

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW July 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?

There Are Many Ways to Keep Up With Town of Bow

There are *many* ways to keep in touch with the Town of Bow. Sign up online at <http://www.bow-nh.com/Subscriber> for any of the following:

- **Police Department** – Sign up to get critical alerts from Nixle. Follow Bow PD on Facebook, Twitter.
- **Emergency Management** - Receive emergency and community messages that are initiated by authorized public safety officials at the State level, and severe weather warnings initiated by the National Weather Service.
- **Baker Free Library** - Sign up for a monthly e-newsletter from the Baker Free Library about events, special programs, and community news.
- **Bow Parks and Recreation** - When you sign up for a program through the Parks and Rec Department, you will be added to their email list for future updates.
- **Town News E-Alerts and Specific Board Activity** - Whenever a new event, announcement or document is posted to the website, you can choose to be notified by e-mail. Subscribe and unsubscribe anytime while picking the topics you are interested in.

Bow Police Offers House Checks For When You Go Away

Did you know that the Police Department will complete house checks for residents who are away? Any resident who would like the Police Department to visit their home, check all doors, windows, and exterior structures, can request the service by completing a “Vacant House Check” form. The officers will look for any signs of tampering and make sure all entrances are secure and locked. If there are any suspicious findings, damages, signs of burglary, theft, etc., either the resident or a person of their choosing will be immediately notified. The checks can be requested regardless of the duration of the leave. Any notes can be made about occurrences such as someone will be doing work on the property, a certain vehicle will be parked there, etc. while the residents are away. The form can either be picked up at the Police Department or found on the Town of Bow website.

Upcoming Events

2016 Summer Concert Series

The 2016 Summer Concert Series will begin on Sunday, July 10, with the Concord Coachmen/Laconia Chordsmen. Concerts are held at the Bow Bandstand from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 Sundays from July 10 through August 14. Admission is free. Pack a picnic or buy a hot dog or dessert from the Bow Community Men's Club. All concerts are brought to you by the Rotary Club of Bow and are made possible through the support of many generous sponsors.

Town Project Status Reports

Public Safety Building Project

Audley Construction of Bow has begun work on the site, including site clearing, stripping/grubbing, and building excavation in preparation for the installation of the foundation. Project progress meetings are held every other Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Town Departments

Economic Development News

The Bow Business Development Commission held a Business to Business event on June 1st at Concord Awning & Canvas with about 40 people in attendance. Concord Awning is a local Bow business that does custom stitching on a wide variety of fabrics. Business to Business provides the opportunity for members of the Bow business community to meet, exchange ideas and make important connections in a relaxed atmosphere. The events are held 2-3 times per year. Read the latest edition of the Bow Economic Development News at www.bow-nh.gov

Department of Public Works

Road Maintenance: The Department has cleared roads and ditches of winter sand, performed drainage work and lowering of manholes, and has done brush cutting. Cleaned under guardrail on Golden View, Dear Run, River Road, Erin Drive, Page Road and Falcon Way.

Road Paving: The following roads have been paved so far this season: Essex Drive, Sullivan Circle, Edgewood Drive, Flacon Way and the intersection of Page Road and Clinton Street.

Sewer Line Maintenance: The Public Works Department and WhiteWater, the Town's system operator, are in the process of finalizing plans to jet and camera the sewer mains contained in phase I of the system (Route 3A to Hall Street and Hall Street from Rte. 3A to the town line). The work involves cleaning the mains and taking a video of the mains in order to determine their condition. This phase was constructed in 1986 and it is the oldest section of the system.

Town Properties: The Properties Division has been keeping busy with buiding renovations and bringing Town buildings into compliance with Americans with Disability Act requirements. ADA compliant door knobs and other ADA compliant upgrades have been made, including the accessible ramp on the south side of the Municipal Building. The footing has been poured and the new generator at the Municipal Building will be installed in the near future.

Parks and Recreation Areas: A new scoreboard was installed at Gordon softball field; seeding of the fields was completed and the new irrigation system was used to offset the draught conditions; fertilizer and grub control were applied at all parks and the gazebo; installed landscaping at Hanson Park entrance and flag pole; all Town picnic tables were painted; and inspections were completed of all playground equipment and some touch up painting was done.

From the Town Clerk

The State Primary will be held on September 13, 2016. As of the end of the filing period (June 10, 2016), the following individuals had declared their candidacies for State Representative: John Martin (Republican); Betsy Patten (Republican); William Kuch (Republican); Mary Beth Walz (Democrat); William Knapp (Democrat); Dennis D. Ovido (Democrat). In addition, Bryan K. Gould (Republican) filed a Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate.

Parks and Recreation Programs and Events

The Parks & Recreation Department has discount tickets to Aquaboggan, Funtown Splashtown, Mel's Funway Park, and Six Flags New England amusement areas, along with "*The Wizard of Oz*" and "*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible No Good, Very Bad Day*" children's theatre shows at The Palace Theatre. Amusement savings range from \$5.00 - \$21.99 per person. Tickets for the amusements are good all season. You buy your tickets from us and use them when you would like! Tickets are limited.

Summer Camp and Trips are in full swing with a great group of campers, CITs and Counselors! Looking for some fun this summer? There is still time to sign up for our July activities. We have Archery, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis, Musical Dance Theatre, Nature Walks, Body Blast, 50+ Fitness, Yoga, Bootcamp, Zumba, Belly Dance and Teen FitCamp all starting in July. Stop on in or give us a call (228-2222) for more information. Come and join us!

Personnel Spotlight

Farrah Bell has been hired as a part-time Account Clerk in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Farrah was a member of the first class to graduate from Bow High School.

Captain Mitchell Harrington (Fire Department) has been promoted to full-time Deputy Fire Chief. Mitch has been with the Fire Department since 2001.

Officer Phil Lamy (Police Department) has been promoted to Sergeant. Phil has been with the Department since 2009.

Sergeant Margaret Lougee (Police Department) was recently presented with the "School Emergency Preparedness Award" at the Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference. This award was presented by

the New Hampshire Department of Safety and the New Hampshire Department of Education and honors an individual and/or school who has made outstanding contributions in school emergency preparedness during the previous calendar year. Margaret was recognized for her management of trainings for school staff in emergencies; her work and connectivity with students and staff as the School Resource Officer; her work on the Bow School District Safety Team; her oversight of arranging drills at the Bow Schools so staff and student can be prepared should a real emergency occur; and her work in presenting and speaking to students about safety topics as part of the curriculum.

Foreman Noel Gourley and **Director Tim Sweeney** (Department of Public Works) recently attended a workshop on road liability presented by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. The workshop, entitled “Avoiding the Road to Liability” explored the following key areas: the duty to travelers, municipal authority to regulate and maintain roads and remedy inefficiencies, Class VI roads, restricting travel, and more.

Foreman Noel Gourley (Department of Public Works) recently received a Master Road Scholar designation from the UNH Technology Transfer Center. In order to be named a Master Road Scholar, an individual must complete 100 contact hours of actual instruction at workshops in specific subject areas.

Dan Freeman (Department of Public Works and Recreation) was recently presented with a Vocational Service award from the Rotary Club of Bow. He was recognized for his work on bringing the Town’s playing fields back into shape.

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.