

# TOWN OF BOW

## Drinking Water Protection Committee

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### DRAFT MINUTES

March 7, 2022

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4 Bow Drinking Water Committee held its regular meeting on March 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM in Room C at 10  
5 Grandview Road in Bow. Members present in person were: Tom O'Donovan (Chair), Chris Dunbar, and  
6 Jordan Vachon. Cynthia Klevens and Steve Cheney, Whitewater Rep, were participating via Zoom.  
7 Madhumita Chatterjee was excused.

#### 9 APPROVAL OF February 7, 2022 MEETING

10 Minutes were approved as amended by consensus.

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12 Mr. O'Donovan described his conversation with the Selectmen on the use of salt on the Town roads and that  
13 it was concerning. He did receive confirmation from the Selectboard Chair that BOS now requires that all  
14 plow drivers are Green SnowPro certified.

15 Mr. O'Donovan also talked about the Committee's article that had been published in the Bow Times and it  
16 was a success. He noted that there was interest in publishing another one later on in the year. Members  
17 discussed salt as a potential topic. Mr. O'Donovan showed a plastic bag with large salt crystals he picked up  
18 on the road close to the building. Members also discussed the urgent need to work with the Public Works  
19 Department to stop the influx of road runoff with salt from getting into the municipal wells. Then members  
20 looked at the municipal well testing results provided by Mr. Cheney and discussed the results and the need  
21 to keep testing to find out the trends. Mr. O'Donovan also suggested doing a site visit at some point to see  
22 where the salt is being applied to further investigate its runoff.

#### 24 2) FROM LAST MEETING / OLD BUSINESS

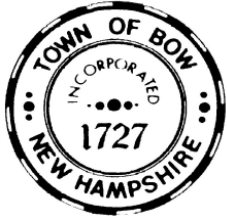
##### 26 Ms. Klevens

- 28 • Update on Bow High School opportunities (data sharing, mentoring, etc.) and reach out to Mrs. Mitchell  
29 to invite her to a future meeting. – **Continued.**
- 30 • Provide a source water protection plan update, and update on the BDWPC email.- **Continued.**

##### 32 Mr. O'Donovan

- 34 • Contact DPW Director to recommend continued annual green SnowPro training. – **Completed.**
- 35 • Attend the next monthly Water Operator meeting with the Town Manager Contact DPW. – **Continued.**  
36 Mr. Cheney will send an invite to Mr. O'Donovan\*.
- 37 • Prep for May AWWA Drinking Water Week, 1-7 May 2022 (Reserve Library display space and room,  
38 etc.- **Continued.**
- 39 • Invite Amy Hudnor, NHDES Private Well Outreach Coordinator, to the March meeting (via Zoom). –  
40 **Completed.** Mr. O'Donovan said that Ms. Hudnor is available to attend in April and the item would need to  
41 be added to the April agenda. She will attend via Zoom.
- 42 • Contact the sales representative to find out more about the photometer. – **Continued.**
- 43 • Mr. O'Donovan will email Community Development Director with a proposed budget for the project  
44 which should not exceed \$200. – **Completed.** Mr. Taylor forwarded the request to the Town Manager.

##### 46 Mr. Cheney / Whitewater Co. Representative



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- 47 • Share additional historical data on sodium, chloride, conductivity, and manganese testing for municipal  
48 wells. – **Completed.**
- 49 • Notify the Committee when all BMP Inspections have been completed. – **Continued.**  
50 Mr. Cheney said that the business owner remains uncooperative and confrontational even though the  
51 property owner had no issues with an inspection. Members discussed further ways to exert pressure on  
52 the business owner, whether it is involving the Town Manager, contacting Linex franchise management,  
53 or asking if the Fire Department could do the inspection instead. Mr. O’Donovan will draft an email to  
54 the Town Manager.\*  
55 Mr. Cheney also spoke about ongoing water system maintenance activities and regulatory encounters  
56 related to receiving a letter of violation from NHDES for one of the systems. Ms. Vachon will forward a  
57 copy of the violation letter to the members.\*

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### 59 Mr. Dunbar

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- 61 • Take a closer look at the BHS data to investigate ways to present it. – **Continued.**  
62 • Idea about group to offer guidance on water treatment to do-it-yourselfers. – **Continued.**

### 63 All

- 64 • Review the newly created website tab “Additional Resources for Municipal and Private Well Owners”  
65 and provide feedback. – **Completed.**

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### 67 NEW BUSINESS

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#### 69 Annual Private Well event planning.

70 Members discussed the logistics May library display hosting. Mr. O’Donovan made a reservation a the  
71 library for two weeks and Ms. Vachon and Mr. Dunbar are working on the new display board.  
72 Members also discussed logistics of the Annual Private Well event itself. The dates are: June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am  
73 to 11 am – kits pickup; and June 12<sup>th</sup> – from 9 am to 11 am – kits drop off. The event will be drive through  
74 as it was for the past two years. Mr. O’Donovan will discuss advertising with the Bow Times.\* Ms.  
75 Snegach will contact Parks and Rec to reserve the parking lot and the sign.\*  
76 Members also talked about consolidating the available data on salt in private wells. Ms. Klevens and Mr.  
77 Dunbar will look for what is available through NHDES and private well testing results.  
78 There was no update on the Hooksett interconnection.

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80 Next Meeting – **April 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm.** Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.