

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW NOVEMBER 2016

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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.

Personnel Spotlight

Police Chief: The committee completed the interview process and recommended to Town Manager David Stack that Town of Bow's Sergeant Margaret Lougee be appointed Chief of Police.

Did You Know?

According to the United States Census Bureau, Bow has a total area of 28.4 square miles, of which 28.0 square miles is land, and 0.39 square miles is water.

Upcoming Events

TURKEY TROT: The Bow Police Association's *8th Annual 5K Turkey Trot & Fun Walk* is on for November 24, 2016. Registration is now open at www.runReg.com.

Town Project Status Reports

Public Safety Building Project Status

- Exterior walls have gone up and roof trusses are being installed and the site is beginning to shape up.
- Two carpenters were injured when two roof trusses that were being installed fell. Neither injury was severe, and work on the project continues.
- FairPoint has set three new utility poles on Knox Road in order to relocate the utilities away from the driveway entrance. Utilil is in the process of moving their power lines over to the new poles. FairPoint will then move their wires and then Comcast
- The base for the 125' communications tower has been poured and made ready for the installation of the tower
- The contractor and Town staff are working with the contractor to finalize interior data drop locations, door swings, door locations and other details

Town Departments

Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

STATE GENERAL ELECTION is Tuesday 11/8/2016 at the Bow Memorial School (which is the Bow Middle School) from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 20 Bow Center Road. The Town office will stay open for business from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Election Day which is our regular hours.

If you have missed the deadline to register to vote, which was 10/29/16, you can still register at the polls on Election Day.

If you are a registered voter and unable to vote at the polling place on election day, you can fill out an absentee ballot request form which is available on the town website or at the Secretary of State website or you can request one from our office and we will email, fax or mail one to you. Your absentee request form can be mailed, emailed or faxed to us. Make sure the signature line is visible when you fax or email.

Absentee ballots are available in our office right now, so make sure you have your request in early so we may mail you the ballots on time. The ballot will be mailed to the mailing address on the absentee request form. The ballot needs to reach our office by 4:00 p.m. Election Day. You can also just stop by at our office and pick up a ballot until the day before the election. Check out the Town website for more information or you can always call us at 603-228-1187 ext. 3.

PROPERTY TAXES: We are still waiting for the Department of Revenue to set our property tax rates. Property tax bills will probably go out the 2nd week of November.

Police Department

The men of the Bow Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies throughout Merrimack County, have pledged support to the Merrimack County Advocacy Center by growing beards, moustaches or goatees during the month of November. These officers are proud of the great work of the Merrimack County Advocacy Center and want to thank you everyone for supporting them in their efforts.

New Hampshire's Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) support child victims of physical and sexual abuse, as well those children who have witnessed violent crimes. CACs support these children in the early stages of criminal investigations by offering forensic interview services and by connecting them to important community resources.

Help Bow Police raise money for a great cause. Donations you make in support of this initiative are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Simply click on the link below, then click to complete your transaction through our secure link to PayPal.

<http://www.cac-nh.org/about/find-your-child-advocacy-center-in-new-hampshire/merrimack-county-cac/>

Recreation News

Save the Date! We will be holding our Annual Tree Lighting and Santa Visit on Sunday, November 27th from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM. Come join us as we light the Town Tree and watch the Rotary Park and Gazebo become a Winter Wonderland. Santa will arrive by firetruck and he will be in the Gazebo to visit with the children. There will be crafts, cookies, S'mores, Hot Cocoa and more. Join The Town of Bow as we celebrate the holidays and visit with our neighbors. Dress warm as this event takes place outside. Bring a canned good or two for the Bow Food Pantry. We will offer overflow parking at BMS, with school bus transportation to the event.

Watch for our big Winter Brochure to come out at the end of November. This brochure will be filled with lots of winter activities to keep you busy during those long winter months! We will have Art & Archery, Skiing & Fitness, Dance & Floor Hockey, to name just a few. If you are 3 or 93, we will have something for you!

Fire Department

Bow Fire Department was recently recognized by Concord Hospital for their early recognition, aggressive treatment, and transportation of three residents experiencing heart attacks. Our EMT's and Paramedics identified the heart attacks early via 12 lead EKG, administered oxygen, normal saline, vasodilators, platelet inhibitors, and pain medicines. The crews communicated the situations promptly to Concord Hospital. These actions resulted in these three patients having successful emergency surgery and they were all released from the hospital within 48 hours.

Public Works Department

The Department has been busy working on the following projects:

RECREATION FACILITIES:

- Installed well meters for the Hanson Park irrigation system and winterized the systems at Hanson Park and Rotary Park
- Planted a new Blue Spruce near the Gazebo for tree lighting event and Planted Tulip Poplar near BAC building @ Hanson Park
- Finished backstop work at Gordon field after a new fence install
- Worked with the snowmobile club to develop a trail through Hanson Park that works best for them and our playing surfaces. Installed a cable gate on the trail using large boulders as anchors
- Re-worked landscaping near Hanson Park stone sign and entrance
- Pruned and removed trees and shrubs at Rotary Park to improve look, lay out and maintenance expense now and future.
- Over seeded all weak areas on playing surfaces and continued seeding and fertilizing of new turf area at Goodwin/Gordon Fields

HIGHWAYS DIVISION

- Graded Gravel Roads
- Ditching and road side mowing continued and many of Bow's roads have been done.
- Cleaned out various drainage structures with Vac trailer
- Replacing, installation and straightening of street signs
- A vacant new heavy equipment operator was filled

CEMETRIES DIVISION:

- A three year services agreement with Dignified Cemetery Services to open and close graves has been signed
- Water was turned off at Evans and Alexander Cemeteries for the winter.

FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION:

- A vacant mechanic position was filled by Phil Anderson.
- Mechanics are switching all vehicle summer tires to winter tires and all plow trucks, plows, wings and sanders are being prepared and made ready for winter conditions and anticipated snow.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIVISION:

- A roof replacement project at the Municipal Building was put out to bid.
- Winter maintenance of the town's buildings is now being scheduled, furnaces checked, A/C's stored, etc.
- Various minor repairs were completed.

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.