

# MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW MAY 2016

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>.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Bow Master Plan Visioning Session** – May 11th, 6:30 PM at Bow High School Cafeteria, 55 Falcon Way. Pizza and refreshments will be served.
- **Bow Business to Business** - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-6:30 PM at Concord Awning and Canvas, 1 Tallwood Drive. For Bow Business Owners. Sponsored by Bow Economic Development Commission.

## TOWN PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

### Public Safety Building Project

Town Manager David Stack is the Town's project manager for completion of the new Public Safety Building. Any questions about the project should be directed to him. The building will be constructed on Town land on Knox Road, on the hill above the gazebo. The building site was logged under the direction of Town Forester Ron Klemarczyk, which ensured that the 100 foot buffer between the building site and neighbors was preserved. The Town received over \$3,000 for the wood removed from the land. We are expecting construction to begin at the end of May.

### Community Building & Police Station

Once the Public Safety Building is operational, the space currently used by the Police and Fire Departments will be vacant. The Selectmen and Town Manager are studying what the best uses will be for those buildings. The Board has established two committees to study potential uses, prepare reports and present options. These committees are to be made up of Bow residents with experience in construction, building design, and real estate. If you are interested in assisting in this effort, please fill out a Volunteer Application or call 228-1187 x1.

### Birchdale Road Bridge Project

The Town's engineers have been working with the NH Department of Transportation to develop both temporary and permanent solutions for the closed bridge on Birchdale Road. Due to the volume of water that flows through the area, any option chosen must meet the design standards of the NH Department of Environmental Services. We expect decisions will be made on the design within a few months. In response to concerns of neighbors living on Birchdale Road, the Town's engineers are working with the Town Public Works Department to include ways to reduce speed on the road when the bridge is reopened.

## TOWN DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Public Works (DPW)

Department personnel recently installed a new water faucet at the Alexander Cemetery on River Road. The Town is now able to provide visitors with a reliable source of water for flowers and shrubs. The faucet was tied into the Town water system.

### Bow Police Department

The Department is organizing a speed enforcement initiative as a result of a grant that was received from the NH Highway Safety Agency. The funds will be used to conduct specific patrols for the purpose of reducing speeding



motorists and increasing travel safety in neighborhoods. The Department is also utilizing the new speed trailer as part of its efforts. The public will see it positioned at various locations in Town over the coming months.

## **2016 Assessing Update Inspections**

In order to maintain accurate and up-to-date property assessments, the Town is currently conducting a review and inspection of 1/5 of the properties in town. All properties in town are inspected on a 5 year rotating basis. This year's inspections are being conducted in the Southeast section of the town. Appraisal representatives will be measuring the exterior of buildings upon their arrival, and if an adult is home, they will request to inspect the interior. If the homeowner is not home or not available at the time of our visit, a follow up letter will be sent in June asking the property owner to call the Assessing Office to schedule a more convenient time. We would very much appreciate your assistance in this process, which should only take about 15 minutes of your time. This is important for the accuracy of your assessment and the overall success of this review process. Please visit the Assessment Department's webpage at [www.bow-nh.gov](http://www.bow-nh.gov) for more information. Do not hesitate to call them if you have any questions or concerns at 228-1187 x 114 or 115.

## **TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Milfoil Information Session**

The Conservation Commission will be holding an information session about Turee Pond and the upcoming treatment for milfoil. Stacy Luke of the Merrimack County Conservation District will also be providing information on the Lake Host program. The session will be held on Monday May 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Bow Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Road, Bow. A biologist from the NH Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will be providing information about milfoil and the proposed treatment. The Lake Host™ Program is a courtesy boat inspection program administered by NH LAKES in cooperation with local groups. The goal of the program is to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, plants and animals, from waterbody to waterbody. If you have questions about the session, Turee Pond or the Lake Host program, contact Sandy Crystall at [bccphotos@gmail.com](mailto:bccphotos@gmail.com) or the Town Offices at 228-1187.

### **PERSONNEL SPOTLIGHT**

The Town recently hired and swore in Michael Murray as the Police Department's newest police officer. He will be attending the next full time police academy in May and he is looking forward to being a part of the Department and serving the residents of Bow.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Bow relies on our wonderful volunteers on a host of boards and commissions. To apply for appointment to a board or commission, please fill out a Volunteer Application or call 228-1187 x1. Present openings include Community Building Committee, Conservation Commission, Drinking Water Protection Committee, Police Department Office Review Committee, Recycling / Solid Waste Committee and the Zoning Board.