

Bow Community Building
Status Report #5
April 9, 2018

Community Building Fire Code Compliance Plan

At the end of February, Fire Chief Mitch Harrington prepared a compliance plan detailing the steps that need to be taken in order to maximize the use of the building at the lowest possible cost. The plan takes reasonable temporary measures while the entire building is brought into compliance over time.

Chief Harrington's recommendation is to complete the following items at this time. This would allow the continued use of the gym space and office space only. The old fire space on the north side of the building cannot be used without further work.

- 1) Installation of a fire alarm system
- 2) Installation of emergency lighting
- 3) Performing required electrical system maintenance and repairs
- 4) Removal and replacement of the stage curtains
- 5) Removal of wooden closets and closets behind the stage
- 6) Painting all exposed wood with fireproof paint
- 7) Removal of wood storage cages from the mezzanine and remove stairs
- 8) Providing an exit discharge and exterior walkway from door to curb and an exit threshold.
- 9) Installation of fire rated doors behind the stage
- 10) Complete the fire separation wall between the stage and rear bay storage area

The Board of Selectmen voted to authorize the Town Manager to expend up to \$20,000, out of the current year's budget, to complete this work.

To date, the fire alarm system, emergency lighting and other electrical issues have been addressed (items 1-3). A new stage curtain is in the works (item 4). Volunteers are being sought to assist the Town with completing items 5 through 7 and once that work has been accomplished, a contractor will be brought in to complete the rest of the items.