

2020 Town Meeting Warrant Town of Bow, New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bow in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bow Community Building on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Article 1 and Article 2 will be by official ballot and the polls shall be open for balloting at 7:00 a.m. and shall not close before 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

You are hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 39:1-a, adopted at the 1980 Annual Meeting of the Town of Bow, to meet at the Bow High School Auditorium on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the evening, to consider Articles 3 through 23. *Note: The following ceremonial items will be conducted prior to discussion and debate on the remaining articles: Presentation of the Colors, Introductions, Bow Men's Club Citizen of the Year, and other presentations and commendations.*

1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following town officers:

Selectman for 3 years
(2) Budget Committee Members for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Checklist Supervisor for 6 years
Library Trustee for 5 years
(2) School Board Members for 3 years
School District Moderator for 2 years
School District Treasurer for 3 years

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS presented below as proposed by the Planning Board?

- A. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT A as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to revise the Table of Contents (INDEX) to add Article 17 for Bow Mills Mixed Use District and Article 18 South Bow Mixed Use District? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

- B. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT B as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend the definition of buildable land and commercial kennel in Section 3.02? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- C. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT C as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to delete Section 4.01.(A8) for the Institutional (IN) District and to renumber the subsequent articles accordingly? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- D. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT D as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to add the Bow Mills Mixed Use District and South Bow Mixed Use District to the list of Districts in Section 4.01(A)? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- E. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT E as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend Section 5.11 Table of Use Regulations to remove the column for the Institutional (IN) District and to add Bow Mills Mixed Use (BMMU) and SBMU (South Bow Mixed Use) Districts to the legend? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- F. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT F as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend Section 6.06 to allow common driveways for residential lots, and set the standards for common driveways in the Residential (R), Rural (RU), and Residential One Family (R-1) Districts? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- G. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT G as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend Section 6.07 Table of Dimensional Regulations to remove the column for the Institutional (IN) District and to add Bow Mills Mixed Use (BMMU) and SBMU (South Bow Mixed Use) Districts to the legend? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

- H. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT H as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend Section 6.07 footnote as printed? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- I. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT I as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to delete Section 7.04.E requiring recording at the Registry of Deeds for an accessory dwelling unit? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- J. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT J as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend Section 10.03.G to change the number of copies required for submitting an Aquifer Protection Conditional Use Permit and adding a requirement for electronic submission? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- K. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT K as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to amend Section 14.07.A and 14.07.B to add Zoning Administrator as one of the responsible parties for code enforcement? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- L. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT L as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 19, 2019 to revise the Bow Mills Mixed Use District to specify requirements for outdoor retail display? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)
- M. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT M as proposed by the Planning Board vote of January 9, 2020 to amend Section 6.01 and correct the reference to NHDES? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 14, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-0)
- N. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT N as proposed by the Planning Board vote of February 3, 2020 to replace Section 7.02 Open Space Residential Development with the new ordinance as printed? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, February 4, 2020. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$11,633,474 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$11,633,474. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 4-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,646,518 for improvements to the intersection of Dunklee Road and Route 3-A and the reconstruction of the Dunklee Road Bridge; to authorize the receipt of federal and state grants in the amount of \$1,934,626 and the withdrawal of \$711,892 from the Bridge and Highway Construction Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI which will not lapse until the earlier of project completion or June 30, 2025. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$593,116 and authorize payment into existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds in the following amounts for the purpose for which such funds were established. (Majority Vote Required)

Bridge and Highway Construction	\$120,000
Public Works Equipment	\$192,500
Fire Department Equipment	\$33,000
Police Equipment	\$26,000
Recreation Improvements	\$20,000
Municipal Buildings and Grounds	\$65,000
Fire Truck	\$112,500
Community Center	\$5,000
Health Maintenance	\$19,116
Total	\$593,116

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 for the reconstruction and paving of Town roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for the construction of a salt storage building and related site and drainage work and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$275,000 from the Municipal Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$249,900 to purchase an ambulance for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$249,900 from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,854 to purchase a 10-wheel dump truck for the Public Works Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$225,854 from the Public Works Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,720 to purchase a 6-wheel dump truck for the Public Works Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$178,720 from the Public Works Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,000 for the replacement of the vehicle fueling station and equipment at the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the receipt of \$58,080 from the Bow School District and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$117,920 from the Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,500 to purchase a utility truck for the Public Works Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$76,500 from the Public Works Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the renovation of the bathrooms on the main level of the Municipal Building, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$75,000 from the Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 4-3)

14. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Water Capital Replacement/System Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of the acquisition, replacement and upgrade of the municipal water system infrastructure and capital assets, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 towards this purpose, further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,947 for the replacement of streetlight fixtures and replace them with energy efficient LED fixtures, \$45,176 to come from utility incentives and rebates, with the balance of \$2,771 to come from general taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 to purchase a police cruiser for the Police Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$43,000 from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for the repair of drainage culverts on Buckingham Drive and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$38,000 from the Bridge and Highway Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Library Trustees)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1)

19. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Fire Suppression Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of repairing and replacement of water cisterns used for fire suppression, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 towards this purpose, further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,830 to purchase overcarries and replacement weapons for the Police Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$13,830 from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Emergency Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Library Trustees)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

22. Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Bow, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$122,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$153,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$184,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$38,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

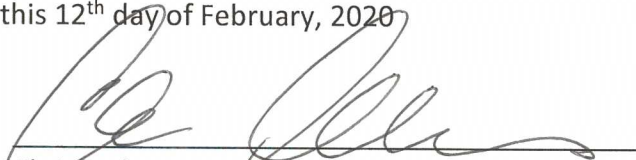
23. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify Class VI Farrington's Corner Road from the Dunbarton Town Line to the Hopkinton Town Line as Class A Municipal Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2. (Majority Vote Required)

24. (By petition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$95,000 to pay for a full-time recreation director with salary and benefits?

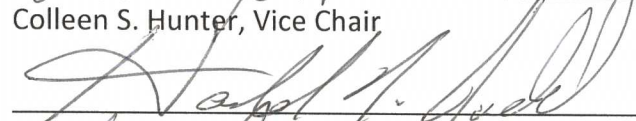
(Not Recommended by Budget Committee 0-7)

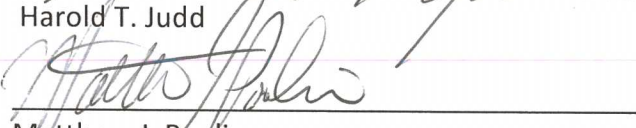
25. (By petition) We the town of Bow hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. We expect our representative to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Bow's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Bow's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Bow's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.
26. To hear reports of standing committees and take any action relating thereto.
27. To transact any other business which may legally come before such meeting.


Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of February, 2020


Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Chair


Colleen S. Hunter, Vice Chair


Harold T. Judd


Matthew J. Poulin


Michael G. Wayne

Board of Selectmen
Town of Bow, New Hampshire