

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW

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This is the monthly report from the Bow Selectmen and Town Manager as part of our commitment to keep citizens informed and involved in the community. For additional information, please visit the Town of Bow website at <http://www.bow-nh.gov>.



Standing left to right: Selectman Colleen Hunter, Selectman Christopher Nicolopoulos, Selectman Benjamin Kiniry, Administrative Assistant Nicole Gage. Seated left to right: Town Manager David Stack, Chairman Harold Judd, and Vice-Chair Eric Anderson.

Did You Know?

You can get a Hunting and Fishing License from the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office is an official New Hampshire Fish & Game Department licensing agent. New Hampshire hunting and fishing licenses are available through the Bow Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

2016 Summer Concerts: There are two concerts left this summer - The Freese Brothers Band will be playing on Sunday, August 7th and Dmitry Botnar on August 14th. The Concerts are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bow Bandstand. Admission is free. Pack a picnic or you may buy food and refreshments from the Bow Community Men's Club. Handicapped parking is available.

Bow Heritage Day: The Bow Heritage Commission will be holding Bow Heritage Day on Saturday, September 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bow Bog Meeting House. Displays, demonstrations, music, historic moments, Men's Club Lunch, Memorial Bells, free pie, period dress encouraged.

Annual Mum Sale: The Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club will be holding its annual mum sale on September 17-18 at the Bow Bandstand.

Town Project Status Reports

Public Safety Building Project

You can watch a video, taken by a drone flying over the building site. Just visit www.bow-nh.gov and click on the construction photo. The official project groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday, August 4th. Work on the project is moving right along. The major site work has almost been completed and the sewer connection has been installed. The contractor will soon be pouring the concrete footings and the slab.

Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Harrington is working with vendors on the phone and computer systems for the new building and Police Chief Erin Commerford, Fire Chief Dana Abbott and Emergency Management Director Lee Kimball are finalizing the communications and security system plans with vendors. DPW Director Tim Sweeney is working with Utilil and Fairpoint to relocate the power lines away from the driveway entrance and provide power to the new building.

The NH Municipal Bond Bank finalized the repayment schedule for the bond that was sold to finance the project. The Town will save \$918,951 over the life of the bond due to the 2.16% interest rate that was received. Significant savings have been realized due to the rate being 1% lower than had been estimated and by the Board of Selectmen choosing to go with a shorter repayment term of 15 years.

Town Departments

Administration News

With assistance from Chair Mike Wayne of the Town's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Committee and Selectman Colleen Hunter, Town Manager David Stack recently wrote and submitted an article on the Town's CIP process to the New Hampshire Municipal Association for publication in an upcoming edition of the Association's *Town and City* magazine.

Economic Development

Earlier this summer a fast-growing startup relocated its headquarters from Bedford, NH to Bow Technologies Center on Robinson Road. Compass Innovative Behavior Strategies was established in November 2014 by Ally and Dan Dube. The agency's mission is to provide personalized behavior therapy for children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Ally is a Bow native and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Dan is a seasoned entrepreneur who has started a number of companies in the tech industry. The company currently has about 60 employees. Welcome to Bow!

The Business Development Commission, with help from Arnett Development Group, recently unveiled a new tool on the Town's web site that markets Bow's Business Corridor and assists prospective investors in finding the right location for their business. The tool highlights the many advantages that Bow offers as a business location in a user-friendly format.

Emergency Management

Through the efforts of Emergency Management Director Lee Kimball, the Town was awarded a \$24,090 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) by the NH Department of Safety. The grant will be used to outfit the Emergency Operations Center in the new Safety Building with a Smart Board, chairs, table, overhead projector, screens, carrying cases, storage carts for furniture, book cases, computer, weather station, color printer and other equipment.

Fire Department

Is your Medical Alert System dialing the right number? A Medical Alert System is an electronic key chain, necklace, or bracelet that is used to request an ambulance, should you be unable to get to your phone. These systems typically dial the vendor's centralized monitoring station. THE MONITORING STATION SHOULD CONTACT FIRE DISPATCH, NOT THE FIRE STATION. If you or a loved one has a Medical Alert System, please verify with your vendor that a request for an ambulance will go to Concord Fire Dispatch at (603) 225-3355.

Parks and Recreation

It's that time of year when we start to conclude our Summer Camps and Programs and welcome registration for our Fall Programs. One hundred and ten children participated in our Summer Day Camp/Trips/CIT Programs! We spent the summer playing great games like: Stinky Feet and Crack-About, we made crafts that included flags made out of paint sticks and crazy masks, we traveled to Sunapee and Wellington State Beaches and The Polar Caves, Clark's Trading Post, Gunstock, Whale's Tale and Canobie. Russia won the Bow Rec Olympics, Bowgie turned 11, we dunked counselors at our Carnival and saw lots of great talent at our annual Bow's Got Talent. We sure are going to miss the great campers and the best counselors around!!!

Our Fall Program Brochure is out and it is full of activities for all ages. We have soccer, floor hockey and gym-time, Tip-Tap-Toe and Rising Star Dance Classes, Fitness Programs for all ages and abilities that include, Zumba, Yoga, Boot Camp, 50+ Fitness Mindful Meditation & Body Blast! Tennis lessons are back, along with Girls on The Run, Archery, Dog Obedience, Volleyball and Basketball. Stop by and pick up a brochure or check it out on www.bow-nh.gov. Registration is open now!

Police Department

Points To Know when Contacting the Police Department:

Address	12 Robinson Road, Bow, NH 03304
Administrative Line	603-228-1240 / Fax 603-226-0934
Administrative Hours*	Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Most calls made to the administrative phone line, communications sent, and visits made to the Department during these hours, will be received by a person. All Departmental e-mail may be sent to policeadmin@bow-nh.gov

There is a newly installed locked mailbox in the front foyer of the Police Department. It is video monitored and is available 24 hours a day for paperwork drop off. The following can be accepted: Vacant House Check (VHC) forms, pistol permit applications, statements, and parking tickets with exact fee. A user is not required to have contact with Department personnel if using the mailbox.

The Bow Police Department is dispatched by the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. **Officers are available 24 hours a day at 603-228-0511.**

If a visitor comes to the Police Department outside of the administrative hours, and the visitor is not greeted, there is a direct dial phone in the foyer of the Police Department that will connect to a dispatcher when the receiver is picked up. The dispatcher will provide direct assistance or call the on duty officer to return to the Department. **Emergencies only - dial 911.**

Department of Public Works

The NH Department of Labor recently conducted a safety inspection of the Public Works facility. An inspection report will be submitted to the Town in approximately two-three weeks. No major deficiencies were found and many of the items that need to be corrected can be done by the DPW crew.

Town Clerk's Office

The NH State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at Bow Memorial School, 20 Bow Center Road. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote before the NH State Primary Election is September 6, 2016., however you can register to vote at the polls. The last day to get an absentee ballot in person is September 9, 2016.

Personnel Spotlight

Geoff Ruggles was appointed as the Town's new Finance Director. Geoff brings many years of municipal finance and accounting experience with him to Bow. He previously served as Finance Director for the Town of Gilford and he has also served as Finance Director and Town Administrator for the Town of Pembroke.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are currently openings on the Conservation Commission and the Bow Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. The Conservation Commission meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Volunteer applications are available at the Town Manager's office and at www.bow-nh.gov.