crowley intended to sell his energy business to Dead River. Kevin knew that when this kind of change happens, a significant percentage of former Crowley customers would prefer to find another local energy business rather than go to a larger firm. This provided a perfect opportunity for Kevin to look into providing an oil delivery service.

The timing was right for Kevin to rethink his mix of self-employment activities. He had been doing landscaping and plowing since he was 14 years old and was ready to move on to a different business. He had been driving gas delivery trucks for over 10 years so he was acquainted with aspects of the business. Knowing this change was happening, he was able to get the paperwork and licenses in place and to shop for a new delivery truck. Mr. Crowley helpfully coached him on the business operation. In just a couple of months of operation, Kevin has signed up 96 customers and is getting calls for new customers every day.

Kevin sells heating oil, K-1, and diesel fuel which he picks up in Portland. His goal is to deliver up to 2 truckloads of fuel to his customers each day. His terri-



tory extends from Portland to Wiscasset. If a customer needs any work to be done on their furnace, Kevin has a technician that has agreed to help.

Kevin plans to continue operating his other business, O'Farrell Trucking, that he started three years ago. Much of the trucking work is done at night for various contractors. Most frequently, he hauls paving material for Coastal Road Repair.

You can reach Kevin at 844-7800 or email him at ofarrellenergy@gmail.com. His website is at www.ofarrellenergy.com.

The Three Robbers
Scott McIntire

By mid-April, Scott McIntire hopes to reopen the former Town Landing as The Three Robbers. Scott is the owner of The Old Goat in Richmond and had been looking to add another restaurant but hadn't been able to find the right place. When the building housing the former Town Landing became available, he was glad to be able to purchase it. "I've always liked that building and want to create a space inside where people like to gather and relax," he says.

In the last several months, Scott has been working hard to re-configure the dining area, add two handicapped accessible restrooms, and consolidate the

kitchen. He plans to offer a breakfast time, close briefly before lunch, and then remain open for lunch and early dinner. Menu items will include burgers, wings, chops, steak tips, and luncheon sandwiches. He is working to get the needed license so he can offer a good selection of beer and wine.

Scott would like to be able to provide liquor on Sunday, a critical day for a small restaurant. The only way this can happen is if someone from Bowdoinham circulates a petition and obtains 170 signatures. Hopefully, there will be folks willing to help with this.

Scott really enjoys being self-employed and has had several businesses over the years. Before coming to Maine, he operated a printing business in Massachusetts which he closed when his wife wanted to move north. The Old Goat was his second venture since living in Maine. It did so well, he was able to move it into its current, larger location on Main Street in Richmond. It has been part of the revival of the downtown area and is a favorite meeting spot for people in the area.

For Scott, having a restaurant is all about creating a place where people like to gather. "I am looking forward to have a nice place for folks to hang out in Bowdoinham," he says.



***In 1866, three robbers stole just over \$73,000 from the Bowdoinham Bank. The robbers were caught several months later in New York City, but only \$600 was ever recovered. The men were tried, found guilty, and sent to the state prison in Thomaston.

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News from ACOA

By Patty Melander and Gracia Woodward

On the second Thursday of each month, at the Bowdoinham Estates on Preble Street, residents and members of the community gather for a festive lunch. Social time begins at 11:30am, followed by a delicious meal at noon. It costs \$4.00. Tickets are given out. People can bring small items from home for door prizes. After lunch, those who wish, stay and play bingo.

The luncheons were started by the Bowdoinham Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary and initially held at the fire station under the leadership of Pop Frizzle. Pop had servers at each station. Some of the helpers were Debbie Frizzle, Ann Tourtelotte Davis, Leslie Anderson and sometimes Susie Uhle. The luncheons stopped for a few years. Then Glenna Morin called a meeting to explore how we could better serve the senior population in town. Leslie volunteered to restart the luncheons at Bowdoinham Estates. Glenna Morin and Betty Pelletier worked on the luncheons as well. In 2008 Betsy Steen came aboard. Leslie now serves as head chef and decides on the menu for each month.

There is always an aura of excitement about Leslie's meals. She rarely uses recipes. To name a few of her ingredients

for salads -- kiwi, strawberries, broccoli florets, avocado, grapes and any food item that looks tasty at the grocery store. She tries to match menus with holidays -- an all-red meal for Valentine's Day, for example. One time Leslie decided she would follow a recipe in her Fanny Farmer Cookbook for roast beef. She cooked the roast and only the ends were done. She sliced off the ends and served them, and doubled up on side dishes so everyone got enough to eat. Then she told the crowd to come back on Saturday for a free meal. She cut up the roast and made a delicious beef stew out of it.

There are a number of different people who make decorations for the tables. Usually when Leslie and Betsy arrive, residents of the Estates have set the tables. If there is a surplus of money, they offer a free meal once a year. Rev. Dan Joyce or Rev. Christina Couch give a blessing at the start of the meal.

The luncheon is open to residents of the Estates and to members of the community, who now comprise most of the participants. A trio of friends from Bowdoin comes every month.

Special thank yous to participants who often help with serving and clean up: Betty and Tom DeForest, Sylvia Ed-



mundson, David Procutto (the coffee guy) and Helen Reed and to newly drafted Helen Braun.

When you are preparing your calendar of places to go for lunch and camaraderie, remember we'd love to have you at Bowdoinham Estates. It takes a village to make a community thrive. The town of Bowdoinham appreciates it. Thanks to all

who are involved -- we've probably left out a few names here.

SAVE-the-DATE!

Sunday, March 10th
Community Conversation:
Focus on Farmers

You're invited to an afternoon conversation for Bowdoinham farmers. Designed to solicit ideas for how BCDI can support the farming community and farmer feedback about the next phase of the Farmland Inventory Project. Snacks and more information about BCDI's Neighbors Investing In Neighbors programs will be provided.

For details please email bcdi.maine@gmail.com, and keep an eye on your inbox, as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Peary's Garden

We are so excited for our second season at Peary's Garden to begin! We're taking applications, so come join our community garden, located on Sadie Lane (behind the Farm Cart).

Plots are \$25 (or less, based on need) for a 10'x25' space. We're also happy to offer half or double plots this year. Compost, water, tools and expert gardening advice are all included.

For more information, please contact Brian Smith at brian.luana@gmail.com or Lily Montgomery at lilymontgomery@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook.

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Cemetery Committee News

By Elaine Diaz

On February 4th, the committee met with Frank Connors, the sexton for Bowdoinham cemeteries, to discuss ways to make burial information more accessible through the Town Office and possibly web sites and other means. This pertains to more recent burials, since the cemeteries were mapped and the occupants recorded in the late 1970's.

We plan to start working on the Village Burying Ground, across from Community School, again, the weekend of April 13th and 14th, and through the week of school vacation, and again on the weekend of April 27th and 28th. Volunteers are greatly needed. Call Elaine Diaz at 666-8255 if you have questions, or just show up. We usually start around 9am; and there should be ample parking.

For our April 1st committee meeting, we are inviting all of our "keepers" and volunteers to the 4pm meeting with a supper to follow at 5pm. Both will be at the Merrymeeting Hall on Main St. After supper and conversation, we will distribute supply kits including D-2, the magic stone cleaning fluid. That and lots of water, poured or gently sprayed, are recommended by MOCA (the Maine Old

Cemetery Association) and accepted as our guidelines. Bleach and power washing should never be used as they damage the surface of the stones, making them more vulnerable to staining, lichen attachment and other damage.

Albert Stehle has been trying to find ways to restore and replace a stolen piece of the beautiful wrought iron fence at the Harward Cemetery that is at the end of Pork Point Road, just before it joins Rt. 24. We are including a photo of the fence in case anyone has seen a missing chunk of it somewhere. Albert says it disappeared about 5 or 6 years ago.



Hoping to see many of you at the supper/meeting or the Village Burying Ground clean-up or both in April!

Recreation News

By Allen Acker

Hello fellow Bowdoinham residents! The Recreation dept has been very busy over this winter trying new events such as The Gardens Aglow Bus tour and Community Skate and fun day at the Recreation Fields and Ice Rink.

Many thanks to the Bowdoinham Fire Dept. for keeping the ice in the best shape possible considering our wide temperature swings. We have ice skates and cross country skis available for sign out at the Town Office.

We have just completed our 3rd-6th grade recreational basketball season finishing with an exciting night game between the two 5th-6th grade Bowdoinham Boys teams battling it out with an 1 possession game until the end. Congratulations to all the participants for a great season. Thank You to all those who volunteered to Coach this Basketball Season Sara Forcier, Greg Pinkham, Rich Taylor, Chris Kennedy. Our sports programs would not be viable without volunteer Coaches.

We are about to start Basketball Fundamentals with K-2nd graders next week teaching the very basic fundamentals of basketball. Dribbling, Passing, Shooting and Defense.

Baseball/Softball sign ups are out. Assessments and Clinics will be taking place for both Baseball and Softball in March.

We continue to explore options of Recreational activities for all ages if there is something you think would be a good addition to our program please send it my way.

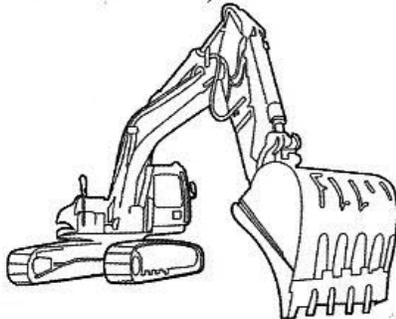
If you would like to volunteer coach or umpire the upcoming season please reach out to me at recreation@bowdoinham.com.

Thank You,

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Cote's Bowdoinham Hardware

By John Cote

Well it's been four years since we started the Hardware Store. My vision when I bought the old brick building from Long Branch School was to use the building like the early

1900's, as old fashioned hardware store. Thanks to the townfolks, our little hardware store has become just that.

Laura, the store manager, has really connected to the customers and what their needs are. After four years of inventorying the store, we are very proud of what our Hardware Store has become. We carry: gardening, painting, and auto supplies, cleaners, fastereners, tools,

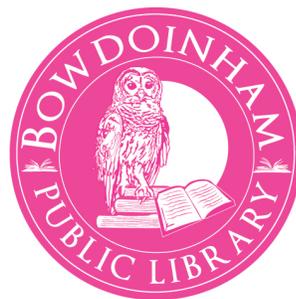
plumbing and electrical supplies, animal grains, bird food, fresh eggs, and trash tags, just to name a few items.

Thank you to the community for all your support. We look forward to continuing to serve you. The Hardware Store is open Monday thru Saturday, 9am to 5pm and Sundays, 9am to 3pm, so stop by and say hi. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 666-8953.

Library News

By Kate Cutko

The Bowdoinham Public Library is planning for an event that aims to strengthen the spirit of recycling and to reduce our disposable waste. We are calling it a Fix-It-Fair. It is a model that is springing up in communities around the country. We are adding another "R" to the familiar Reduce Reuse and Recycle,... let's add REPAIR!!! The library will pick a Saturday this spring and encourage you to bring in an item that is broken, in disrepair or otherwise unusable. A volunteer Fix-It coach will help you repair it on the spot. Carry in, carry out. Your favorite mixer on the fritz? Hole in your favorite jeans? Lamp that flickers if you move it? That's what we want to help fix. But in order for this event to happen, WE NEED FIX-IT



COACHES! That is, we need people who already KNOW how to fix things to help teach others.

Do you have skills to repair:

- sewing machines?
- small electronics?
- lamps?
- bicycles?
- pottery?
- small furniture?
- clothing?
- sharpen tools?

We need YOU at our Fix-it-Fair! Please contact Kate at the library. Special thanks to Langley McDorman for coming forth with this great idea. We hope to host

the FIX-IT-FAIR on a weekend in late April or Early May. Watch for flyers or announcements of the date and in the meanwhile, don't toss those broken things.

But wait! There's more springtime fun at the library! Start planning your winning entry for the THIRD annual Edible Book competition. This year it will be held Friday, April 5th at 6pm. Make a cake that is inspired by a book title, or some edible food item that is based on a book title. Fans gather together to look, to vote on our favorites, and then to EAT them! Don't miss it, save the date!

For up to date information on these, and all library events, please follow us on Facebook or go to the website www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org. Public is welcomed at quarterly library board meetings, and either of our two monthly book groups.

19th ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Believe it or not, it's that time again to donate and shop the Rummage Sale! Thank you to all of those who have donated to make our rummage sale very successful yearly! We love the variety of items of that come but as a reminder we do not accept TVs, or Large appliances. Our Sale will be Friday, April 26th from 5pm-7pm \$1 entry fee (no early birds), Saturday, April 27th 9am-noon. Our donation times will be by appointment. All proceeds benefit the school's field trips and additional learning opportunities throughout the year. For more information, or to set up an appointment, please call Jessica at 504-7103.

The advertisement has a black background. At the top, the word "Cote's" is written in a large, stylized, metallic font. Below it is a collection of various tools including a hammer, wrench, pliers, screwdriver, and saw, arranged in a fan shape. Underneath the tools is a grey rectangular box with the word "BOWDOINHAM" in white capital letters. At the bottom, the word "HARDWARE" is written in a large, bold, metallic font. To the right of the toolbox, the address "20 Main Street" is written in white, followed by "Bowdoinham, Maine" and the phone number "666-8953" in a large, bold, white font.

News for Arts Center

By Jan Marks

The Merrymeeting Arts Center is excited to announce a new fee schedule for all classes and workshops, beginning with the upcoming class session. In keeping with our mission, and Bryce Muir's belief that art is for everyone, we are establishing The Heron Fund, along with a new fee schedule for classes and workshops offered by MAC. Fees for classes and workshops will be on a pay as you can basis. For those who can pay the full fee, as listed in the class/workshop description, we ask that they do so. Those unable to pay the full fee can pay whatever they are able to afford and still fully participate in the class or workshop.

Heron Returns the Gift, as part of Bryce's Local Myths Collection, was generously gifted to MAC by Peggy and Seth Muir in June of 2018. Our intention is to "return the gift" by establishing The Heron Fund, which will be used to offset the cost of classes and workshops for those unable to afford the entire fee. The Heron Fund will be supported entirely by fund raising efforts and private donations. If someone taking a class wishes to support this fund they may include a tax-deductible donation along with their class fee, to be added to The Heron Fund. Of course, anyone is welcome to support this fund by making a donation to the Merrymeeting Arts Center and specifying it is to go to The Heron Fund. It is our hope that this fund will make it possible to realize our goal of making art available to any and everyone in our community, regard-



less of ability to pay. make Ice and Smelt 2019 so successful: Karen Tilbor, Jennifer Tankersley, Rob Troemner, Jan and Jeff DeBlieu, Bob Brown, Joanna and Trevor Brown, and Sophie and Bella Shannon. Thanks to Kate Cutko and Kathy Gallant for their donations of supplies and time to the activities in the Art Studio. Thanks to Wes Baden and Molly Hogan for gallery sitting, to Ryan Jordan for his wonderful ice carving, to Steve Cox for his lead sinker demo! Thank you to Olivia Cox, Shelby Myrick, Anya Bachor of Cantatio, and Hal Ahlers with his hot sticks! Special thanks to Allen Acker for his outstanding contribution of cooking pizzas and frying smelts, with support from the Bowdoinham Fire department and the Village Masons. Huge thanks to Hannah Burroughs for coordinating the story hour and reeling in the tellers who entertained and engaged us all. Thank you to Kate Cutko for her generous donation from the craft sale. Thanks to Stonewall Kitchen for the lovely gift basket. Thanks to George Oliver for bringing line dancing to this event! Thank you to Brendan Bullock for curating On The Brink of Wonder, Molly Hogan photographs. Thanks to Matt Barter, of BarterArtHouse in Brunswick, for the generous loan of his colorful art.

less of ability to pay.

Ice and Smelt Festival

We at MAC want to thank our volunteers who helped to

Thanks to the Bowdoinham Historical Society and the Food Pantry for putting on the soup supper and the lovely pies. Thank you to Earl Bigelow for opening his studio to all of us. Thanks to Steve Leighton and Jim McPherson, the Town of Bowdoinham, and our sponsors, MS Walker/Allens Coffee Brandy, Black Pug Brewing of Brunswick, and Brickyard Hollow Brew Company of Yarmouth. And to Peggy Muir, a heartfelt thank you for your presence, your generosity and your joyful enthusiasm! Thank you!

Spring Equinox

The Merrymeeting Arts Center (MAC) invites you to join us in our first annual Spring Equinox on March 30, 2019. In 2018 MAC celebrated its 10th anniversary, and the acquisition of Bryce Muir's "Local Myths" wood sculpture collection, with a gala fundraiser/auction. The success of this event exceeded our wildest expectations, and leads us to launch Equinox 2019. Our goal is to develop this Spring auction into an annual signature fundraiser for MAC supporting exhibits, classes, workshops and community events as well as to support Maine's emerging and established artists.

How will we accomplish this? If you are an artist, we ask you to consider donating one of your pieces to Equinox 2019. If you are not an artist, perhaps you have artwork that you would like to donate to our auction. Contributing artists will receive 50% of the sale price of their works, as well as being included in our publicity and press releases.

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Clothes Closet

By Christina Couch

The Clothes Closet will be opening again on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6pm beginning March 13th. We will have spring and summer clothes out. Donations of clean clothes in good condition can be dropped off during those hours. Anyone is welcome to “shop” at the Clothes Closet. The clothes are free, but donations are welcome and help with expenses. The Clothes Closet is located at the Nazarene church on the corner of School and Main Streets (7 School St.). For more information or for cases of urgent need, contact Christina Couch at 351-0289 or followingtheson@hotmail.com.



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Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

Our 2019 Theme is “Bowdoinham from 1880 to 1930: Fifty Years of Change.” Possible topics could include: transportation; kitchens; farming; communications; schools; art/ music/ theater; child’s life; men’s work; women’s work; water, light, & heat; crafts; leisure time; sports & athletics; etc. We have good material on many of these topics, and the internet is an incredible source.

If you have photos, documents, diaries, scrapbooks, artifacts relevant to this period you would be willing to loan, or if you would enjoy working researching and/or presenting on some aspect of this huge topic, please contact Betsy Steen at 737-9460 or bayviewess@comcast.net or Elaine Diaz at 666-8255.

Another Way to Recycle

We are loving taking in the fascinating materials folks are bring us as they clean out attics and closets. It’s just like Christmas going through donated totes of papers, clothing, photos, etc. Thank goodness that Gracia Woodward is now helping us accession! More help is welcome. Please ask us before you throw such material out. Or mark it ‘Bowdoinham Historical Society’ and leave with Brian at the Recycling Barn. Thank you!

Ice and Smelt Festival

We were invited to put on the annual Soup Supper as part of the Merrymeeting

Arts Center’s Ice & Smelt Festival. With the help of a number of good Bowdoinham cooks and Hannah and Reeve for bread, we put on a delicious supper (14 different soups) and had fun while making \$580 (which grew to \$680 with a donation from someone who couldn’t be there.) All proceeds for Merrymeeting Hall’s Roof.

Since the beginning of 2018, BHS has raised by our own work \$8711 for Merrymeeting Hall (suppers, yard sale, bread bags, strawberry shortcake, and sales of the book, The Lost Tale of the William & Mary).

Jellerson School

Bowdoinham’s last one-room school house, has started its season with a visit in early February from the 3 Durham 3rd grade classes. They will be followed March 5, 7, 8 by the 2nd-3rd grade classes from Bowdoinham. Scholars from Woodside will come in June, and we hope to see Bowdoin 2nd graders in April.

Leslie and I would love to have folks come and observe to see whether they might like to become ‘apprentice teachers’, gradually moving toward sharing the roles of ‘school marm’ or ‘school master’ and ‘assistant teacher’ We keep school 12-15 days during the school year. Our school day runs from 8-2 with scholars being in attendance 9:30-1:30. We have appropriate clothing to lend. Please contact Betsy or Leslie at 751-1235, if you are interested.

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Food Pantry News

By Lily Montgomery

Pantry donors have been incredibly generous this winter helping to make sure our shelves are stocked for anyone in need, and we couldn't be more grateful. In addition to our regular pantry distribution, the backpack program continues to thrive with more than two dozen students receiving food each week. Your donations also make it possible to stock both the Little Free Pantry at Greenleaf Apartments and Margie's Market at Bowdoinham Estates each week- THANK YOU!

Another huge thank you to our bakers, volunteers, and all those who attended the Ice and Smelt Festival in early February



to say farewell to our dear friend Luke MacFadyen who passed away this January. Luke was at the core of the Bowdoinham Food Pantry since its inception as a dedicated and engaged member of our board. He was also responsible for training many of our volunteers, was a frequent and friendly face during distribution and successfully led the Summer Lunch Program in town last summer. We were so sad to

and enjoyed a slice of pie! Thank you to MAC for organizing this wonderful event and for hosting us.

We were heartbroken

say goodbye to this remarkable man and are so, so grateful for all he has done for this community.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time each week to serve at the pantry- we couldn't do it without you! If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out! Email us at bowdoinham-foodpantry@gmail.com, call at 751-7779 or find us on Facebook!

The Bowdoinham Food Pantry serves any resident of Bowdoin or Bowdoinham (no income verification required). We're open every Wednesday from 4-6pm and the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9-10am. Please note that if school is cancelled because of the weather, the pantry will be closed as well.

Merrymeeting Hall News

By Betsy Steen

Progress continues at Merrymeeting Hall!

We have a new 200 amp electrical panel. Antiquated wiring is being replaced and more added. By the time you read this, Tom DeForest and Dave Piccuito will have likely finished the stairs from the ground floor to the main floor. A stair climbing chair will be the first step towards fully ADA compliant main floor access. They are also creating a large, shelved storage area on the ground floor to hold items not used on a daily basis. Joe Hanson has reglazed all the windows in the main hall, including stripping and repainting the frames. They look lovely, and the room is warmer! By March 1st, he will have finished the main floor and moved to the theater windows. And speaking of the theater, Brendan Bullock will be organizing a crew to install drywall to replace the plaster which was lost in the raising of the building. The handsome 3-basin sink donated by Bethany Allen will be installed in the kitchen, making it well on the way to being a certified kitchen.

The ground floor windows are nearly paid for by former Merrymeeting Grange families, thanks to Billie Oakes' effort. She is now looking for donations for other specific needs. The donor will have a plaque attached to the item they paid for. Needs:

- Fixtures for a handicapped bathroom: toilets and/or grab bars (3)
 - Washer
 - Dryer
 - Stainless steel table on wheels for the kitchen (24" by 5 to 8 feet)
 - Shelving for added kitchen cupboards
 - Projector to allow us or guests to give presentations
 - ping pong equipment (we have the promise of 2 tables.)
- Used items in good shape are also fine.

You may have noticed we have raised the goal on the MMH Thermometer to \$80,000. The extra \$10,000 is needed to replace the badly curled shingles on the church side of the roof. Although it is not now leaking, our insurance company requires it be reroofed by June 30th, in order to protect the work we have done inside. If you have not already donated to Merrymeeting Hall, please consider adding to the MMH Roof Fund.

We are already taking reservations for the hall's use during spring and summer and beyond.

Merrymeeting Mondays

We gather Monday mornings from 9-12 to continue to make the Hall ready for use. All are welcome. Just stop by and take a look at what is going on. Though it will be unfinished, we would love to to have Merrymeeting Hall open in mid-late March.

To help out or inquire about using Merrymeeting Hall, please contact

- Betsy Steen - 737-9460 or baviwess@comcast.net
- Lara Ashouwak - 666-8161 or lashouwak1@gmail.com
- Tom DeForest - 666-3061 or tdforeest@comcast.net

Donations to Merrymeeting Hall can be sent to PO Box 101 in Bowdoinham or can be made online at - www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org.

New Website

The Town of Bowdoinham has launched its new website and it is mobile friendly!!! Two new features on this website:

- you can sign-up for weekly updates (Home - Sign-up for Weekly Digest);
- you can sign-up to reserve one of our meeting rooms (Kendall Room and Graduates Room), the Town Hall and/or the Gazebo at Maily Waterfront Park (Calendar - Room Reservations - Reserve a Room).

We still have our business section. Bowdoinham businesses are encouraged to add themselves to the new website, or email us any business updates. This is a great way for folks to find local businesses and support shopping locally!

We will be adding more new features to the site in future, so stay tuned for what's to come. We hope you enjoy the new website!

Assessor's Notice

April 1, 2019

Effective Tax Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

36 MRSA Sec. 706:

TAXPAYERS TO LIST
PROPERTY, NOTICE, PENALTY,
VERIFICATION.

Before making an assessment, the Assessor shall give seasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation, of which they were in possession of the first day of April of the same year. If any person after such notice does not furnish such list, that person is barred of the right to make application to the assessor of any appeal from any abatement of taxes, unless the taxpayer furnishes the required list with the application and satisfies the assessor that the list could not be provided at the appointed date and time. Deadline to furnish list is May 1, 2019.

Project Updates

By Nicole Briand

Lincolville Communications, Inc. (LCI) has completed their the planning work for the ConnectME Planning Grant! As part of the planning grant, LCI:

- investigated how to bring (high-speed) broadband internet service to Bowdoinham;
- designed a network to service Bowdoinham;
- determined the cost to provide broadband service throughout Town.

LCI presented their findings to the Select Board at their January 29th Meeting. LCI's presentation is now available on our new website. In all, it was determined that it will cost \$580,630 to get our unserved residents connected to the internet. Our next step will be to partner with LCI to apply for a ConnectME Infrastructure grant this spring.

Pipeline TIF District

The Town's Pipeline Tax Increment Financing District will expire in 2020. The Pipeline TIF District budget currently supports: Celebrate Bowdoinham, The Bowdoinham News, the Summer Concert Series, the Town's Economic and Community Development Office and other various projects and events.

The Community Development Advisory Committee will be hosting two public meetings on Wednesday, March 20th and Wednesday April 17th to discuss whether or not the Town should extend the Pipeline TIF for another ten years (until 2030). Both meetings will be at 6:30pm in the Kendall Meeting Room, located in the John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School St. We hope to see you there!

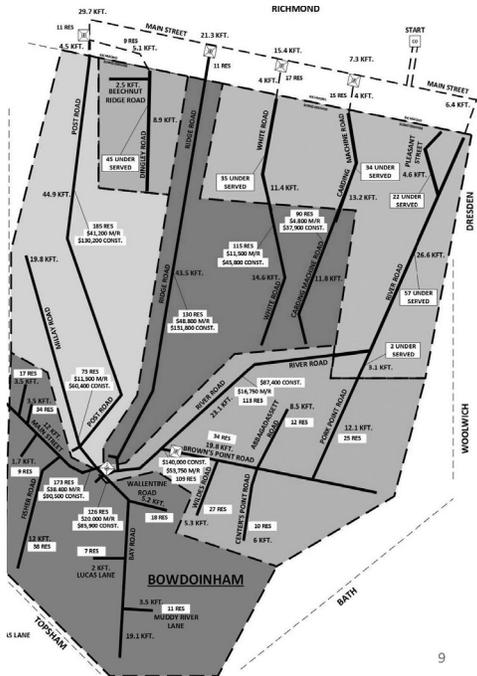
For more information, please contact Nicole Briand at nbriand@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531.

Land Use Ordinance Updates

The Planning Board will be holding a

Local Fiber Distribution Options

- **Richmond Main St feeder** (220 homes)
- **GREEN: ConnectMe areas**
 - **Dingley Rd + Beechnut Ridge** (45 homes)
 - **White Rd** (35 homes)
 - **Carding Machine Rd** (34 homes)
 - **River Rd + Pleasant St** (81 homes)



public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance at their March Meeting, on Thursday, March 28th at 7pm in the Kendall Meeting Room.

This year the Planning Board is addressing medical marijuana businesses and floodplain management.

- The State of Maine changed the law regarding medical marijuana businesses, so now municipalities need to opt-in to allow these businesses to take place in their communities. Whereas, previously, these businesses were allowed, and municipalities could not regulate them.

- As for floodplain management, the Town is proposing to update its ordinance to be consistent with the federal requirements.

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Waterfront Master Site Plan Update

By Joanne Joy

First - thank you, thank you, thank you to all the people who provided input over the past 15 years into the Waterfront Plan! And after just 15 years, the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) is pleased to present the consultants' final drawing of the Waterfront Redevelopment. The drawing is called the Master Site Plan and is a guide for the future coordinated and phased efforts to implement the plan. This is a very important step in our planning process.

This is a truly exciting time for Bowdoinham, I have heard the creation of our waterfront park called a 'generational opportunity'. The 2005 Waterfront

Plan provided a narrative vision for Waterfront Redevelopment for a time in the future that Bowdoinham Public Works would be moved from along the banks of the Cathance River. That time is quickly approaching as the new Public Works location and buildings on Pond Road are being prepared for a 2019 move.

To continue the community input and engagement in this project, the committee will be scheduling informational meetings this spring. Additionally, the

members of the CPC would like to attend meetings of town committees and groups such as the Historical Society, Fire/Rescue meetings, BCDI, Snowbirds, etc. for additional discussions of the Master Site Plan, to answer any clarifying questions, and talk about opportunities for ongoing input. Feel free to reach out to the CPC

implementation in the future. There will be committees to make final decisions on a number of elements of the plan. There will also be ongoing choices for ways to get things done - such as hire the work on a trail to be completed, or identify community members with the skills, equipment, and desire to do it by Bowdoinham community members. Others might organize volunteers and other resources to help build those trails.

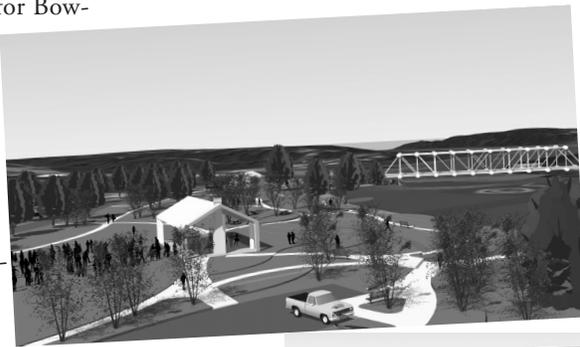
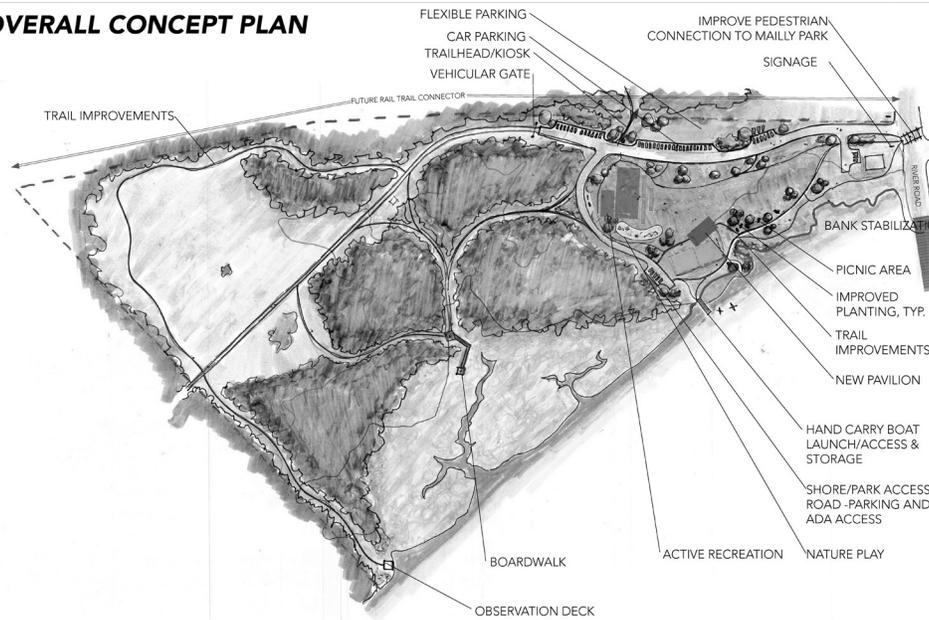
The Site Plan shows where the trails will be situated to connect to other trails and not have to be moved later, it does not recommend how they need to be completed. A request for town level funding would have to be approved at a future date at a town meeting as no funds are being requested at

this time. And don't forget, some costs can be covered by grants, bonds, and other resources over time in

addition to allocations from Bowdoinham. For instance, Bowdoinham has already been awarded a \$45,000 grant to design the kayak/non-motorized boat launch and other shoreline stabilization needs for the project. The grant funding can be used in 2019.

As always, the CPC meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Coombs Building, at 6:30. Please feel free to join us.

OVERALL CONCEPT PLAN



members and invite us to your meetings.

There will be a number of options for including your thoughts and ideas for

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Community Calendar

March

10th

BCDI Community Conversation: Farmers

20th

Pipeline TIF Meeting
Kendall Room, 6:30pm

28th

Public Hearing - Land Use Ordinance
Kendall Room, 7:00pm

30th

Spring Equinox
Merrymeeting Arts Center

April

1st

Cemetery Committee Meeting & Dinner
Merrymeeting Hall, 4pm

5th

3rd Annual Eidle Book Competition, 6pm

13th & 14th

Cemetery Clean-up

15th

Property Taxes Due

17th

Pipeline TIF Meeting
Kendall Room, 6:30pm

26th & 27th

19th Annual Rummage Sale
Town Hall

27th & 28th

Cemetery Clean-up

Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public at John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

Select Board Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee

2nd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Community Development Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Committee on Aging

3rd Monday of Month at 2:30pm

Finance Advisory Committee

Every Monday in March at 3:00pm

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at www.bowdoinham.com/calendar.

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