

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF BOW MAY 2017

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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.bownh.gov>.



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

Did You Know?

The Baker Free Library was built in 1914. Construction was funded by a gift from Bow native and NH State Representative Henry M. Baker.

Spotlight

Budget Committee Member Needed: A member of the Budget Committee recently resigned from his position on the Committee. The Committee will accept applications through May 15th for anyone interested in serving as an interim member of the Bow Budget Committee between now and March 2018, at which time the voters will elect a new person for a 3-year term. Questions? Contact Finance Director Geoff Ruggles at (603) 228-1187 ext. 137 or email gruggles@bownh.gov. For consideration, please fill out a Volunteer Application at the Municipal Building or on our website here: <http://www.bownh.gov/306/Volunteers> and return it to the Town Manager's office by May 15th.

Public Urged to Use Water Conservatively as Well Water Supplies Remain Low: A statement was released mid-April from NH Department of Environmental Services, warning residents to continue to conserve water: *"Drought conditions in New Hampshire continue in the southern half of the state, where groundwater supplies are lagging behind in recovery. As New Hampshire heads into peak water use season, the New Hampshire Drought Management Team is urging the public to use water conservatively. Hundreds of wells across the state went dry in 2016, and below average rainfall combined with high temperatures could put New Hampshire right back where it was last year."* Read the full report here: <https://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2017/20170413-drought-update.htm>

Upcoming Events

Special Election: Due to the passing of Senator Scott McGilvray in March, the Governor and Executive Council have set the dates for a special Primary and Election to fill the Senate vacancy for State Senate District 16 (Bow, Candia, Dunbarton and Hooksett). Mark your calendars and come out for some summer voting!

Primary: Tuesday June 6th
Special Election: Tuesday July 25th
Bow Memorial School, 20 Bow Center Road, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Weed Watcher Training: The Bow Conservation Commission is sponsoring a Weed Watcher training to help protect the health of our lakes and ponds. The Weed Watcher Program is a volunteer-based monitoring activity for the early detection and reporting of invasive aquatic plants like variable milfoil which has been documented in Turee Pond. Boaters who visit Turee Pond and other lakes in New Hampshire are encouraged to report new or suspicious growths of plants or animals and report them to the NH Department of Environmental Services. Weed Watcher kits will be provided to volunteers who wish to become active monitors. **DETAILS:** *Date: May 11, 2017. Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Location: Baker Free Library (509 South Street). Cost: No charge. All interested are invited to attend. Inquiries: conservation@bownh.gov*

From the Online Bow Community Calendar

Looking for details or more information? View the Bow Community Calendar online at www.bownh.gov.

Easy Rock Gardens for Our Region with Bow Garden Club
May 8, 2017, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Bow Old Town Hall

Movie of the Month: HIDDEN FIGURES
May 8, 2017, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Baker Free Library

Drop-in Family Storytime
May 9, 2017, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM @ Baker Free Library

Monthly Book Talk
May 9, 2017, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM @ Baker Free Library

Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 75
May 9, 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Bow Community Center

Library Trustee Meeting
May 9, 2017, 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM @ Baker Free Library

Monthly Book Talk
May 9, 2017, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Baker Free Library

Young At Heart Trip – Bingo at The Inn at East Hill Farm
May 11, 2017, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ Mt. Monadnock
Troy, NH

Mother's Day Tea
May 11, 2017, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM @ Bow Community Center

Weed Watcher Volunteer Training - Help Protect Our Lakes & Ponds
May 11, 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Baker Free Library

Cub Scout Pack 75 Fishing Derby
May 13, 2017, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Bow Town Pond

Drop-in Family Storytime
May 16, 2017, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM @ Baker Free Library

White Rock Monthly Book Talk
May 16, 2017, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM @ Community Room at
White Rock Senior Living

Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 75
May 16, 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Bow Community Center

Rookie Readers
May 18, 2017, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ Baker Free Library

2017 Bow Rotary Car Show
May 20, 2017, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ 508 South St, Bow
(The fields at Concord Group)

Sun Protection/Recovery with Essential Oils
May 20, 2017, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM @ Baker Free Library

Drop-in Family Storytime
May 23, 2017, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM @ Baker Free Library

Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 75
May 23, 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Bow Community Center

Bow Garden Club Annual Plant Sale
May 27, 2017, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Bow Community Center

Friends of the Baker Free Library - Book Donation Day
May 27, 2017, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Baker Free Library

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May 29, 2017

Revised Schedule Posted 5/9/2017

- 2:45 PM - Shuttle buses available at Bow Memorial School.
- 3:15 PM - Wreath Ceremony at Town Pond, In Memory of Fallen Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Marine.
- 3:30 PM - Memorial Ceremony at Town Gazebo.
- 5:00 PM Community Picnic at Town Gazebo.

Drop-in Family Storytime

May 30, 2017, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM @ Baker Free Library

Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 75

May 30, 2017, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Bow Community Center

Town Departments

Town Clerk / Tax Collector Department

Dog Licenses: Please remember to license your dog now. Registrations were due April 30th and late fees will start accruing on May 1st. A penalty of \$25 will be applied after June 1st (per RSA 466:13). Questions? Call us at 228-1187 ext. 3, or stop by our office. In 2016, the Town Clerk’s office registered 1,522 dogs for Bow.

Male / Female:	\$9.00	Neutered Male:	\$6.50
Spayed Female:	\$6.50	Dogs under	
Residents over 65:	\$2.00	7 months old:	\$6.50

Fishing /Hunting License: You can get your fishing and hunting license at our office. Please come in with your prior license (if you have one) and your driver’s license.

Boat Registrations: You cannot register your boat at our office; that needs to be done at a State DMV office or a marina. However, you may register your boat trailer at our office.

Police Department

Motor Vehicle Accident Reports: Accident reports will no longer be available at the Police Station if the accident has been investigated by the Department. If you get into an accident, and an officer responds, contact your Insurance Company and they/or you can contact NH Department of Motor Vehicle for a copy of the Police report.

Speeding: With the weather improving and the snow banks melted - please slow your speeds down. We want you all to get to school, work and home safely! Radar enforcement is active throughout Bow.

Traffic Alert: As a reminder, the Annual Mother's Day 5K will be held on May 14. The race/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Bow High School. Please watch out for runners and walkers.

Parks & Recreation Department

Spring Programs: There is still time to sign up for Spring Programs. For a full listing, check out: <http://bownh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1100>.

Summer Programs: Watch for our full Summer Brochure. It is due out in mid-May and is filled with camps, fitness, sports and more. We still have some limited openings in our Summer Day Camp and a few Beach Trip openings. If interested, please stop by the Bow Community Building.

Mother's Day Tea: Join us for our Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bow Community Building. We will celebrate mothers with delightful tea, finger sandwiches, small desserts and relaxing conversation. Bring your child, a friend or join us as one.

Dance Recital: Our Annual Dance Recital will be held at the Bow High School Auditorium on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. Our dancers have been working hard with their teachers, Karen Krause and Lindsay Kirouac, since September. It is sure to be a delightful show.

Public Works Department

Highways Division

Road Projects/Maintenance: We have been busy cleaning and mainlining the Town's road network, including inventorying roads for 2017 paving; cleaning up downed trees and limbs after early March wind storm; plowing and treating roads including five snow / ice events; tree removal; sweeping under/over bridges and swales; ditching and installing rock in numerous areas in Town; cleaning up branches from April 1st storm; installing underdrainage on Woodhill Hooksett Road (Bow Bog end); grading gravel road; installing new street signs; and cold patching pot holes.

Cemeteries and Grounds Division

Town Cemeteries Opened: The Cemeteries officially opened on April 15th. The water is on at Alexander Cemetery and employees went to Alexander Cemetery and picked up fallen branches and debris from winter storms. Flags and veteran's markers for Memorial Day are here and ready to be distributed when the time comes.

Prepping Parks and Playing Fields: We recently accomplished the following: stumped and removed rocks and began work on the stone wall at Hanson Park; installed irrigation pumps and well meters; raked all infields and did spring cleanup on all playing surfaces; edged all infields; installed planter boxes on the gazebo; inspected and opened all playgrounds; bark mulched all flower beds with the help of DPW; and marked conservation boundary at Hanson Park with Dubois and King.

Fleet Maintenance Division

Equipment Changeover: With the change in seasons, we are preparing our plowing gear and sanders to be cleaned, serviced and stored for next winter; switching from winter equipment to summer equipment; swapping out winter tires to summer tires; and servicing all equipment.

Public Buildings Division

Spring Cleanup and Maintenance Projects: We have painted the interior of the DPW building; painted the walls and ceiling in the women’s bathroom; and cleaned and reorganized the DPW garage and shop area. We have also been busy responding to light calls for lights out, loose door hinges, clogged drains, etc.

Personnel Spotlight

Fire Chief Dana Abbott (Fire Department) has retired as Chief after 50 years of service to the Town. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1978 and was named Chief in 1990. He also served as Forest Fire Warden for 40 years and served as President of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Association from 1995 to 2002. **Thank you for your service.**

Deputy Chief Mitchell Harrington (Fire Department) was appointed by the Town Manager as the Town’s first full-time Fire Chief. Plans are underway for a formal swearing in ceremony to be held soon. **Congratulations, Mitch.**

Janette Shuman (Community Development), **Rick Nylen** and **Lynn LaBontee** (Department of Public Works) recently attended the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Cemeteries Association. They received updates on changes in laws relative to cemeteries.

Officers Robert Buchanan and **Matthew LeBlanc** (Police Department) were both sworn in on April 11. The Department is now fully staffed with twelve officers. **Welcome aboard.**

Chief Margaret Lougee (Police Department) recently spoke at the monthly Bow Young at Heart Club meeting. She discussed the Department’s activities, new safety building, and safety concerns of the Town.

Master Patrol Officer Tyler Coady, **Master Patrol Officer Matt Pratte**, and **Officer Mike Carpenter** (Police Department) attended an OHRV (Off Highway Recreational Vehicle) training course put on by NH Fish & Game.

Officer Michael Murray (Police Department) has been certified as a Defensive Tactics Instructor by the NH Police Standards and Training Academy. This course enables him to instruct fellow officers on self-defense maneuvers and the use of force.

Volunteer Opportunities

For the special opening on the Budget Committee – see page 1 “Spotlight.”

There are currently openings on the Conservation Commission, Drinking Water Protection Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Recycling & Solid Waste Committee. Volunteer applications are available at the Town Manager’s Office and at <http://www.bownh.gov/306/Volunteers>.