



TOWN OF BOW

Business Development Commission

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**MINUTES
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
April 7, 2021**

The Town of Bow Business Development Commission held a scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:30 AM via Zoom.

Chair Bill Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM with a reading of a virtual meeting checklist. Other BDC Members participating were: Larry Haynes, Vice Chair, Cody Herrick, Secretary, Mike Percy, John Meissner, Don Berube, Jr., Chris Johnson, Wendy Gazaway, and BOS representatives Matt Poulin. Also participating were: Dave Stack, Town Manager, Matt Taylor, Community Development Director, Bow Police Chief Margaret Lougee, Assistant Planner Bryan Westover, and recording secretary Alvina Snegach. June Branscom was absent. Stanley Emanuel was present as a member of the public.

Approval of minutes – 03/03/2021

Draft minutes were reviewed, and no changes were made. *Mr. Poulin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was duly seconded by Mr. Haynes and passed by a roll call majority vote in favor. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Gazaway abstained.*

Guest speaker Nick Sceggell from Dubois&King.

Mr. Sceggell provided an update on where Dubois&King are relative to the two studies for water extension to Bow Junction and water/sewer interconnection with Hooksett and the challenges. He spoke about the difficulty of figuring out the daily peak flow rates for the system given the inconsistent draws throughout the week. He also described the issues such as water age and turnover due to the irregular use of the system. He then showed the possible routes for bringing the water line to Bow Junction and identified potential challenges and issues. Mr. Sceggell said that he will be meeting with the State next week to discuss the possibility of placing the water tank on one of their properties adjacent to I-93. Next, Mr. Sceggell spoke about water quality issues with the current set up and potential needs for treatment due to changing regulations for contaminants such as manganese, sodium, chloride and PFOAs. They are now working with a company on identifying the treatment needs and costs if any were to become required. Mr. Sceggell suggested that the Town apply for the State Source Water Protection Trust funds in order to hire a hydrologist to try and figure out what is causing higher sodium and chloride levels in the water. Members provided suggestions on possible Town owned parcels for the location of the tank, should the State become resistant to the idea of using its land. It was also noted that the State had locked in the concept for the new design of the intersection of I-93 and I-89 and asked if Dubois&King had considered it in their mapping out of possible line routes. Mr. Meissner note that the condition of the river may need to be checked as it is possibly feeding the aquifer and may provide some answers about the elevated levels of sodium and chloride.

In conclusion Mr. Sceggell said that he will report to the Commission on the results of the meeting with the State on the use of its land for tank placement and will keep the members updated on the progress of both studies.

Review project/task list and reports from boards and committees.

Mr. Taylor noted that the Planning Board did not receive any new cases for review and will be holding its second meeting on the previously submitted applications for the business subdivision by Grappone and private lot line adjustment on Pinnacle Lane.

Mr. Berube asked if Audley was cutting trees for any development purposes, and Mr. Taylor responded that he was not aware of any plans. Mr. Poulin noted that Audley had sold a sweeper to the Town at a very good price and expressed his gratitude for deal.

Future BDC meetings – remote or in person.

Members discussed the results of the poll where most members agreed to go back to meeting in person. Mr. Taylor noted that there is currently no room big enough in the Town offices that would allow to safely social distance for all the members to be present in it. Consensus was that meeting will continue on Zoom until either a solution is found, such as a bigger room or COVID related restrictions are relaxed to allow for an in-person meeting.

Another discussion was of the unsubstantiated information about Pitco looking to move from its current location on 3A. Consensus was to contact the company to find out more and inform them of what is available in Bow to cater to their space needs and also provide them with information on the approval process and how business friendly it is.

Mr. Poulin made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Mr. Hickey, and passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully,

Cody Herrick

Secretary