



February/March 2020

Welcome to the 2020 Town Meeting edition of the *Town of Bow Bulletin*.

In this edition, you will find information on how to participate in the 2020 Annual Town Meeting and Annual School District Meeting. This is your once a year opportunity to choose your elected Town and School officials, vote on proposed zoning changes and discuss and vote on the Town and School District's budgets for FY 2020-21. It is the voters who will determine how much is spent by the Town and School District for their individual operations, and the amount of taxes that you are willing to commit to fund them both.

"In a town meeting, more than any other form of government on earth, your community and the services it provides emanate not from some "they" in the sky, but from *you*, the voters. If you haven't been to town meeting lately, this is a good year to inform yourself, attend, vote, and make it work"

Excerpt from:

16 Things Every Citizen Should Know About Town Meeting

New Hampshire Town and City, January/February 2015

By H. Bernard Waugh, Jr., with 2015 Update by Cordell A. Johnston

2020 Town Meeting Information

Town and School Elections

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Bow Community Center
3 Bow Center Road.

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on proposed changes to the Town Zoning Ordinance and for candidates for Town, Library and School.

Candidates for Office

Board of Selectmen - 3 years, choose one

Harold T. Judd
Bruce J. Marshall

Budget Committee - 3 years, choose two

Robert R. Blanchette Jr.
Mark Zerba

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 years, choose one

John C. Caron

Supervisors of the Checklist - 6 years, choose one

Dik Dagavarian
Kathryn Ess

Marilee Nihan

Library Trustee - 5 years, choose one

Donna Deos

Town Moderator - 2 years, write in

School Board - 3 years, choose two

Johnathon Banks
Bryce Larrabee
Martin Osterloh

School District Moderator - 3 years, choose one

James Hatem

School District Treasurer - 3 years, choose one

Mark E. Lavalle

Town and School Candidate's Night

The annual Meet the Candidates Forum took place on February 26. Candidates for town and school office were given time to speak about themselves and why they are running. The public was also given time to ask questions. .

The forum was recorded. [Click here to view](#).

Candidate information packets are available at the Baker Free Library. They contain additional information that was provided by each candidate.

Voter Registration

New voters may register at the polls on the day of the election. Please note you will need to provide proof of residency, citizenship and identity. If you have any questions on what to provide please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 603-223-3980.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot request forms are available on the Town Website and at the Town Clerks Office, 10 Grandview Road. Absentee ballot request forms can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Town office. Overseas and military personnel have to fill out the FPCA voter registration forms to get their ballot by mail or email. The forms are available [here](#).

Check the Elections page on the Town of Bow website at www.bownh.gov for more information on the elections.

Town Meeting Deliberative Session

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
Bow High School Auditorium, 55 Falcon Way

The Town of Bow has the Board of Selectmen/Town Meeting form of government. This is the traditional, "pure democracy" form of town government, whereby the voters themselves, acting at town meeting, are the legislative body. Budgetary and other questions are put before the voters in the form of warrant articles, the merits of which are debated, and then voted on at the meeting.

Click on these links to view the:

[2020 Town Meeting Warrant](#)
[Proposed FY2020-21 Town Budget](#)
[Proposed FY2020-21 Budget Summary](#)

School District Meeting Deliberative Session

Friday, March 13, 2020
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
Bow High School Auditorium, 55 Falcon Way

[2020 School District Meeting Warrant](#)

**Welcome to our new Recreation
Director, Darcy Little!**



photo by Eric Anderson

Please join us in welcoming Darcy Little as the Town's new Parks and Recreation Director.

Darcy has over twenty years of experience in a variety of community recreation settings. She has served as Membership Director for two YMCA organizations, Director of Recreation at the

Genesis Harris Hill Center in Concord, and most recently as Senior Center Manager at the Mountain View Senior Center in Bradford. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of New Hampshire (Leisure Management and Tourism) and is certified by the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals (NCCAP).

We look forward to working with Darcy, Malinda and Laura and continuing to provide, and enhance, the Town's robust recreation programs and activities.

Stop by and say hello!



Photo by Eric Anderson

Library Happenings

Adult Book Groups

Monthly Book Talks meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Library, at both 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on the third Tuesday of each month at White Rock (3:30 p.m.). Books are voted on annually by group members, and new members are always welcome. You can borrow a copy of this month's selected title at the circulation

desk. To view the Book Talk List of 2020, visit our **Website** [<https://www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org/adultprograms.asp>].

Love mysteries? Try **Whodunits!** This mystery-exclusive book group meets at White Rock on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m..

February's Whodunits Discussion: Bruno, Chief of Police by Martin Walker

Interested in joining one of our book clubs? Contact Amy at amy@bakerfreelib.org [<mailto:amy@bakerfreelib.org>]

Free Community Yoga Classes

The library is pleased to offer free 1-hour yoga classes to Bow residents and library cardholders! The next classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Bow residents may register in advance by emailing [@amelia@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:%20amelia@bakerfreelib.org) [[@amelia@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:%20amelia@bakerfreelib.org)] or info@bakerfreelib.org [<mailto:info@bakerfreelib.org>]. If this is your first time attending, please arrive fifteen minutes early to fill out the liability waiver. Classes are held in the library's Merrimack County Savings Bank Room in the Lower Level. Because these classes are held outside of operating hours, participants will need to enter through the Lower Level door near the handicapped parking ramp.

Book Donation Day

The Friends of the Baker Free Library will hold their next donation day on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions about what makes an acceptable donation, please call the library or email betsy@bakerfreelib.org [<mailto:betsy@bakerfreelib.org>].

Adult Craft Night, Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Registration is required for this event

[<https://www.libraryinsight.net/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=bop&nMonth=1&nYear=2020&x=3>]. The class is limited to 12 participants. For more info, contact Betsy at betsy@bakerfreelib.org [<http://betsy@bakerfreelib.org/>].

Krafts 4 Kids, Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

An after-school craft program for students in grades K-4, along with a parent or guardian. Create a new project every month! All materials will be provided by

the Library. **Registration is required for this event**
[<https://www.libraryinsight.net/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=bop&nMonth=12&nYear=2019&x=3>].
[<https://www.libraryinsight.net/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=bop&nMonth=2&nYear=2020&x=3>] For more info, contact Amelia at amelia@bakerfreelib.org. [mailto:amelia@bakerfreelib.org].

Tinker Tuesday, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, providing children aged 7-12 with an opportunity to explore scientific topics through hands-on activities. **Registration is required for this event**
[<https://www.libraryinsight.net/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=bop&nMonth=1&nYear=2020&x=3>]. For more info, contact Juliana at juliana@bakerfreelib.org. [mailto:juliana@bakerfreelib.org].

It's Been a Busy Winter at the Department of Public Works

The Public Works Department has been busy this winter.



As always, thank you for your patience and understanding. So far, we have had four snow events that featured two day storms; Dec. 2-3, Dec. 17-18, Dec. 30-31 and on Jan. 18-19. Since the beginning of the winter season, in addition to plowing, we have applied approximately 2,000 cubic yards of sand/salt mixture on the town roads and parking lots.



Register your dog before May!

Dog License Tags for 2020 are here and are available in the Town Clerks Office. Please register your dogs by

April 30, 2020 in order to avoid late fees and penalties. You may register online at www.bownh.gov [http://www.bownh.gov], by mail, or in person at the Town Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Road. Please make sure that your dog has updated rabies information on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Stay Connected

The greater the involvement of our citizens, the stronger our community will be. Here are some of the ways you can stay connected with the Town of Bow:

- Find ways to get [involved](http://www.bownh.gov) [http://www.bownh.gov] and see the [latest news](https://www.bownh.gov) [https://www.bownh.gov] on our [website](http://www.bownh.gov) [http://www.bownh.gov]
- [Sign Up](#) for the "Town Bulletin" E-Newsletter
- **Visit** us at the Bow Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Road
- **Call** (603) 223-3910, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m

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