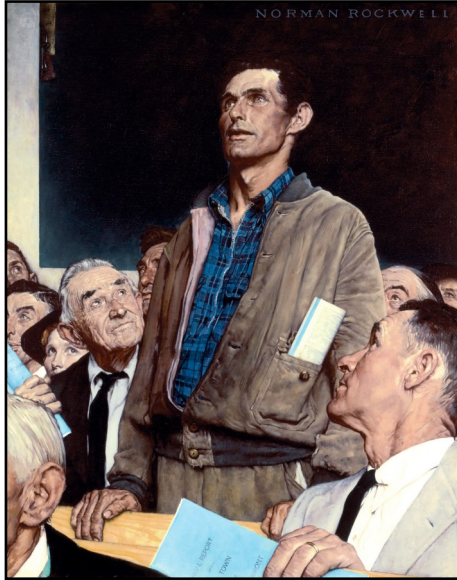




Monthly Bulletin

March 2022

It's Town Meeting Time



Welcome to the 2022 Town Meeting edition of the Town of Bow Bulletin.

In this edition, you will find information on how to participate in the 2022 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 FY2022-23.

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 paying.

Town and School Elections

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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 officers.

Candidates for Office

Board of Selectmen - 3 years, choose two

Angela Brennan
David Farr
Anthony C. Foote
Christopher Lins
Christopher Nicolopoulos

Budget Committee - 3 years, choose two

Brock Ehlers
Jeffrey Knight

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 years, choose one

Mary Beth Walz

School Board - 3 years, choose two

Melynie Klunk
Jenna Reardon

School District Treasurer - 3 years, choose one

Gregory Colby

Town and School Candidate's Night

The annual Meet the Candidates Forum took place on February 23. 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 9, 2022
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:

[2022 Town Meeting Warrant](#)
[Proposed FY2022-23 Town Budget](#)
[Proposed FY2022-23 Budget Summary](#)

School District Meeting Deliberative Session

Friday, March 11, 2022
Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.
Bow High School Auditorium, 55 Falcon Way

[2022 School District Meeting Warrant](#)



Another Successful Town Audit

FY2020-21. The Town continues to be in a sound financial position, which has even improved in the fiscal year. Copies of the Report and Audit may be found in the 2021 Annual Town Report as well as the Town's Website under "Fiscal Transparency."

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Economic Development Activities

The Town has focused recently on two development proposals that could add millions of dollars to the Town's tax base. These include a mixed-use development near I89, Exit 1 and an industrial project off Dow Road. These projects and others being discussed or in the works require connection to public utilities.

The Town's water system has a capacity of 1,000,000 gpd, but an average daily use of 40,000 gpd. The Town has an allocated sewer capacity of 385,000 gpd at the Concord Wastewater Facility, but an average daily use of approximately 60,000 gpd. Currently just 4% of the water capacity and 16% of the sewer capacity are being used. There is no commercial property in Town that is currently served by both public water and sewer.

Advanced planning and changes approved at Annual Town Meetings helped to make these proposed developments possible:

- In 2016 the size of the Light Industrial Zone District on Dow Road was expanded.
- A mixed-use district allowing different uses and higher density in Bow Mills was approved in 2017.
- In 2018, Town Meeting approved the Bow Business Corridor Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, which provided a funding mechanism for the waterline extension and road improvements in Bow Mills and Bow Junction.
- Another mixed-use zone district and TIF district were approved in 2019 for the southern part of town near the Hooksett town line.
- In 2020, the Board of Selectmen and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation agreed on a concept for the reconstruction of I89, Exit 1.
- Last year in 2021, a zoning change was approved that allowed higher density in existing commercial and industrial zone districts with public water and sewer.
- Talks are ongoing with both the City of Concord and the Town of Hooksett to discuss future sharing of utilities.
- Design for the extension of the Bow municipal water system is underway.



The Bow Police Department's K9 Roxy, has provided over 8 years of outstanding service to the Town of Bow and surrounding communities. Roxy will be retiring soon and the Bow Police Association will be fundraising to help offset the \$15,000 cost of purchasing a new K9 to fill Roxy's paws. A police K9 is a highly valued member of our police department, and we are reaching out to the public to help assist us in purchasing another K9 to serve the community.

The Bow Police Department would like to serve the community in the best possible way and a new police K9 is an essential member of our department. Having a K9 working in Bow greatly reduces the response time when the closest K9 available is with the State Police or another agency. K9 Roxy and Sgt. Matt Pratte have been a trusted and highly successful K9 team for the past 8 years. The department wishes to continue the high-quality service that K9 Roxy and Sgt Pratte have provided.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Winter and Spring Update from the Department of Public Works



Winter Plowing and Road Treatment

The Public Works Department has been busy this winter. We have experienced a wide variety of winter events, including snow, freezing rain, sleet, plain rain, and mixed precipitation and we have seen warm weather, cold weather and freezing cold temperatures.

So far, we have had 19 days where it was necessary to plow and treat the Town's roads. Here is the breakdown: 1 day in late November, 6 days in December, 7 days in January, 3 days in February and 2 days so far in March. In addition to plowing, we used 4,014 yards of sand and salt.

Sand and Salt Available

The Department offers Bow residents the opportunity to come to the DPW Building at 12 Robinson Road and fill a 5-gallon bucket of sand or the sand/salt mix. Bring your own shovel and bucket. Sand is available in big pile behind building and the sand/salt mix is available in a shed on the righthand side. No straight salt may be taken from the big salt shed next to the sand pile. This salt is only used for Bow roads. Come during daylight so you can see. It is available all winter.

“Mud Season”

“Mud Season” will be coming soon and it typically lasts for about a month or two. Mud season is a period in late winter and early spring when dirt becomes muddy from melting snow and ice. Mud season occurs in places where the ground freezes in winter and thaws in spring. Dirt roads and paths become muddy because the deeply frozen ground thaws from the surface down as the air temperature warms above freezing. The frozen lower layers of ground prevent water from percolating into the soil, so the surface layers of soil become saturated with water and turn to mud.

Frost Heaves

If a road is paved, and there is any crack in the surface, a water/sand/salt mixture will seep into the road base. The salt will cause this area to freeze at a lower temperature than the surrounding area, allowing more water to seep in. When the area eventually freezes, it heaves the pavement. The uneven surface causes more cracks, and the process continues.

Road Posting

It is necessary every year to restrict the movement of vehicles on certain roads until the roads are dry and the likelihood of damage is reduced. Roads that are closed or restricted will have signs posted that will advise drivers before they enter the area. If a person violates the restriction, the law allows for both criminal penalties and civil liability to pay for restoration of the damaged area. The cost of restoration could be substantial.

New Hampshire law permits the Town to try to reduce these hardships either by granting an exemption to a particular user, or by imposing restrictions on use. For example, a delivery truck could be required to use the road prior to 10:00 a.m., when it is more likely that the surface is still frozen from the overnight drop in temperature, or deliveries could be based on a weather forecast when the temperatures are as low as possible. The Town will lift restrictions once the weather of “mud season” has passed.

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Baker Free Library Happenings

Children's Programs

Shimmy and Shake Storytime Every Tuesday at 10:30am

A special Storytime for movers and shakers! This 45-minute program includes music and songs, yoga and movement activities, and ends with a family dance party. Recommended for ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome.

Family Storytime Every Thursday at 10:30am

Explore a new topic each week through stories, songs and rhymes, and engage in literacy activities designed to spark your child's imagination. Each session ends with plenty of open play time, allowing children and their caregivers to meet and socialize together. All ages welcome.

To register your child for the next session of Storytimes, please visit our online calendar on our website.

Krafts 4 Kids, Wednesday, March 9th | 3:30pm

A monthly program for artists and makers in Grades K-4 along with a parent or guardian. Create a new craft each month with materials supplied by the library! **Registration is required. Please visit our website and register using our online calendar.**

Tinker Tuesday, Tuesday, March 15th | 3:30pm

A STEM-inspired group that explores scientific concepts through hands-on activities. Recommended for Grades 2-6, in the company of a parent or guardian. **Registration is required. Please visit our website and register using our online calendar.**

Magic Treehouse Book Club Monday, March 28th | 4:00pm

Join the library's newest book club for young readers! Each month, travel the world and explore new subjects with books from The Magic Tree House series, written by Mary Pope Osborne. A new book will be selected each month, with copies provided by the library. Chat, craft and play at every meeting! This program is recommended for readers in Grades 1-3, or any interested child reading at those grade levels. **Registration is required. Please visit our website and register using our online calendar.**

Adult Programs

Adult Craft Night, Monday, March 14th | 6:00pm

Join us every month for an after-hours craft night and learn how to make simple DIY crafts. This craft is also available as a take-home kit which will be available to pick up on Tuesday, March 15th. **Registration is required for both options. Please notify us which you would like to sign up for during registration. Please visit our website and register using our online calendar.**

Adult Book Talk , Tuesday, March 8th | 12:30 pm & 6:30pm

The **Adult Book Talk Group** will be discussing *The Underground Girls of Kabul: in Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan* by Jenny Norberg. Copies of the book are now available at the Circulation Desk to check out.

The **White Rock Book Group** will be meeting at White Rock Senior Center on Tues. 15th at 1pm. They will be discussing *The Underground Girls of Kabul: in Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan* by Jenny Norberg.

The **Whodunits** are meeting at White Rock Senior Center on Feb. 1st at 1pm and will be discussing *In the Woods* by Tana French.

Stay Connected with the Town of Bow

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 and see the latest news on our website.
- Sign up for the "Town Bulletin" E-Newsletter
- Read the latest meeting minutes for all the Town boards at
www.bownh.gov
- Like us on Facebook
- Visit us at the Bow Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Road,
Monday Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

