

2022 TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF BOW, NH

MARCH 9, 2022

Peter Imse, Moderator, called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Bow Community Center. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the ballot box was inspected by the Moderator and Supervisor of the Checklist to verify it was empty and voting commenced. At 7:00 p.m. the polls were closed, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, March 09, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Town and School Election Results:

WARRANT ARTICLE #1 - TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

Office	Vote for not more than	... Year Term	Candidate (in Ballot Order)	Results/Winner*
SELECTMAN	Two	Three	Angela Brennan Christopher Nicolopoulos Anthony Foote Christopher Lins David Farr	953* 611* 541 498 303
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER	Two	Three	Brock Ehlers Jeffrey Knight	1048* 1048*
TOWN MODERATOR	One	Two	Peter Imse	1322*
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	One	Three	Mary Beth Walz	1182*
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	One	Six	Beth Titus	1281*
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	One	Five	Matthew Gatzke	1262*
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	Two	Three	Jenna Reardon Melynie Klunk Wendy Funches	1094* 1079* 279
SCHOOL TREASURER	One	Three	Gregory A. Colby	1274*

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 1581

WARRANT ARTICLE #2 – 2021 ZONING AMENDMENTS

A. YES: 1113
NO: 302

B. YES: 954
NO: 442

C. YES: 1232
NO: 168

D. YES: 1225
NO: 194

The Town meeting was reconvened on Wednesday, March 09, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., at the Bow High School, by Town Moderator Peter Imse. The meeting was recorded and is available on YouTube for viewing.

Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

The Colors were presented by Bow Boy Scout Troop #75, under the leadership of James Weber. Color Guard Members are: Vance Gula, Ali Dupris, Laurel Downey, Connor Ives, Ben Carboneau, Matt Creamer, Gabe Aberton and Garrett Aberton. Town members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction and Welcome

Moderator Imse asked the voters to please be patient as we deal with technology and to please, only speak at the microphone. Voters are participating from remote rooms, and we will be taking steps throughout the evening to assure that they can participate and that their votes are counted. There will be full audio and video feed from the remote rooms. If people are uncomfortable not wearing a mask or for health reasons need to masked, they could be in the cafeteria where everyone will be masked.

Moderator Imse recognized the head table. Selectmen: Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Chair; Colleen S. Hunter, Vice Chair; Matthew Poulin; Michael Wayne, and Bruce Marshall. Also present: Town Manager David Stack, Finance Director Geoff Ruggles; Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mridula Naik; Administrative Secretary Tonia Lindquist; and Town Counsel Eric Maher.

Further Moderator Imse gave special thanks to Bow High School Staff, especially Roy Bailey and Jeff Somerville for their technical assistance and some students who are helping out, the Supervisors of the Checklist: Jennifer McDaniel, Beth Titus and Kathryn Ess who have a thankless job as well as the Town Clerk, Mridula Naik. Mr. Imse noted that department or Committee Heads will be introduced as they speak.

Assistant Moderators for the meeting: Gerry Carrier, Carol Niegisch, Michael Gula, Michael Griffin, Benjamin Kiniry, Eric Anderson, Martin Murray and Jack Crisp. Special thanks to Jack Crisp who will be standing in for Jim Hatem as the school Moderator at the school meeting.

Board of Selectmen Presentation

Chair Chris Nicolopoulos started out saying he was very impressed to see so many residents show up for a town meeting where there was nothing controversial on the agenda. He also wanted to thank all the volunteers at the meeting and at the election and thanked the Town residents for a record turnout. In spite of running out of ballots and making copies and hand counting, the entire process was seamless thanks to all the volunteers. He thanked all the people on the ballot who are willing to serve the town and noted that Bow is a town full of people willing to serve. He thanked the candidates who ran against him and congratulated the winner Angela Brennon who won her race by a big margin. He also was proud of the way the candidates ran their campaign very professionally.

Chair Nicolopoulos recognized departing Select woman Colleen Hunter for her dedication and years of service to the Town of Bow. He praised her energy that is contagious, her focus, and dedication to the

Town and to projects such as Celebrating Children, the Public Safety Building and the Bow Youth Center. She not only spear headed Celebrating children which is the town pre-school program but also found them a home and was willing to work towards the continued success of the program which is still here today.

Her notable achievement as far as the building size was the Public Safety building. She advocated to find the right building for the right size, price and budget so our emergency services had the right home.

She convinced the Selectboard that buying the Youth Center building was a good thing and found a way to make it work without bonding. Thus, saving the before and after school programs which are vital to the working parents in the community. The project has been totally self-funding since the first week of operation. It all happened seamlessly all because of Colleen's hard work and planning. It is a testament to Colleen's attitude and dedication to the town.

She was instrumental in the adoption of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which plans and saves for capital projects year to year, instead of having to bond for them thereby adding to the taxpayers' burden in Bow.

Selectman Nicolopolous attributed a large part of the board's success to Colleen and also his growth as a public servant. She truly cared about her work and he thanked her for bringing him and the board along. Selectman Bruce Marshall added his thoughts and thanks to Selectman Hunter recognizing her hard work while also noting that she is the epitome of grace and elegance no matter what the task and she will still be continuing her committee work. This town is a better town because of her and for all the time she has put in.

Citizen of the Year Award and Recognitions

Richard Oberman, President of the Bow Men's Club, introduced the year's awardee for the Citizen of the Year. This person has provided over a decade of service to the Town of Bow supporting many boards and organizations. He has been a coach for numerous sports; organized multiple events; fundraised and emceed other events. He is one of the town's biggest supporters of youth, Mr. Bryce Larrabee. Mr. Oberman presented Mr. Larrabee with the award.

Moderator Imse recognized Steven Coleman who had made a special request to address the meeting. Mr. Coleman spoke of his experience with Town of Bow First Responders and Fire Department in bringing emergency aid to his wife at their home. Mr. Coleman praised and gave special thanks to those first responders and fire fighters for saving the life of his wife. There was a loud round of applause and standing ovation in support of the emergency services responders.

Rules of Order

Moderator Imse reviewed the 'Moderator's Rules of Procedures' as referenced in the Town and School Annual Report. He noted March 16th as the date if the meeting is not over tonight. Moderator Imse asked for a motion to adopt the above-mentioned rules as the town's rules for this meeting. Mr. Mark Zerba so moved, and Mr. Jeffrey Knight seconded. Moderator Imse called for comments. Sensing none, he called for a vote in the auditorium and for counts from the remote rooms. **The rules are adopted by majority vote.**

Mr. Imse remembered Chuck Rhinehart with fondness as he always was willing to volunteer.

WARRANT ARTICLE #3 – Moved by Mr. Mark Zerba and seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Knight

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$12,537,074 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Marshall spoke to the Article. He said both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have agreed on the town operating budget for \$12,537,074 which has a \$6.37 per thousand impact to the tax rate. The Moderator called for any comments on Article #3. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, the Moderator signaled a 2/3's majority vote (235 Yes and 0 No) had been cast. **Article #3 is approved by majority vote.**

Willis Sloat, 4 Longview Drive, raised a Point of Order. He moved to have Warrant Article #13, relative to the communications tower lease, heard next out of order, and then proceeding with the remaining articles in their original order. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Knight. Moderator Imse called for comments. Sensing none the Moderator called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.** Warrant Article #13 was heard next.

WARRANT ARTICLE #13 moved by Mr. Mark Zerba and seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Knight.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey an easement, license, or leasehold interest on property owned by the Town of Bow located at 21-51 Branch Londonderry Turnpike East, identified as Map 23, Map 3, Lot 62, for a period not to exceed 30 years for the purposes of constructing, installing, and operating a communications tower, under such terms and consideration as the Board of Selectmen, in its discretion, deems suitable, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such related contracts and agreements related to such communications tower. Such authority shall not lapse and shall remain effective until December 31, 2023.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos stated Article #13 was a citizens' petitioned article and that not having cell coverage in a particular area was the most critical public safety issue for the Town of Bow today. He cited a number of cases over the last year where accident victims were unable to call for assistance in the Logging Hill area because phone service was not available to them in that dead spot. If the article were to pass, it would only give the Selectboard the authority to move forward. There would still be a planning board process open to public comment and a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find the best provider of these services. Through the planning process and Selectboard process there will be ample opportunity for citizens to express their views. The Moderator called for public comment.

Dr. Arthur Moore (retired medical internist) and Susan Moore (environmental health scientist), 11 Crocket Drive, spoke against the siting of the tower. Commercial aircraft fly low over the site on the way to the airports. National Guard helicopters also fly over the treetops many nights of the week. Because of the air traffic, they expect the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) will decide to require lights on the cell tower even though it's under the 200-foot level. Both expressed concerns about the health of residents near the proposed tower. House Bill (HB) 1644 was referenced, which in part, sets specific siting requirements for the tower and establishes a registry. Concern was expressed about a potential reduction in property values for the twenty-nine (29) abutters.

David Farr, 12 Heidi Lane, said he'd had discussions with a number of people and came to realize many felt they didn't have enough information to vote for the tower at the 2021 town meeting. Over the last year, he and others have worked to gather and provide information to residents so they could be more informed for this year's vote. He cited an example he knew of where his daughter's friend needed emergency services. They couldn't reach 911 on their cell phones and they didn't have a land line. Not being able to reach emergency services when they are needed is a health concern in itself. Mr. Farr urged residents to vote yes on Article #13.

Linda Millman, 80 Robinson Road, spoke against Warrant Article #13 citing health concerns. She described a study that recommended a setback of 500 meters from the tower for protection from potential health dangers. Ms. Millman spoke in favor of deploying fiber optic technology instead of the cell tower and urged the Selectboard to pursue it.

Dr. Gary Woods, 38 Evangeline Drive, one of the co-sponsors of HB 1644, spoke next. He was asked to be on the 5G Committee because he was a State Representative but also because he was a physicist before he became a physician. His graduate work was in biophysics. He understands the physics behind the technology and is here to address what HB 1644 says. It addresses 5G only and doesn't address other radiation wavelengths. The reason for the 500-meter setback was not because of the radiation directly at 500 meters but because injury often occurs during what is called the "spike" when the intensity goes up and down during a phone call. As he understands it, the proposed tower doesn't have 5G. He wanted to clarify that the HB 1644 only deals with 5G and should be read in that context.

Selectman Bruce Marshall, 12 Sharon Drive, was concerned about the safety of the schools. If there was an emergency event, the schools would not be able to call out for help on any cell phones because there isn't any service in the area. In January, Selectman Marshall's infant son needed emergency care. Their Comcast call wouldn't work. When trying to reach 911 over their cell phone, the call was dropped two times. He urged taxpayers to vote yes on Article #13 noting that citizen concerns can still be addressed during the planning and zoning process.

Selectman Marshall moved to amend Warrant Article #13 to change "Map 23, Map 3" to "Map 23, *Block 3*". The motion to amend was seconded by Selectman Poulin. The Moderator asked for comments. Sensing none, he called for a vote on the amendment. **The amendment passes by majority vote.**

Jennifer Borr, 78 Bow Bog Road spoke next. In August of last year, her healthy 21-year-old son collapsed, and they were unable to call 911. It took several minutes to get through and then there were dropped calls. First responders were unable to figure out where they lived. She hoped people understood the risk of not having cell service in the area and not being able to get emergency assistance when it was needed. Her son passed away that morning and he suffered for 45 minutes before he passed. She hopes people will think about that and hopes the article is approved.

Evan Nappen, 1 Deer Run Road, urged a vote in favor of the communications tower and an end to the dead spot aptly referred to as the "Bow Zone". Tina Ducette, 45 Brown Hill Road, extended her condolences to the family who lost their son and any others that may have suffered a loss. She works for a telecommunications company and spoke of a two-year long (2004 – 2005) government study which determined cell tower radiation does cause cancer. Kevin McCann, 32 Branch Londonderry Turnpike East, asked if a reduced size tower had been considered. Selectman Nicolopoulos responded the Article #13 doesn't specify the height of the tower. This article only allows the board of selectmen to enter into a lease with a company who will then go to planning board to get approval presumably a variance. The Zoning Board would be the proper venue to address the issue. Mr. Jeffrey Knight called the question. It was seconded by Selectman Poulin.

Those remaining at the microphone were allowed to speak. Julia Pothén, Bow Center Road urged a vote in favor of the tower citing concerns about reaching emergency services. Erica Johnson, 22 Longview Drive, talked about witnessing distraught high school students who, after receiving some devastating news, were unable to reach their parents to comfort them because there wasn't any cell phone coverage at the high school. She urged taxpayers to support Article #13. Matt Furr, 40 Rocky Point Drive, urged a yes vote on the article. Other sites have been considered but weren't desirable by the cell carriers. This tower already has a commitment by a carrier to put a signal on the tower as sited.

There being no further comments the Moderator called for a vote on Warrant Article #13, as amended. **The Article, as amended, passes by majority vote.** Selectman Nicolopoulos moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #13. Motion was seconded by Selectman Poulin.
Motion to restrict reconsideration passes by majority vote.

WARRANT ARTICLE #4 moved by Mr. Mark Zerba and seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Knight.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$568,000 and authorize payment into existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds in the following amounts for the purpose for which such funds were established. **(Majority Vote Required)**

Bridge and Highway Construction Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,000
Community Center Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,500
Fire Suppression Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$110,000
Library Building Repairs Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund	\$65,000
Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000
Public Works Capital Reserve Fund	\$218,500
Recreation Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000
Water System Improvements/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$18,000

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Hunter spoke to the Article. A CIP is an advisory document that serves to guide the Board of Selectmen, School Board, Library Trustees and Budget Committee in the annual budgeting processes; stabilize the Town's real property tax rate; aid in the prioritization of various municipal and school improvements; and inform residents of planned improvements. This article has a tax impact of \$0.44/thousand.

The Moderator called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #4 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #5 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$540,000 for the reconstruction and paving of Town roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 32, 2027, whichever is sooner. (Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Poulin spoke to the Article. This season's road repair and paving projects included multiple drainage replacement projects and the paving of approximately 5.4 miles of roadway. This article has a tax impact of \$0.42/thousand.

Selectman Poulin took the time to thank Moderator Imse and the Town Clerk Ms. Naik, for the amazing job at the elections when they ran out of ballots. He also thanked the supervisors and all the volunteers for all their help at the elections.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote.

Article #5 is approved by majority vote.

WARRANT ARTICLE #6 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,300 for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$174,300 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purchase.

(Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Wayne spoke to the Article. The Fire Department currently has twenty-nine (29) self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that were purchased in 2009 with FEMA fire grant funds. Standards require that the cylinders be put out of service after 15 years of use. There is no tax impact because the funds will come from capital reserves.

The Moderator called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #6 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #7 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,100 for the purchase of a forestry truck and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$105,100 from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Majority Vote Required)**

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Poulin spoke to the Article. This truck will replace the 2004 forestry truck. It is a one-ton, 4X4 pickup with a 400-gallon tank, pump, and foam system. There is no tax impact as it will be purchased with Capital Reserve Funds.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote.

Article #7 is approved by majority vote,

WARRANT ARTICLE #8 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 to retrofit a surplus Fire Department rescue truck to make a 6-wheel dump truck and plow for the Department of Public Works and to authorize the withdrawal of \$82,000 from the Public Works Department Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Majority Vote Required)**

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Hunter spoke to the Article. The truck to be converted is a 2007 GMC, 4X4 rescue truck that is no longer needed by the Fire Department. It will be converted to a 6-wheel dump truck by the Department of Public Works (DPW) employees. There is no tax impact as the funds are coming from Capital Reserve Funds.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Ray Johnson, 110 Knox Road, asked the Selectboard why they were retrofitting an older truck instead of purchasing a new one. Selectman Hunter responded this was a bigger truck than the 1-ton truck in Article 9.

There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote. **Article #8 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #9 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purchase of a one-ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works and to authorize the withdrawal of \$80,000 from the Public Works Department Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Majority Vote Required)**

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Poulin spoke to the Article. This purchase is to replace a 2012 one-ton dump truck at the Department of Public Works. There is no tax impact as the funds will come from Capital Reserves.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #9 is approved by majority vote,**

WARRANT ARTICLE #10 moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for renovations at the Municipal Building for the relocation of the Community Development Department to the main level and to authorize the withdrawal of \$80,000 from the Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Majority Vote Required)**

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Hunter spoke to the Article. A space needs study has been completed on the Municipal Building, which suggested relocation of some offices and renovation of the existing space. Renovations have been divided into three phases: Phase I is to move the Community Development Department upstairs and renovation of the main level bathrooms. Phase II will swap the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office and Meeting Room C. Phase III is the renovation of the remainder of the main level, the storage/server room, heating distribution and envelope energy improvements.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #10 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #11 moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by MR. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,700 to purchase security monitoring equipment for the Police Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$33,700 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Majority Vote Required)**

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Marshall spoke to the Article. The Article is for the replacement of security system equipment at the Safety Center. The replacement includes: video camera upgrades and new door alarm systems on employee entrances and the Police evidence room. There is no tax impact as the funds will come from Capital Reserves.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #11 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #12 moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the renovation of the two main level bathrooms at the Municipal Building and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Municipal Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Majority Vote Required)**

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0 and Budget Committee 6-0)

Selectman Marshall spoke to the Article. This Article is to add an additional \$25,000 to the previously appropriated \$25,000 for a total project cost of \$50,000 and includes the upgrade of two bathrooms on the main level of the Municipal Building. There is no tax impact since the funds are coming from Capital Reserves.

The Moderator called for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #12 is approved by majority vote,**

WARRANT ARTICLE #13 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba. Taken out of order after Article #3. See above for discussion.

WARRANT ARTICLE #14 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town of Bow will vote pursuant to RSA Chapter 32 and RSA 261:153, IV, to establish a Municipal and Regional Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of allowing the Town to fund, in whole or in part, the engineering, acquisition, construction, and operation and maintenance of, land capital improvements to, local and regional transportation systems, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, and public transportation, and to authorize the Town to collect an additional fee of \$5.00 per motor vehicle registration to put into said Capital Reserve Fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. **(Majority Ballot Vote Required)**

Selectman Wayne spoke to the Article. The Article adds a \$5.00 fee to each registration of all vehicles both passenger and commercial to allow the town to fund improvements to the local and regional transportation systems. Exempt from the fees are all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A-1, 1-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles as defined in RSA 259:4 Antique. The fee would raise approximately \$80,000 per year.

Moderator Imse called for comments. Judson Malone, 7 Audley Drive, asked what the funds would be used for. Selectman Wayne indicated that line striping would be one use of the funds. For clarification, Mr. Malone stated the \$5.00 fee is a tax increase on everyone who registers a motor vehicle, to which the Board of Selectman agreed.

Gil Rogers, Johnathan Lane, spoke in favor of the Article because there are a lot of transportation related items that need attention. He asked if there would be a meeting to inform the taxpayers of what the Selectboard wanted to use the funds for. Selectman Wayne responded a meeting of the Selectboard would be a proper venue, where the issue would be noted on the agenda ahead of time and the public was free to comment. Lisa Cohen, 104 Brown Hill Road, stated she gave enough tax dollars to Bow didn't want to pay more. Joe Conti, 34 Bow Center Road, as a point of order noted a ballot vote was needed on the Article.

Moderator Imse declared the voting closed at 8:57 PM. After the votes were counted, he announced the vote. Yes: 113 No: 71. **Article #14 passed.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #15 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent conservation easement over and on the 25-acre parcel, identified as Tax Map 13, Block 4. Lot 117 and located on Londonderry Turnpike-West to Bow Open Spaces, Inc., under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in its discretion, deems suitable. The conservation easement will be in a form acceptable to the Town's legal counsel. **(Majority Vote Required)**

Selectman Nicolopoulos introduced Sandy Crystall to speak to the Article. This is a 25-acre, land-locked parcel which was donated to the town in 2021. It is adjacent to existing conservation land. In addition, the parcel is near Walker Forest, Hammond Nature Preserve, Hamilton Court Open Space, and a conservation easement on private land. The land contains a very steep slope and is a hemlock-hardwood-pine land cover.

Moderator Imse called for discussion. Judson Malone, 7 Audley Drive, asked if hunting was restricted on the land. Ms. Crystall said there were no such restrictions on the land in question. Mr. Malone wanted to make sure the citizens are aware that the Selectboard can be petitioned to change that use. Hunting is a very low impact use of the land. Sensing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. **Article #15 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #16 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To hear reports of standing committees and take any action relating thereto.

WARRANT ARTICLE #16 Moved by Mr. Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mr. Mark Zerba.

To transact any other business which may legally come before such meeting.

Adjourn

Moderator Imse asked for any other comments, questions, or reports. Sensing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Knight moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Mr. Zerba. Motion to adjourn the 2022 Bow Town Meeting at 9:15 PM, **carried by majority vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mridula Naik, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Recorded and prepared by Wendy Gilman, Recording Secretary