

## **TOWN OF BOW**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER - COVID 19**

March 31, 2020

These are difficult times and we all need to realize that we are in uncharted territory as we work through the COVID-19 crisis. We all need to practice SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FEET) to mitigate the spread of this virus.

We continue to observe large gatherings of individuals at the Bow School's outdoor facilities and Town facilities that exceed the Governors Emergency #16 that prohibits gathering of 10 or more.

In order to support this order, we have closed the parking lot at the Bow Community Building and the Superintendent of Schools is considering closing their outdoor facilities if we continue to ignore the "Stay at Home Order."

As a community, we are going to experience many challenges in the coming weeks and ask everyone (young and old) to encourage and maintain appropriate social distancing.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

The Board of Selectmen continues to meet as needed. Meeting agendas may be found on the Town website [www.bownh.gov](http://www.bownh.gov)

#### **Town Operations**

**Emergency Operations Center:** The Town has opened our Emergency Operations Center. The function of the EOC is to maintain situational awareness and coordinate Town response related activities. This effort is being led by Emergency Management Director Lee Kimball.

**Fire Department and Police Department First Responders:** The Chiefs and department members continue to do a great job responding to the needs of the community in a safe and efficient manner. Help them do their job by maintain social distancing.

**Other Town Departments:** Customer service to our residents is our top priority. All Town Departments continue to function, with modifications made to reduce or eliminate physical contact and maintain the 6' social distancing requirement. Please be patient as we continued to modify these processes as the situation changes.

## **Town Buildings and Facilities**

The Municipal Building and all Town buildings and facilities were closed to the public on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The Bow Community Building parking lot was closed to the public on Friday, March 27, 2020.

## **Community Activities**

As usual, the Bow community has rallied to provide opportunities to maintain social interaction to continue. This is great! We need to remember social distancing practices in order to reduce exposure to the virus. Organizers of these activities need to please keep this in mind when putting an activity together.

For example, the birthday parade participants need to follow Social Distancing recommendations. Ways to do this are to not throw out candy; have no contact between people in the vehicles and people watching the parades; maintaining the 6' distance when organizing the parade and putting together the caravan; and not meeting in one central location unless you can maintain the 6' distance and not go over the 10 person limit imposed by the Governor.

Please continue to check our website on a daily basis for updated information.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding. We can do this!

**#bowstrong**

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