



Sunset at Turee Pond

(Photo by S. Crystall)

## September 2017 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 useful from the Bow Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Departments and Committees.

View the Town of Bow's [Community Calendar](#). Send us your event information, so we can add it to the calendar.

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## Town Manager's Report

*As reported to the Board of Selectmen at their August 15th meeting:*

### DPW Personnel

NH Roads Scholar Program recently announced that the following employees achieved new designations: Dan Freeman, Roads Scholar I; Marc Acebron, Master Roads Scholar; and Tim Sweeney, Master Roads Scholar II.



Town Manager, David Stack

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### Birchdale Road Bridge Project

A pre-construction meeting was held on August 9. The project schedule is being finalized and depends upon the receipt of some outstanding State permits, lead times for manufacturing of the bridge components, acquisition of all easements, etc.

### Community Building

Estimates are still being compiled for all options, including 1) a complete renovation, 2) bringing the building in compliance with life safety code, building code, ADA requirements, and 3) potential demolition. The Board's goal is to have all of this information mid-September and to discuss a plan for bringing an option, or options, to Town Meeting.

### Old Town Hall Accessibility Project

The Bow Rotary Club and Bow Community Men's Club are spearheading a project to make the Old Town Hall accessible to all. The project will include the installation of an access ramp and entry door and modifying the bathrooms. There are other minor changes that need to be made to the interior, however this first step is most important. Members of the two organizations will be contributing their time and labor toward the project. The Bow Garden Club, Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club, and the Gary Dillon Chapter, Marine Corps League are in full support of the project. The Rotary Club has applied for a \$2,500 grant from the Rotary District and will also be contributing \$4,000. The Men's Club is contributing \$1,500; and Town funds totaling \$2,500 will also be used. The groups will be

working to fundraise the additional funds needed to complete the project. The project plan will be discussed with the Heritage Commission and then submitted to the Board for approval. This project is a great community effort and, when completed, it will enable all members of the public to access the building and the programs that are offered.

## New Phone System

In August, the Town completed the installation of a new town-wide phone and numbering system that will allow residents and staff to connect to all departments, regardless of what building they are in. Departments and staff now have direct-dial phone numbers for the public, rather than extensions. Chief Harrington, during the transition to the Bow Safety Center, negotiated cost-saving contracts with all new vendors, transitioning the Town of Bow from Comcast and TSE to FairPoint and Teletechniques. All old phone numbers will continue to work.

### **(603) 223-3900 All Departments**

(603) 223-3910 Town Manager  
(603) 223-3920 Parks & Rec  
(603) 223-3930 Public Works  
(603) 223-3940 Emergency Mgmt. (*Emergencies dial 911*)  
(603) 223-3950 Police (*Emergencies dial 911*)  
(603) 223-3960 Fire (*Emergencies dial 911*)  
(603) 223-3970 Community Development  
(603) 223-3980 Town Clerk / Tax Collector



**Welcome to Bow!** On August 15th, Town Manager David Stack hosted a meeting with government officials from Iraq to discuss how local government operates. The visitors came to New Hampshire as part of an International Visitor Leadership Program exchange through the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire. They discussed the Town Meeting process and budget development. Past visitors to Bow have come from Israel, Tunisia, Poland, Russia and a variety of other countries. (Staff Photo)

## Baker Free Library

### **Registration for Early Fall Children's Classes**

It's that time of year! Registration for Early Fall children's classes will open on Tuesday 9/5. These classes include Family Storytime, Active Listeners, and Rookie Readers. Registration takes place through our website calendar. Visit [www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org](http://www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org), and click on the button "See *What's Coming Up On The Calendar*" on the right side of the home page. Click on the [Sign Up Indicator] symbol on the particular event listing to sign up for that day. You will need your 14-digit library card number to register your child. Questions? Contact Jennifer Ericsson, Children's Librarian, at [jennifer@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:jennifer@bakerfreelib.org)

or 224-7113.

### **Book Group News**

Did you know that we have three different book groups that you can join through the Library? Our monthly book group meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except this month due to staff vacation – it will be on the 3rd Tuesday) at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm in the Library's Upstairs meeting room. This group has been meeting for over 20 years, and reads a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction. Their next meeting date is Tuesday 9/19, discussing *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Another book group, The White Rock Whodunits, meets at White Rock Senior Living on the first Tuesday of the month, and their focus is mystery fiction. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9/5 at 3:30 pm, where they will pick reads for the rest of 2017. The last book group, the White Rock Readers, meets at White Rock on the third Tuesday of the month. Right now they are reading the same items as the in-library book group mentioned first. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9/19 at 3:30 pm at White Rock Senior Living. Anyone can participate in these book clubs, and you can either read or listen to the book of choice. Or, if you just want to check out how the group works, stop by during their meeting time. They'll be happy to meet you! Questions? Contact Amy Bain at [amy@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:amy@bakerfreelib.org) or 224-7113.

### **Library Holiday Closures**

The Library will be CLOSED on Monday 9/4 in observance of Labor Day. We'll re-open on Tuesday 9/5 at 10 am.

## **Department of Public Works**

### **Highways Division**

The DPW road crew continues to be very busy ditching roads, cleaning manholes, and other maintenance projects. Street signs were replaced in Shoreview Estates. Carriage Road and Garvin's Falls Road received overhead brush cutting. The crew hauled many loads of sand and loam to the Bow Memorial School for the play area project.

### **Cemeteries and Grounds Division**

During the month of August, the Department continued with general maintenance of turf areas throughout Town. An application of lime was applied to turf areas to continue to balance the soil PH and add calcium to the soil which is currently at a deficiency. We began the process of updating the electrical service provided to the Gergler Field concession stand and should see completion in the next few weeks. This upgrade will allow for a more consistent supply of electricity to the building. A new irrigation system controller was installed at Rotary Park; the old one was ruined by a lightning strike.

### **Public Buildings Division**

Crews were busy with various projects at the new Safety Center, including the installation of Emergency Operations Center status boards and the installation of a copier. Miscellaneous repairs on other Town buildings were performed. The newly purchased portable ramp for accessibility to the Bow Bog Meeting House was installed for the upcoming Heritage Day on September 16th (see below for details).

### **Fleet Maintenance Division**

The Department's newest mechanic, Phip Anderson, took the State of NH inspection licensing exam and passed. Good job, Phil. He will be a tremendous help with the inspections of all Town vehicles that are all due in September. It is difficult to comprehend that Fall is on its way and soon the Fleet employees will be getting the trucks ready for winter storms.

### **Foote Road Construction Project**

The project involved the installation of extensive under drainage, pavement reclamation, and base and finish pavement. Work was completed on the project at the end of August.



According to DPW Director Tim Sweeney, "The Town should expect a good strong road for the next 25 years."



Foote Road Construction Project  
(Photo © Eric Anderson)

## Community Development Department

### Town Master Plan public hearing

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m., in Meeting Room C at the [Municipal Building](#). The Board will be seeking input and feedback from Bow residents and conducting a formal review of the Town's new Master Plan prior to adoption.

### Welcome New Businesses

Permits have been issued and renovations are underway at 75 Dow Road to establish a distribution center for Boars Head Meats. The Town would like to welcome Auto-Owners Insurance into our local business community. Auto-Owners recently became affiliated with Concord Group Insurance located on South Street. Auto-Owners is headquartered in Lansing, Michigan and offers insurance policies nationally; it has a "highest customer satisfaction" rating from J.D. Powers.

### Commercial Construction Projects

Construction continues for commercial projects in Bow, including new buildings or additions for Bow Auto, Bow Recycling Center, Berube Truck Parts, and Granite State Solar.

### Proposed Tax Increment Finance District (TIF)

Community Development staff have been working on a proposal for the 2018 Town Meeting to establish a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) to attract commercial development. TIF Districts are one way that towns can fund infrastructure improvements needed for new development without having current taxpayers foot the bill. There will be more to come!

### Staff News

Alvina Snegach, recording secretary for the Planning and Zoning Boards, recently completed training on the Right-To-Know Law offered by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Alvina has been with the Community Development Department for a little over a year now and she is doing an amazing job producing timely minutes for the boards and maintaining their records.

## Parks and Recreation Department

### Fall Program Registration

Registration is in full swing and programs are filling up! If you haven't been in to register, please stop by the Bow Community Building, 3 Bow Center Road, and we will be happy to help you out. For full information on all our activities and special events, check out the [Parks and Recreation section](#) on the town website, or click here for our [Fall Program Brochure \(PDF\)](#).

### Program Highlight - *Safe Sitter*

We are pleased to share the news that we have joined up with The Safe Sitter Program to offer an outstanding program to Bow children, boys and girls, ages 11-14. Participants will learn child care skills and safety skills to help them be safe when they are home alone or watching younger children. The first class will be held on Friday, October 6th (no school day) from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Bow Municipal Building. The fee is \$75.00 for residents of Bow. Register now as we expect this program to fill quickly.

### Program Highlight - *50+ Fitness*

Are you an older adult who would like to see how fun fitness can be? Join Michele Vecchione, our "Over 50 Brains and Balance Specialist," and friends for a fun class with an emphasis on strength training, cardio, balance training and more. This class is designed to meet the needs of older adults, but anyone is welcome. Participants work at their own pace, with modifications provided for various abilities. Chairs are available for resting and/or balancing. Classes are held on Mondays (Sept. 18- Oct. 30 - \$29.00) and/or Wednesdays (Sept. 13-Oct. 25 - \$29.00) from 9:45-10:35 a.m. There will not be class on Oct. 9th or Oct. 18th. Classes are held at the Bow Community Building. Registration is open now...don't miss out!

## Police Department

### It's School Time!

It's that time of year and school has begun. Speed limits drop down 10 mph during school zone hours, 45 minutes before and after school, when lights are flashing. Use caution at bus stops and do not pass a school bus with it's flashing lights on. Let's all slow down while commuting around town.

### "Protect Our Town"

The 2nd "Protect our Town" Community Session will be Sunday, September 24th at the the Bow Safety Center, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The first session was a success and 13 community members came to give suggestions and hear ideas on how to protect our Town. Please join us for the 2nd session!

### Personnel News

Sgt. Phil Lamy, Sgt. Stacey Blanchette, and Officer Mike Carpenter participated in an Active Shooter Drill in Allenstown, NH, at the Allenstown Middle School on Aug 9th. This drill tested the Incident Command System, Police procedures, negotiations, and Rescue Task Force for Fire into the "warm zone". Bow will be looking into the same drill in the future, pending grant applications.

Officer Mike Carpenter and Sgt. Stacey Blanchette attended 3 days of training on Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.). The mission of R.A.D. is to establish an accessible, constantly improving and internationally respected alliance of dedicated Instructors. These Instructors in turn, will provide educational opportunities for women, children, and seniors to create a safer future for themselves. In doing this, we challenge society to evolve into an existence where violence is not an acceptable part of daily life. Bow Police will soon be conducting training on RAD in the community. Contact Sgt. Blanchette if you are interested in attending a class: [sblanchette@bownh.gov](mailto:sblanchette@bownh.gov).

### **Welcome Back**

We would like to welcome back Officer Matt LeBlanc. Matt successfully completed and graduated from the 173rd NH Police Academy on Aug 18th. He will start 12 weeks of Field Training with a certified Bow Field Training Officer. Congratulations, Matt!



Officer Matt LeBlanc graduates from Police Academy. (Staff Photo)





Bow Police Explorer Post 727 recently conducted rappelling training at Bow High School, with Bow Fire Department.

(Staff Photo)

## Fall Heritage Day

Saturday, September 16, 2017

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bow Bog Meeting House  
111 Bow Bog Rd., Bow NH

**12:00 noon Bow Men's Club Beef Stew Lunch Available**

**1:00 p.m. Memorial Bell Ringing Service**

**Free Homemade Pies**

Come see the slide show ***Bow Mills Area Now and Then*** and learn about life in Bow before the interstates, Bow Mobil and Hampton Inn - back when there were mills, a blacksmith, store, post office, school and more. View the video ***Early Turnpikes and Travel in Bow ca. 1805*** and learn the history of Luther Morgan with a demonstration of the Luther Morgan rifle. Enjoy music, song, and other displays.

### Genealogy

The [Bow Heritage Commission](#) receives frequent requests for information on family heritage. One recent inquiry was of particular interest: A man was looking for information

on his father's sister, Emily Seymour, who died January 16, 1921 at age 15 in an explosion in Bow. While there was no information in Bow history, a thorough search at the New Hampshire State Archives revealed an extensive account of the explosion and a further understanding of life in the 1920's. This newspaper article will be displayed at our Heritage Day and later in the Municipal Building display case.



#### **Portable Handicap Ramp**

Gary Nylen, Chair of the Bow Heritage Commission, has been working with the Bow Department of Public Works on the design, purchase and installation of a portable handicap ramp for use at both the Bow Bog Meeting House and the Bow Center School. This ramp is in sections, installed before each event and taken down immediately after. It is independently installed and does not connect to the building or the steps. We are very excited that our senior citizens will no longer have to take those giant steps in and out of the building. Come to Heritage Day on Sept. 16 and check it out. (Photo © Eric Anderson)

## **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Day**

Saturday, October 7th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Location: [Bow Community Building](#) parking lot

#### **Save the date, October 7!**

We will again have a company collecting electronics and computer-related items for a modest fee. If you need clarification regarding what will be accepted, check our [page on the town website](#) or you can call 228-6867. Organized by the Bow Recycling and Solid Waste Committee.

## **Accepting Nominations for Bow's Boston Post Cane**

#### **Who is the oldest resident in town?**

A tradition that began out of Boston in 1909 is still being carried out today in Bow, New



Hampshire as the Selectmen seek nominees for the oldest resident in town. Nominations will be accepted through Sept. 15th, and the only requirement is that the person must be a resident of Bow for the previous 12 consecutive years. Please nominate a neighbor, loved one, or even yourself! The Selectmen look forward to bestowing an honorary cane and recognition to our oldest resident.

Download a [Nomination Form \(PDF\)](#). Nomination forms are also available at the Municipal Building, Library and Recreation Department. Or you can call (603) 223-3911 to request a form by mail.

### Nominations accepted through September 15, 2017



Bow's original *Boston Post Cane* hangs in the Selectmen's room. (Photo © Eric Anderson)



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