

# MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW JUNE 2016

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This is the monthly report from the Bow Selectmen and Town Manager as part of our commitment to keep citizens informed and involved in the community. For additional information, please visit the Town of Bow website at <http://www.bow-nh.gov>.



Standing left to right: Selectman Colleen Hunter, Selectman Christopher Nicolopoulos, Selectman Benjamin Kiniry, Administrative Assistant Nicole Gage. Seated left to right: Town Manager David Stack, Chairman Harold Judd, and Vice-Chair Eric Anderson.

## Did You Know?

You can drop off expired and unused drugs at the Bow Police Department on a “no questions asked” basis? Flushing drugs into a septic risks contaminating ground water, and putting them in the trash risks improper disposal. The Drug Take Back Box is located in the foyer of the Police Station.

## Upcoming Events

### Brown Hill Road Area Drinking Water Study

On June 8, the Bow Drinking Water Protection Committee will be presenting the results from the 2014 sampling of well water in the Brown Hill Road Area. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center Road.

### Volunteer Thank You BBQ

The Board of Selectmen will be hosting a Volunteer Thank You BBQ at Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center Road, on Wednesday, June 29, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Board would like to thank all members of Town of Bow boards, committees and commissions for volunteering to serve and provide many hours of their time and expertise. If you are currently serving, please RSVP with number of guests to 228-1187 x110 or [admin@bow-nh.gov](mailto:admin@bow-nh.gov).

## Town Project Status Reports

### Public Safety Building Project

Town staff and Chicoine Construction continue to work on finalizing the building design and coordinating with all of the subcontractors on project logistics. Ken Heath has been hired to serve as clerk of the works and he will be overseeing the project on the Town’s behalf. On April 25, the Town submitted an application to the NH Department of Environmental Services for an Alteration of Terrain Permit. It typically takes approximately 30-45 days for the Department to review the application and issue the permit. Once the permit has been received, the contractor will begin site work. Town Manager David Stack is the Town’s

project manager for completion of the new Public Safety Building. Any questions about the project should be directed to him.

### Birchdale Road Bridge Project

At the beginning of May, the Board of Selectmen held a workshop meeting to discuss the repair/replacement options for the bridge with the Town's Bridge Engineer and the Town Manager. Robert Durfee from Dubois & King reviewed the findings of an engineering investigation and recommendations study that was conducted by Dubois & King. Three temporary rehabilitation options were discussed. The estimated cost to install a premanufactured steel truss bridge is \$174,300, the cost of a premanufactured steel beam bridge is \$185,500 and the cost to install a precast concrete deck panel bridge is \$190,000. All of the options would be temporary and there is always the problem of road salt damage and the need to maintain the temporary bridges. There would also be a cost incurred to remove the structures once permanent replacement of the bridge is undertaken. Dubois & King and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) are recommending that the entire bridge be replaced because of the current bridge deficiencies. A rehabilitated structure would continue to be inadequate for hydraulics and unhealthy for aquatic organisms. The estimated cost for replacement, pursuant to NH Department of Environmental Services compliance and regulations is \$821,870 which includes the cost of the study, design, bidding costs, construction administration and construction. The project has been accepted into the NHDOT Municipal Bridge Aid Program (MBAP), with funding available in State FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). The Board has voted to approve the Birchdale Road engineering investigation and recommendation study and to proceed with the design phase for the bridge, as well as for the Page Road bridge. Once final design is done and approved by NHDOT, the Town will receive 80% reimbursement of the design costs. By combining the Birchdale design work with the Page Road work, the engineering firm will allow for a 15% discount of their fee. The reimbursement proceeds will be allocated back into the capital reserve funds for bridge work.

## Town Departments

### Economic Development News

Over the past few months, the Planning Board has approved plans for expansion for a number of businesses, including Supreme Auto's proposal for a new 2,700 sf sales building on Rt. 3A and a 3,000 sf building addition at Broadview Industrial Park on River Road. Granite State Solar is scheduled to appear before the Planning Board on June 16 to present plans for the construction of a new 10,000 sf commercial building on Ryan Road.

Certificates of occupancy were recently issued for two new commercial buildings. Matt Brown's Truck Repair has relocated to a new 17,600 sf facility on Thibeault Drive and Weaver Brothers Construction staff have moved into a new 2,700sf office building in the same location where they have been doing business for many years on Route 3A.

### From the Department of Public Works

**2016 Town Road Paving Projects:** The crew has prepared the following roads for paving this season: Rocky Point Drive, Oak Ridge Road, River Road, Hollow Road, Robinson Road Extension, Essex Drive, Sullivan Dive

and Edgewood Drive. Prep work included the repair of any and all deficiencies, including drainage culvert pipe replacement, installation of under drainage where required to relieve trapped water from the base gravel materials, repairing holes or depressions, removing stones that have lifted from the frost heave action, removal of dirt, gravel, sod and other debris from the existing pavement edges, removing and trimming problematic trees, raising manholes and catch basin covers where needed, and milling approach joints at every intersecting roadway.

**Facilities and Grounds Projects:** The Department assisted with building a trail head parking area on Robinson Road as part of a Recreational Trail Head Program Grant that was recently awarded to the Town; installed a fresh blanket of safety chips at the Town's playgrounds; bark mulch was applied to the flower beds at each Town building, Rotary Park and the Town Gazebo; the irrigation systems at Hanson Memorial Park and Rotary Park were pressurized and made operational for the season; fertilizer and crabgrass control were applied to the athletic fields and the Gazebo property; a much-needed illumination light was installed for the flag pole at Hanson Memorial Park; all Town fields were aerated; and the Department assisted with the installation of an electronic scoreboard at Gergler Field.

### From the Town Clerk

The 2016 first issue property tax bills were mailed out on May 27, 2016. The due date for payment is July 1, 2016.

The filing period for all offices for the State election to State office is June 1 through June 10. Citizens interested in being candidates for Offices who file with the Town Clerk include State Representative and Delegates to the Republican State Convention file at the Town Clerk's office. Citizens interested in being a candidate for State Senator or Executive Councilor file at the Secretary of State's office at the State House.

### Parks and Recreation Programs and Events

It's a Summer of Fun with Bow Parks & Recreation!

**Summer Camps and activities:** Join us for one of our many Summer Camps and activities! Check out all of our Summer Fun at [www.bow-nh.gov](http://www.bow-nh.gov) June will play host to the start of our Summer Day Camp, Kidz Kamp for Pre-School age, Archery Camp, Summer Basketball for Grades 5-8 and Basketball Camp for grades 1-4.

**What's new this summer?** Musical Theatre Dance Camp, Nature Walks, Ultimate Frisbee, Drop in Tennis for ages 50+ and we have discount tickets to many local attractions, including: Water Country, Six Flags, Funtown Splashtown, Mel's Funway and the Children's Theatre at The Palace Theatre. Tickets are limited; so come in and get them early!

### Baker Free Library Programs and Events

**Summer Reading Program Kick-off:** The Library's annual Summer Reading Kick-Off Event will take place on Friday 6/24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Library! The theme this year is "Read S'more this Summer," and we'll focus on camping and other outdoor nature activities. The Kick-Off Event has become a tradition for families in Bow, with games, activities, food, and the chance for all ages to sign up for Summer Reading. Stay tuned for more details about classes and events this summer! Questions? Email [info@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:info@bakerfreelib.org) or call 224-7113.

## 2016 NHDOT Road Paving

The NH Department of Transportation will be paving the following roads: Woodhill/Bow Center/Logging Hill/South St., 5.2 miles, from a pavement joint 0.4 miles north of the intersection of Risingwood Drive northerly to the Bow/Concord Town line, Bow Bog Road, 1.0 miles, from the intersection of Bow Center Road easterly to approximately 1,000 feet east of the east entrance of Laurel Drive. NH DOT will also be installing concrete tip downs and raised domes on the sidewalk from the Service Station to Bow Mobil.

## Personnel Spotlight



**ABOVE: Bow Community Development Department, left to right, Assistant Planner Bryan Westover, Director Matt Taylor, Building Inspector Scott Lacrois, Clerk Alvina Snegach, and Coordinator Janette Shuman. Photo Credit: staff photo.**

**Community Development Department Restructuring:** The Community Development Department was recently restructured in order to make best use their resources and meet the demands of their customers. Under the plan developed by **Matt Taylor**, Community Development Director, the Department will now be able to expand the services provided to Town boards and committees. **Bryan Westover**, Assistant Planner, will review development proposals, manage contracts, and assist the Community Development Director with planning and economic development projects. **Janette Shuman**, Department Coordinator, will manage front counter operations, coordinate community development permitting and provide administrative support. **Scott Lacroix** has been hired as Town Building Inspector. His responsibilities include review of construction plans, inspecting new construction and enforcement of the Town's building code and land use ordinances. **Alvina Snegach** has been hired as Community Development Clerk. Her responsibilities include preparing minutes for various Town boards and committees, providing clerical support for the Department and Town boards and serving at the front counter. There was no change to the number of employees (4.5) in the Department and the resulting savings to the Town will be approximately \$31,000 per year.

**Brandon Skoglund** has been hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic in the Fire Department. Brandon is currently serving as a call Firefighter/Paramedic with the Town. His first day as a full-time employee will be July 1.

**Jason St. George** was hired for the summer to assist Dan Freeman with the Recreation projects. This is Jason's second year working with the Town.

**Dan Freeman** (DPW and Recreation) was recently asked by the Bow Athletic Club to throw out the first pitch at the Bow Youth Baseball and Softball opening ceremonies. The invitation read "Fields in our town have not gone unrecognized by the players, coaches and spectators. In just a short time you have made our fields green, safe and enjoyable to all who use them. You are professional and courtesy to work with and we are all very grateful for you and hope you can join us for this recognition you so very much deserve."

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are currently openings on the Conservation Commission and the Bow Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. The Conservation Commission meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Volunteer applications are available at the Town Manager's office and at [www.bow-nh.gov](http://www.bow-nh.gov).