

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW SEPTEMBER 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?

So far in the 2016 calendar year (January - August 2016), patrons of the Baker Free Library have saved \$926,014. This figure is calculated using the retail cost of the materials actually borrowed by the patrons during that time period.

Upcoming Events

NH State Primary: The NH State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at Bow Memorial School, 20 Bow Center Road. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bow Heritage Day: The Bow Heritage Commission will be holding Bow Heritage Day on Saturday, September 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bow Bog Meeting House, 111 Bow Bog Road. Enjoy displays, delicious pies, demonstrations, music, historic moments, presentations, Memorial Bells, and tours. Men's Club lunch includes old fashioned beef stew and cornbread. Period dress encouraged.

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Day: Saturday, October 1st 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bow Community Building (Intersection of Logging Hill, Bow Center and Knox Roads). Sponsored by the Towns of Bow and Dunbarton and the Bow Solid Waste & Recycling Committee. FEES will be charged for electronics. Bring any of the following for NO CHARGE:

- **AUTOMOTIVE:** auto batteries, brake, transmission & power steering fluid, antifreeze, used motor oil.
- **BATTERIES:** rechargeable & NiCad and other batteries containing heavy metals.
- **CLEANERS:** drain & oven cleaners, degreasers, metal polishers, rug & upholstery cleaners, disinfectants, ammonia, air fresheners
- **COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS:** If broken, contain bulb in a lidded glass jar and store in nonliving area (i.e. in garage) until hazardous waste day. Bulbs are accepted at Hazardous Waste Day and, if intact, year-round at Home Depot and Ace Hardware.

- ELECTRONICS (fees apply): all computer components, printers, cellular and regular telephones, TVs & other electronics (VCRs, DVD players, etc.)
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS & THERMOSTATS
- PAINTS: oil paint lacquer, stains, and other finishes paint removers, turpentine, furniture strippers
- PESTICIDES/INSECTICIDES: for pets, pests, yards/gardens
- SNEAKERS: for recycling into playground surfaces. Any brand, no metal parts.
- OTHER: household chemicals (e.g., toxic glues), pool chemicals, driveway sealer

DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING: Latex paint or household alkaline batteries (these go in regular curbside trash), propane tanks, building materials & air conditioners (bring to Concord Transfer Station); computer printer cartridges (bring to Bow Middle School), prescription drugs, explosives, radioactive wastes, asbestos products and medical wastes (require special handling).

For additional information or questions, please email bowrecycles@gmail.com.

Town Project Status Reports

Public Safety Building Project

- The footings and foundation for the building are done and the contractor is now compacting the gravel base to prepare for pouring the slab.
- A contract was signed with Ossipee Mountain Electronics to provide the communications tower and related equipment.
- The banking along Knox Road was cleared in order to provide better visibility and allow for the construction of a drainage swale along the edge of the roadway.
- The Town contacted Unutil to discuss potential energy efficiency rebates that the Town may be eligible for based upon the building design.

Town Departments

Emergency Management

Director Lee Kimball recently secured a donation of 50 sleeping cots and 100 blankets from the American Red Cross for use in the Town's emergency shelters.

Fire Department Reminder

Fall is rapidly approaching and it is time to make sure your heating system is ready for cold weather. We respond many times per year for chimney fires, carbon monoxide releases, and furnace malfunctions. Nearly all of these incidents are attributed to lack of preventative maintenance. As a general rule we recommend all oil burning appliances be serviced annually. Also, any chimney used for burning wood should be cleaned and inspected annually at minimum. Propane or Natural Gas appliances, as with all heating appliances, should be maintained to the manufactures specifications.

Parks and Recreation Program Updates

Floor Hockey: This always popular program begins in October! Who plays floor hockey? Everyone - bBoys, girls, first timers, and experienced players! That's one of the great things about this sport. Everyone can play. We have sessions for children ages 4-5, Kindergarten, Grades 1-2 and Grades 3-4. Equipment needs: Bow Recreation t-shirt, sneakers, and shin guards. We provide eye protection & sticks. Come and check it out. Registration is going on now.

Gym Tyme: What is this? Just a whole lot of fun, playing games, and running around in the gym! We play different sports and games to keep the children busy. Something different all the time. Who can play with us? Three-year-old boys and girls. Join us in the fun and make new friends! Registration is now open.

Floor Hockey and Gym Tyme are coached by Bow's favorite coaches....Coach Beaudette, Coach Lover, and Coach Konstantakos!

Celebrating Children Preschool: Celebrating Children would like to thank Paul David for building and donating the wonderful organizing unit, cubby system, and work table for the Preschool Staff Room. There are still a few limited openings for the 4-5 year olds for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Preschool begins September 12th. If you are interested in enrolling,, please contact celebchildren@bow-nh.gov or call 228-2214.

For a full listing of all our programs and activities, check us out at: www.bow-nh.gov, click on Town Departments and Parks & Recreation.

Department of Public Works

Road Projects

Extensive work was done on **Robinson Road**, from Knox Road to Route 3A. The project involved installing drainage, milling and grinding the old pavement and shimming and grading before final pavement. The crew is currently shouldering the edges of the road with gravel. They also hammered and dug out ledge in order to approve sight distances on **Woodhill Hooksett Road**, and they shouldered the edges of **Rocky Point Drive** with gravel. Many roadsides have been cut and mowed.

Recreation Projects

Much work was completed at the **Hanson Memorial Recreation Area**. The Department of Public Works installed 210' of 4" drainage pipe and drain holes on Gergler Field; finished the installation of all new irrigation, including thirty new sprinkler heads over five zones; fertilized all fields and public lawns; removed 90' of 4' chainlink fence; installed 90' of 8' chain link fence at Gordon Field; and constructed a bleacher pad to allow a bleacher on both sides of the infield. The crews also installed two gates and split rail fence at Goodwin/Gordon Fields, along with installing boulders to secure all grassed in areas. Fields were prepared for the upcoming soccer season, which begins the first week of September. Dubois and King completed a full boundary topographical survey of the **Hanson Memorial Recreation Area** parcel, which is an important step toward planning for the possible expansion or development of playing fields. Eagle Scout candidate, Duke Biehl, completed his Eagle Scout Project by installing two bat boxes at the Hanson Memorial Recreation Area.

Building Projects

The Public Buildings Division performed many maintenance projects, including: siding repairs at the municipal building; metal siding repairs and the installation of emergency lighting and exit signs at the Public Works building; repaired water leaks at the Community Building; and continued work on bringing Town buildings and facilities into compliance with ADA requirements. Bids have been let out for the installation of additional air conditioning units and roof replacement at the Municipal Building.

Fleet Maintenance

The Fleet Maintenance Division is gearing up for September state inspections of all of the Town's fleet vehicles. The Fire Department's new tanker truck has been ordered.

Personnel Spotlight

Noel Gourley, Department of Public Works, achieved the status of Master Roads Scholar through his participation in the UNH Technology Transfer Center's *Roads Scholar Program*.

Police Chief Erin Commerford, has informed the Town Manager that she will be retiring from law enforcement at the end of September. A good-bye party will be held September 15th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Baker Free Library. Chief Commerford has served as a member of the Bow Police Department since 2002 and has served as Chief since 2008. Erin has been a consummate professional and she has led the Bow Police Department with distinction for over eight years. She was always one of the first to step up when a job needed to be done, and was a model public servant. We all wish her well in her new position; she leaves a void that will be very difficult to fill.

Deputy Chief Mitch Harrington, Fire Department, was recently sent a letter of appreciation from Concord Fire Chief Dan Andrus thanking him for participating on a panel interviewing potential candidates for promotion to a Lieutenant position in the Concord Fire Department

Jason St. George, Department of Public Works intern, completed and passed a road flagging course which will be of great assistance to the Department.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are currently openings on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Drinking Water Protection Committee, and the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. Learn more about each group, and fill out a volunteer application, at www.bow-nh.gov under *Boards & Committees*.