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June 2018 Edition

Welcome to the monthly bulletin from the Town of Bow. As part of our commitment to keep citizens informed and involved in the community, we hope you find this information to be useful. Follow the [public meeting schedule](http://www.bownh.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=28) [<http://www.bownh.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=28>]. Sign up for text and email notifications through [NotifyMe](http://www.bownh.gov/list.aspx) [<http://www.bownh.gov/list.aspx>]@.

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A Word from your Selectmen

With the arrival of spring the Selectmen recognize the efforts of so many citizens in putting winter behind us by cleaning up after another winter. The Garden Club and Rotary Club cleared leaves and winter debris from Rotary Park. Many people pitched in to do some serious grounds clean up at

the Bow Safety Center and with the spring thaw the commemorative bricks along the front of the building were installed by the Department of Public Works and volunteers. Thanks to all who participated in making our newest building attractive and inviting. We invite all to stop by and view the bricks to remember friends, and even have a few chuckles.

The Selectmen and the Town Manager are overseeing the life-safety renovations of the Community Building and meeting with community groups about near-term uses of the building. Over the next few months the Selectmen will hold community meetings to gather citizen input on the future needs of the Town, including what should be available as a community center. Information about those meetings will be available on the Town's website.

We invite all citizens to become more engaged in Bow by volunteering to serve on a board or commission. A list of openings, and an application form, are available on the Town's website.

As always, citizens are encouraged to contact our Chairman with concerns, words of praise for the terrific job done by Town employees, and to offer suggestions. Chris can be reached at cnicolopoulos@bownh.gov [<mailto:cnicolopoulos@bownh.gov>]



Vice Chair Hunter and Selectman Poulin joined forces with these wonderful volunteers to clean up the landscaping around the Bow Safety Center. A big Thank You to all of the volunteers. Photo by Selectman Matt Poulin



David Stack, Town Manager
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Town Manager's Report

Birchdale Bridge Project Update

The contractor, RMP, re-mobilized on May 29 and the scheduled date of substantial project completion is July 19. The Town, engineer, contractor and Unital recently met on-site to determine the best way to move utility lines without a service outage. This needs to be done in order to accommodate the crane that will be used to set the concrete structures, as well as remove the cofferdam.



Bow Fire Department

A very proud moment for the Town of Bow and the Bow Fire Department.

While on vacation in Florida, Fire Fighter Paramedic Brandon Skoglund jumped into action and revived a 2 year old that had drowned in a pool. Thank you Brandon, that is pretty amazing.

Continuing Education

On May 12, 2018 Captain Paramedic Eliot Berman graduated from the NH Police Academy. Congratulations Captain Berman!

Firefighter Jacob Anderson graduated from Keene State College with a BS in Occupational Safety and Health.

Congratulations to Firefighter EMT Tim Ives, Firefighter Advanced EMT Parker Moore, and Firefighter Jacob Anderson for passing their CDL written exam.

Firefighter Justin Abbott passed his EMR Practical Exam

Training

The Emergency Medical Services trained on OB Emergencies. There was also training on Child Passenger Safety.

Bow Police Department

OHRV Enforcement

The Department has received a grant from New Hampshire Fish & Game to organize and carry out



OHRV enforcement details. This will prevent unauthorized use of trails, railways, power lines and forests in the town.

Drug Take Back Day

The Annual Drug Take Back Day in April was SUCCESSFUL. Members of the community took advantage of the Bow Police Drug Take Back Day and turned in 84.7 lbs of prescription medication in one day.

As a reminder, there is a large grey mailbox in the Safety Center Foyer, where you can place your unused medications at any time. Remember to always scratch out all of your personal information on your medication bottles before throwing them out to protect your identity. Do not flush medications down the toilet unless specifically told to do so. If no instructions are given, take the medication out of their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance such as coffee grounds or kitty litter. Put them in a sealable container, and then throw them out in a trash bag. You can also contact your local pharmacist for questions about proper disposal.

Protect Our Town

Next meeting September 9, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Safety Center. Discussion is current Police issues going on in Town such as swatting, social media, gaming, accidents, fatalities, speeds, and defensive driving. We spoke about the Concord Regional Crimeline, using it for anonymous rewards and posting of metal signs around Town for awareness. Neighborhood Watches is coming soon you may see "door knockers" around your neighborhood asking you to join this group. We are attempting to Protect Our Town in all ways possible to include Fire and Emergency Management! If you are interested in joining this group please email Chief Lougee at mlougee@bownh.gov [<mailto:mlougee@bownh.gov>].

Community Training

Members of the Department were invited and participated in a Civilian Active Shooter training sponsored by the USDA for Federal Employees. While the majority of incidents involve the use of firearms, the term "active shooter" also encompasses an individual armed with any other type of weapon (e.g., knife, explosives, vehicle). The "active" aspect of the event inherently implies that both law enforcement personnel and citizens still have the potential to affect the outcome of the event based upon their responses. As a result, the USDA Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Coordination (OHSEC), in collaboration with the USDA Security Council and USDA Executive Leadership, recently launched an Active Shooter Program. The intent of this department-wide initiative is to promote increased employee awareness and preparedness. According to the 911 Commission Report, "Training is the most fundamental element in preparing to survive a violent event."

Thank you for all you do to keep New Hampshire roadways safe, stay safe and if you **See Something, Say Something**. It takes a community to protect a community REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!

Contacting Us

Reminder, Bow Police is dispatched through the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department in Boscawen. For Police Emergencies call 228-0511 or 9-1-1 and for Police Administration call the Public Safety Center at 223-3950.

"Join the NH Clique" Seatbelt Campaign

Bow Police continues to use Highway Safety Grant funds for additional patrols for motor vehicle enforcement, as part of the "Join The NH Clique" Seatbelt Campaign. Program.. Seatbelts save lives every day. They can only save lives, however, if they're used. There are still many people in America who don't buckle up. Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of a fatal injury by 50%. This is why our community needs to know that wearing a seatbelt can make the difference between life and death.



Baker Free Library

FREE Yoga class for Bow residents

Due to a collaboration with [YogaNH \[http://bowbakerfreelibrary.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc495ac7a8891932fc64879c2&id=673b49ff73&e=e8bc585fae\]](http://bowbakerfreelibrary.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc495ac7a8891932fc64879c2&id=673b49ff73&e=e8bc585fae) (Concord, NH), the library is pleased to offer FREE 1 hour yoga classes each month to Bow residents and library card holders! These classes are suitable for all levels. The class for June will be on Saturday, June 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE! Classes will be held in the Library's Merrimack County Savings Bank Room in the Lower Level. Because this class is being held outside of library operating hours, participants will need to enter through the Lower Level door near the handicapped parking and ramp for the Saturday morning class. To register, contact Lori Fisher at 224-7113 or lori@bakerfreelib.org [<mailto:lori@bakerfreelib.org?subject=Register%20for%20Yoga%20Community%20Class>]. Thank you to [YogaNH \[https://bowbakerfreelibrary.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc495ac7a8891932fc64879c2&id=673b49ff73&e=e8bc585fae\]](https://bowbakerfreelibrary.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc495ac7a8891932fc64879c2&id=673b49ff73&e=e8bc585fae) for giving back to the Bow community as part of their paid use of our facilities for events and workshops!

Welcome to Juliana Gallo!

Please join us in welcoming Juliana Gallo, our new Youth Services Librarian! Juliana started with us on May 29th - please say "hello" to her and introduce yourself when you next visit the library!

Fair Labor Standards Act for Small Businesses

Join Steve McKinney from the US Department of Labor for an informative overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as it applies to small businesses. Monday, June 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Merrimack County Savings Bank Meeting Room.

Summer Reading Kick Off Event

Our annual Summer Reading Kick off event will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join us for food, activities, and community fun as we begin our trip around the world through the summer reading theme, "Reading Takes You Places!" The summer reading program is for ALL ages. We have 1000 Books Before Kindergarten for those not reading on their own, and then our usual student and adult programs with plenty of fantastic prizes. Hope to see you at the kick off!



Community Development

Interstate 93/Interstate 89 Project meeting

The Board of Selectmen will hold another public meeting on the Bow/Concord Highway project to discuss concerns regarding the State's preferred design. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Office, Meeting Room C, on June 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

New construction

The Planning Board approved a modification of the Coastal Forest Products site plan to add another fifty thousand square feet of warehouse space. The building will be the largest in Town with a total area of 250,000 sf; a permit was recently issued for the new construction.

Business to Business

The Business Development Commission held its biannual Business to Business Event at the Old Town Hall on May 23rd.



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Community Development Director & Selectman Matt Poulin attend CIBOR meeting
Community Development Director Matt Taylor and Selectman Matt Poulin recently attended the CIBOR (NH Commercial Investment Board of Realtors)

meeting in Bedford NH, to promote the Town's newly established Bow Mills Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district. The Town is eager to get the word out that Bow is open for business.

The meeting had 47 participants in attendance; the largest number of participants that the organization had ever had. The majority of attendees are commercial realtors in New Hampshire, southern Maine and northern Massachusetts. Director Matt Taylor gave a brief overview of the new TIF District. Bow was the only town in attendance, and we were well received by the CIBOR members.

Both Director Taylor and Selectman Poulin have plans to attend future CIBOR meetings looking to promote commercial properties for sale, lease, or land available here in Bow.



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Parks and Recreation Department

Summer Activities

It's time to sign up for Summer Activities. Our Summer Brochure is out and it is filled with fun for all ages. We have Fitness, Tennis, Photography, Princess Camp, Archery and so much more. It's going to be a fun summer

with Bow Recreation! Registration for all our programs is first come, first serve, and many will fill up! Find our flyer on the town website www.bownh.gov

Summer Day Camp

The staff has been hired, the counselors in training (CIT) interviewed, supplies are ordered, training and planning is right around the corner and we will welcome campers to a summer of fun on Tuesday, June 26th. We can hardly wait! Six weeks of games, sports, crafts, special events, trips and fun!

Discount Amusement Tickets

Looking to go to Fun Town Splashtown, Six Flags New England or Water Country this summer? We will have discount tickets available for you to use any date throughout the summer. Tickets are limited so check in early.

Girls On The Run

Good luck to our two Girls on The Run Teams as they run their 5K on Saturday, June 2nd. These girls and coaches have been working hard for 10 weeks, learning skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness! We are very proud of you all!

Check out our Face Book Page....."Bow Parks & Recreation" This page is updated regularly to keep you informed of "Parks & Recreation Happenings" here in Bow.

Bow Heritage Commission

The Baker Heritage Room

The Baker Heritage Room at the Baker Free Library will be open Thursday, June 14th, and Saturday, June 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and by appointment. Stop by with your history questions and let us know what you know about Bow History. We are always picking up new information.

Save the Date - Benjamin Bean Home Tour

On Saturday, June 23, there will be tours offered of the Benjamin Bean Home built by Francis Carr in 1760. It has been preserved, restored and re-purposed over the years. Meet at the One Room Schoolhouse on Bow Center Rd. between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to sign up for the tour. The Bow Men's Club will be serving a picnic lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for a donation of \$6.00. Questions call Faye Johnson at 603-228-8149.

Get Out in the Woods, and Enjoy!

A message from Bow Open Spaces

Now that the snow is melted and spring rains have subsided, hikers of all ages are enjoying the woods of Bow. Thanks to some terrific volunteers, the trails in the woods and forests are in good shape.

Members of Bow Open Spaces recently facilitated two "Trail Days," that included trail blazing and clearing, and bridge repairs. The work focused on several areas, including the Nottingcook and Walker Forests and the Knox and School Forests.

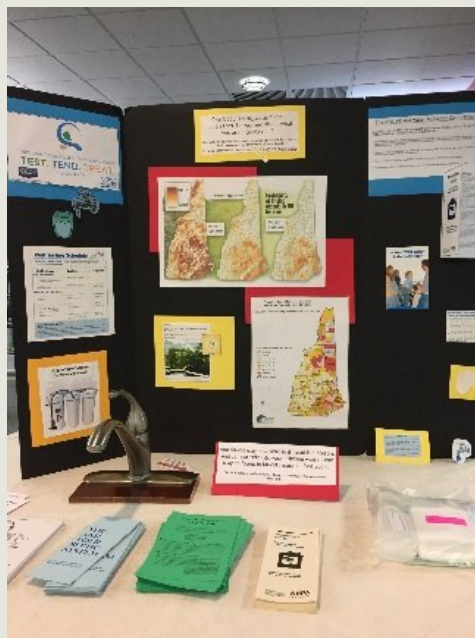
"Many hands make light work," noted Hilary Warner, Bow Open Spaces trail director. We had great groups of volunteers at both trail days and completed a lot of important work.

Bow Open Spaces is a member-driven organization that acquires and manages conserved lands within the Town of Bow. Meetings of the Board are open to all and are generally held the first Tuesday of the month (September through June) at the Baker Free Library. Please join us!

Additional information about the organization can be found at bowopenspaces.com [<http://bowopenspaces.com/>]

Bow Drinking Water Protection Committee

The Bow Drinking Water Protection Committee will hold its annual "Test Your Well" event in conjunction with the Boy Scout Yard sale on June 2-3, 2018.





Volunteers Needed

The Bow Board of Selectmen is seeking residents interested in serving the community as a member of a Town Board, Committee or Commission. Currently there are openings on the following boards, committees and commissions:


- Business Development Commission
- Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIP)
- Conservation Commission
- Recycling & Solid Waste Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment


If you are interested in serving on any of the above boards, committees and commissions please visit the Town of Bow's website at www.bownh.gov [<http://www.bownh.gov/>] to find more information on each board, committee and commission. If you have any questions please contact Tonia Lindquist at 603-223-3910 or by email at tlindquist@bownh.gov [<mailto:tlindquist@bownh.gov>].




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