



TOWN OF BOW

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TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE #3 COVID 19 RESPONSE

April 10, 2020

It's been almost a month since Governor Chris Sununu declared a State of Emergency due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020. A lot has happened in Bow since that day.

Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen has held two virtual meetings and the next is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, as needed. Phone-in information for the public is posted on the agendas.

Town Buildings Closed

On March 17, the Bow Municipal Building, Baker Free Library, Department of Public Works, Community Building, and Old Town Hall were closed to the public and access has been limited to authorized Town personnel only.

Fire, Police and Emergency Management

These departments have been working non-stop responding to calls and preparing for the anticipated surge in the number of positive COVID-19 cases. They have modified their usual procedures in order to protect themselves as they respond to calls. I can't say enough about the work that they continue to do every day. The Emergency Operations Center was opened when the emergency was declared. Director Kimball, Chief Harrington, Chief Lougee, department employees and support staff have been working long hours and our response has been stellar.

Town Office Services

We continue to provide services to our residents and customers, including the Town Manager's office, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Finance and Community Development. Employees are reporting to work either onsite or remotely to answer phone calls and e-mails, process motor vehicle registrations, issue building permits, review subdivision plans, etc. We encourage our residents to use online services where applicable.

Public Works

Our DPW has been hard at work replacing culverts, roadside ditching, raking up and laying down bark mulch on many Town properties, cleaning catch basins and all the typical work that they perform each Spring. Street sweeping and cemetery cleanup will begin soon, depending upon the weather.

Parks and Recreation

Summer Camp registrations began at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8th. Within 7 minutes, 69 campers had registered. As of today, we have 88 campers signed up and just a handful of available field trip spots left. The online Sign Up Genius is the method we used for registration this year. Our new Recreation Director, Darcy Little, received some positive feedback from a parent "Man was the online system SO much easier than the 4+ hours of standing in line. Amazing. I've had 3 kids going thru Bow Rec and this by far was the easiest and quickest." We are having parents complete registration forms and send in payment to secure their spots.

Virtual classes Our dance instructor and piano instructors have been doing virtual classes for those students who had signed up for the spring session. This is going well as it enables the kids to continue with the classes while maintaining social distancing. We may explore offering additional virtual classes as well.

Childcare for First Responders Parks and Recreation has been providing Child Care for children of our Town of Bow first responders for three weeks now. The kids bring their laptops and schoolwork with them and have ample time to complete their assignments as well as plenty of time for fun. The kids have done a puppet show, talent show, played games, arts and crafts, spent time outside with sidewalk chalk, taken walks, watched a couple of movies, engaged in lots of creative and imagination activities. Darcy and her staff have been having a lot of fun with the kids.

Bow Food Closet

The Town of Bow has established a Food Closet to assist those with food insecurities during these uncertain times. We held our first set of collection days in March and we will be holding another collection day on Sunday, April 19, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bow Community Building. The drop-off process follows the recommended CDC guidelines of social distancing and keeping everyone safe. The volunteers will direct you once you arrive at the Community Building.

We need the following non-perishable food items that are not expired and in un-opened packages.

- Boxed meals such as Hamburg Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper
- Canned meals such as beef stews or microwavable meals
- Canned goods such as vegetables, soups, tuna, chicken,
- Boxed Pasta and pasta sauce
- Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Soap,
- Snacks for children
- Gift Cards to local grocery stores
- Cash or Check donations are accepted and may be made payable to the Town of Bow Welfare

Town Recreation Areas

The Community Building parking lot and grounds remain closed to the public. The Al St. Cyr Playground at Sargent's Park, and the Jennie Holt Playground and James Loomis Playground at the Richard Hanson Memorial Recreation Area are also closed. The Town's trails are open.

AS YOU ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES,

PLEASE REMEMBER TO OBSERVE RECOMMENDED
SOCIAL DISTANCING - STAY 6 FEET APART.

GOVERNOR SUNUNU'S EMERGENCY ORDER PROHIBITING
PUBLIC GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE
IN NUMBER IS STILL IN FORCE.

I continue to be very proud of all our Town employees and the work that they continue to perform every day during this emergency. Thank you

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Have a happy Easter. Stay safe.

David Stack
Town Manager