

2021 TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 17, 2021

Peter Imse, Moderator, called the Town Meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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 17, 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	Matthew Poulin Michael G. Wayne Jeffrey S. Levesque	408* 493* 402
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER	Two	Three	Benjamin J. Kiniry Andrew Mattice	542* 527*
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	One	Three	Mridula Naik	679*
TOWN TREASURER	One	Three	Roland Gamelin	632*
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	One	Three	Jonathan Marvin	615*
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	One	Five	Bob Arnold	624*
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	One	One	Matt Gatzke	630*

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 774

WARRANT ARTICLE #2-2021 ZONING AMENDMENTS

A. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT A as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 17, 2020 to replace the existing Section 7.14 Excavation of Earth Materials, with the adoption by reference of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 155-E in its entirety, as amended, and designate the Planning Board as the “Regulator?” The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, December 22, 2020.
(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 520 No: 137

B. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT B as proposed by the Planning Board vote of December 3, 2020 to amend the Zoning Map to rezone the existing Business Development (BD) District to General Industrial (I-2)? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, December 8, 2020.
(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 553 No: 119

C. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT C as proposed by the Planning Board vote of January 7, 2021 to revise Section 14.03(A) and require a certified foundation plan for all new residences? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 12, 2021.
(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 519 No: 150

D. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT D as proposed by the Planning Board vote of January 21, 2021 to revise Article 6.07, Table of Dimensions, and reduce minimum lot sizes in the Commercial (C), Limited Industrial (I-1), and General Industrial (I-2) districts based on the availability of public utilities? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 26, 2021.
(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 513 No: 163

E. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT E as proposed by the Planning Board vote of January 21, 2021 to amend Article 14.07, Violations, and add a provision about violations visible from public street? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 26, 2021. (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 504 No: 163

F. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT F as proposed by the Planning Board vote of January 21, 2021 to revise Article 3, Definitions, and amend the definition of a Vernal Pool? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 465 No: 189

G. Are you in favor of the adoption of ZONING AMENDMENT G as proposed by the Planning Board vote of January 21, 2021 to amend Article 10.03, Wetlands Conservation District? The amendment has been on file at the Municipal Building since Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

(Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 7-0)
Yes: 470 No: 190

The Town meeting was reconvened on Wednesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:21p.m., at the Bow High School, by Town Moderator Peter Imse. Due to COVID-19 and practicing safe distancing, attendance in the auditorium was limited and several alternate remote rooms were opened for overflow participants. The Presentation of Colors was made by video.

Presentation of Colors and National Anthem.

Video Presentation of the Colors was presented by the Bow Girl Scouts Brownie Troop 58502, under the leadership of Jennifer Archer. Color Guard Members: Elizabeth Nesbitt, Ava Ledbetter, Madelyn Ledbetter, Isabella Archer, Emma Carter, Kyla O'Connor, Hayley Corkum, Abigail Raymond, and Caleigh Epple. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Caleigh Epple.

Introduction and Welcome

Moderator Imse asked the voters to please be patient as we deal with technology. Please, only speak at the microphone and do not adjust the microphones. If you need help, an Assistant or student will help you. 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.

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 were: Town Manager David Stack, Finance Director Geoff Ruggles; Town Counsel Eric Maher, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mridula Naik; Administrative Secretary Tonia Lindquist and Recording Secretary Wendy Gilman.

Moderator Imse thanked Jeff Summerville and Roy Bailey for their assistance with the technology and the school for all their help. The Moderator referred to the 3 Supervisors of the checklist Jenn McDaniel, Beth Titus and Kathryn Ess as the unsung heroes and thanked them for the amazing job they did during the September and November elections and right up with them Mr. Imse thanked the Town Clerk, Mridula Naik and her staff who had the difficult task of processing the unprecedented number of absentee ballots and voter registrations.

Peter introduced the Assistant Moderators who would be assisting in the auditorium and in the remote rooms

Auditorium: James Hatem, Jack Crisp, Judy Goodnow and Harry Judd. Remote Rooms: #1105 – Jamie Smith; #1109 – Jared Bland; #2216 – John Reardon; #2305 – Donald Hubbard; #1313 –

Thomas Hoey; #1200 – Richard Minard, #2200 – Chuck Rheinhardt. #2201- Harry Hadaway, # 2205- Deborah Imse and # 2208 – Robert Louf.

Citizen of the Year and Recognitions

Richard Oberman, President of the Bow Men's Club, introduced the recipient for the Citizen of the Year award. Dik Dagavarian has supported numerous town activities and is a member of multiple organizations. What makes Mr. Dagavarian worthy of the award is his hard work, effort and support despite of Covid. His fund-raising activity helped fund a lot of the essential activities. Mr. Dagavarian was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Rules or Order

Mr. Imse announced the next meeting date of March 24th if the meeting is not finished tonight. The moderator also explained the voting procedures. Voting has to be kept open for the entire one hour by statute for article 3.

There would be one ballot box on the stage and one in each remote room. One ballot box would be located at the lobby with a supervisor in charge for everyone who wants to come just for the 1 hour of voting and leave. Residents leaving before the end of the meeting has to return all unused ballots and cards. Moderator Imse reviewed the 'Moderator's Rules of Procedures' as referenced in the Town and School Annual Report. Moderator Imse asked for a motion to adopt the above-mentioned rules as the town's rules for this meeting. Karen Wadsworth so moved, and Jack Crisp 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.**

Moderator Imse announced that Jim Hatem would be the Moderator Pro-Tem for Article 3 concerning adoption of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to avoid a potential conflict of interest because of his opinions on the article. He then read the Public Notice for the Town Meeting into the record and announced the results of the March 9, 2021 town ballots.

WARRANT ARTICLE #3 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Brian Colandreo.

Moderator Pro-Tem Hatem read Article #3. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town on the second Tuesday of March." (3/5 majority ballot vote required). This article is not amendable.

Selectman Chair Nicolopoulos spoke to this Article. The Board of Selectmen voted on this article to get the citizens pulse on whether or not they wanted to vote for SB2 option and welcomes comments and open debate and looks forward to direction from the Citizens.

John Urda, 51 Putney Road. spoke against adopting Article 3 as he has every time it has come up for a vote. He referenced newspaper articles of town's where HB2 has been adopted but now has a hard time reversing SB2. In all cases, the amount of people voting far outnumbered those who attended the deliberative session. These towns are finding it harder to get rid of SB2.

Brian Colandreo, 15 Erin Drive, spoke in favor of adopting SB2 stating it would make it easier for people to vote and it would not disenfranchise voters who were unable to come to town meeting. Anti SB2 folks want to hold on to the sentiment of robust debate at Town meetings. SB2 decouples the debating process from the voting process and gives people an easier path to

voting. Lisa Cohen, 104 Brown Hill Drive, stated she was not in favor of adopting SB2 and was bothered by the way it came to be on the warrant without input from voters and not as a petition article from people who wanted the process. Karen Wadsworth, 9 Betty Lane, former Clerk of the House of Representatives, and a former representative herself and former chairman of NH Municipal governing committee, who has lived in Bow 25 years, spoke against adopting SB2. SB2 has been amended fourteen times from 1995 through 2019 and there are currently bills in the House to amend it again. A law that is constantly being amended should not be adopted. It does not work.

Robert Hollinger, 6 Sharon Drive, compared the much higher attendance at the 2020 modified School District Annual Meeting to the lower attendance at the 2021 meeting, characterizing the 2020 meeting as being “SB2-like” due to COVID. Harry Judd, 25 Stack Drive, urged a no vote on SB2 and for the Select Board to form a citizens committee, as it has in past years, to study town government and to solicit input from the voters. Jill Hadaway, 10 Timmins road, Town Clerk/Tax Collector of Bow for 16 years, and a former Selectwoman wants the voters to realize that anyone, many, or few, can show up to the deliberative session and change what the Select board have previously determined. The reality of SB2 and the theory behind it are miles apart. So, she urged a No vote. Peter Imse, 609 Page Road, also urged a no vote on SB2 and a continuation of the town meeting form of government. He said he is a traditionalist who believes in the legacy of Town meeting format and wants it to continue.

Deb McCain, 32 Branch Londonderry turnpike east, wanted to clarify that SB2 is only being proposed for the Town and not the school district. She voiced her opposition to SB2 and requested that a committee be set up.

Donna Colandreo, 15 Erin Drive, spoke in favor of adoption and gave the example of the expensive high school being built as a result of a traditional town meeting that did not have much attendance.

Richard Blake, 3 Stoney Brooke Road, is new to town and needs more information before he could vote yes. For now, he is voting No as he is a traditionalist and likes the idea of the committee.

Moderator Hatem took public comment from the overflow rooms. Room 2216 – no speakers. Room 2305: John Martin, 96 Woodhill Road, mentioned that SB2 is still a deliberative session and then addressed some of the comments from other speakers regarding SB2 failing. He also noted that 70 people voted on the school budget last week. George Lagos, 9 Windsor Drive stated that the distinctive element of the town meeting process, is it associates the voting with the discussion and debate in one place. Steven Blevens, 15 Hampshire Hills Drive wants the town residents to think about intentional inclusion. He hopes that people voting for or against have taken the time to talk and discuss.

Room 1313: David Farr, 12 Heidi Lane – SB2 robs you of your voice because a small number takes away the voice of the people you elected to make decisions by overriding what they decide. In his opinion SB2 strips away the power of democracy and wants a NO vote. Shea Sennet, 574 Page Road – Having grown up in an SB2 town, he is excited for the town meeting process and likes the idea of having a committee to study SB2 without rushing to change the nature of Town Meeting.

Room 1200 – Richard Minard, 373 Page Road – SB2 is deeply flawed and things can go wrong. A small number of people can highjack the deliberative session. No voters in room #2200

MOTION: Fredrick Hinck, 3 Golden view Drive motioned to move the question. Motion was seconded by Patricia Macneil, 18 Rising wood Drive. Moderator Hatem clarified that if the voters wanted to cut off further debate from people in the overflow rooms, they were to vote yes to call the question. If they want debate to continue, vote no.

After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to call the question **was approved by majority vote.**

Moderator Pro-Tem Hatem went over the voting procedures to cast their ballots on Article #3. Voters will vote using the purple ballot and get their voter card stamped. The ballot will remain open for one hour, open at 8:50 PM and close at 9:50 PM. The Moderator clarified for the voters. If they vote yes, that means they want SB2 to pass. If they vote no, they do not want SB2 to pass.

After the voters had cast their votes and were back in their seats, Moderator Imse went on with the other business of the meeting at 9:11 PM. Leslie Macneil, 18 Rising wood Drive in room #2200 wanted to make a motion to restrict reconsideration but was informed by the Moderator that the vote had to be tallied first and the hour has passed.

At 9:50 PM votes were tallied for **Article #3.** Moderator Pro Tem Hatem announced the results **111 Yes and 426 No. A 3/5's majority vote was achieved, and Article #3 fails.**

Harry Judd moved to restrict reconsideration of the vote on Article #3. Jeffrey Knight seconded. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to restrict reconsideration **was approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #4 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of the property and contents at 21 Bow Center Road, known as the Bow Youth Center, at a cost not to exceed \$1,250,000 payable over a term of two years with an annual appropriation of \$700,000 in the first year and \$550,000 in the second year per RSA 32:7-a Capital Projects, and further to raise and appropriate \$700,000 for the first year's payment and to further authorize the withdrawal of \$327,877 from the Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, to be used toward the first year's payment with the balance to come from general taxation. In the following year, the appropriation of \$550,000 will be contained in the operating budget. (2/3 majority vote required)

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. The Article is unanimously supported by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Purchasing the building would protect and preserve critical programs, such as before and after school care, that serve over 150 families in town. Space is available for other uses during the middle of the day and weekends to be used by the Bow Parks and Recreation department. The building was offered to the town at 1.25 million slightly over the town assessment. The funding would be a two-payment plan of \$700,000 the

first year and \$500,000 the second year. To make up the \$700,000 in the first year with very little impact on taxes, the Board of Selectmen put together a 3-part plan. \$327,877 would come from the Land Purchase capital Reserve Fund and the Selectmen have the authority to expend these funds absent this vote. \$200,000 would come from money in the Municipal Building Capital Reserve fund. The balance of \$223,000 will come from fund balance which is the Towns rainy day fund. The \$500,000 for the next year will come from appropriate funding in next year's budget. The town estimates that this purchase could make the Recreation department a self-funded program with additional dollars going into their revolving fund.

Moderator Imse called for discussion on the Article.

John Urdi, 51 Putney Road asked how much money in taxes would the town lose by buying the building. Selectman Nicolopoulos replied the building was assessed at \$1.15 million and the town would lose approximately \$30,000 in taxes if they bought the building but has been factored into the calculation. Donna Colandreo, 15 Erin drive had comments/questions revolved around whether the recreation center would be moving to the building and what would happen to the community center? Room # 1105, Shannon Rhodes, 28 Bela view drive asked how much revenue the Town would make and (Approximately \$103,000); concern about losing summer programs at the rec center or the youth center while combining the two programs. John Martin, 96 Woodhill road had concerns about the Town operating a business, adding Youth center employees to the Town payroll and using pre- covid numbers for revenue estimates. Frank Ritter, 77 Bow Bog road urged a yes vote to maintain the before and after school programs, calling them vital services for the community. Jonathan Pietrangelo, 5 Whittier drive had questions regarding roof, septic and Hvac in the building and if there are inspection papers and when they were done and what steps are being taken to protect town money and question on if the Town has looked into 3rd party audits. Dianne Moulton, 11 Poor Richards had concern regarding liability to the town to run a daycare business.

Room 1313, Andrew Thomas Bennett, 3 Tower Hill road wanted the business plan and the profit and loss statement to review before voting. Room 2200, Erin Zaffini, 98 Allen drive views the purchase as supporting the community. Aldous, 45 Knox road thinks it could be a profitable proposition of reducing taxes and providing better services to the residents. Room 2200# Chuck Rheinhardt, 80 Foote road questioned if the building would only offer after school care or be ideal for pr-school or full kindergartens programs? Room 2305, Michael Habif, 12 Saltmarsh circle was against funding the needs of some 150 families with his tax money. Jennifer Foster, 13 Buckingham drive questioned if the business plan review was done and if the youth center would be run as a private entity to which the Mr. Nicolopoulos replied that it would be run as per the Select board guidelines as a recreation program.

Deborah McCann 32 Br Londonderry Tpke, Jared Sadeck, 2 Blueberry Lane and Brandy Cusson, 10 Buckingham drive spoke in support of it. Lisa Cohen, 104 Brown hill road, spoke against the Town buying the space with the view that the money should be spent to repair the Community building instead. Richard Blake, 3 Stoneybrook road had reservation about moving the Celebrating children to the new space that does not consist of a playground and the costs that the Town might have to incur in the future.

Discussion continued for some time both for and against the purchase until there was a motion to call the question. Jeffrey Knight moved to call the question. Charles Rheinhardt seconded.

But since there were only 2 speakers left to talk, they were allowed to speak and the Moderator announced that since the debate was done, we would vote on it. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to call the question **was approved by majority vote**.

Moderator Imse then called for the vote on Warrant Article #4 to purchase the building. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, the Moderator signaled a 2/3's majority vote (234 Yes and 109No) had been cast. **Article #4 passes by 3/5's majority vote**.

Harry Judd moved to restrict reconsideration of the vote on Article #4. Jeffrey Knight seconded. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to restrict reconsideration **was approved by majority vote**.

WARRANT ARTICLE #5 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$11,657,982 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)

(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article to raise and appropriate monies for general municipal operations. Both the Select Board and the Budget Committee unanimously recommended the operating budget which is a **decrease of 17.1%** from the 2020-21 Budget.

The Moderator asked for discussion on Article #5. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #5 is approved by majority vote**.

MOTION: Harry Judd moved to restrict any reconsideration of Article 5. Motion was seconded by Jeffrey Knight. Sensing no discussion, Moderator Imse called for a vote. **Motion is approved by majority vote**.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christopher Bartman, 3 Hampshire Hills Drive and seconded by Dave Farr, 12 Heidi Lane to act on Warrant Article #10 out of order. Moderator Imse asked for discussion on the motion. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion to take Article 10 out of order is approved by majority vote**.

WARRANT ARTICLE #10 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

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. Map3, Lot 62, for a period not to exceed 30 years for the purposes of construction, installing, and operating a communications tower, under such terms and consideration as the Board of Selectmen, in its discretions, 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 be non-lapsing and shall remain effective until December 31, 2022.

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. One of the frequent complaints to the Select Board concerns the lack of cell coverage/service in certain spots in the town. The Select Board has been reviewing options for two years and now has a proposal to increase service and eliminate “dead” spots in Bow. The proposal is to authorize the board of Selectmen to enter into a lease with a cell tower company to install a cell tower on town owned property.

Moderator Imse asked for discussion on the Article. Susan Moore, 11 Crocket Drive, spoke against having a cell tower placed on town property and read from a long list of side effects purported to be caused by living near cell towers. She also had a complaint that she was not sure of the exact location of the Cell tower as the Town had not done a site walk or sent any notice to abutters and requested the location be moved from middle of a residential site to any hilltop in Bow. Linda Millman, 80 Robinson road, Eric Thum, 15 Crockett Drive, Steven Nicholls, 17 Branch Londonderry Tpke, Eric Kropf, 21 Jonathan Lane, Kevin Mccann, 32 Branch Londonderry Trpk East, Owen Kossick, 11 Astor Lane and Lawrence Mooney, 8 Sharon Drive, John Urdi, 51 Putney drive and Arthur Moore, 11 Crockett drive all spoke against the cell tower. John Martin, 96 Wood Hill Road, Katherine Pfeifle, 8 Wilson Meadow drive, Christopher Bartman, 3 Hampshire Hills Drive in room 1200 and Mathew Furr, 40 Rocky point drive were for the Warrant article.

Michael Wheeler, 57 Dunbarton center road wanted to inform the Selectmen that he already had a contract with the cell tower company to put a tower in his backyard. Mr. Nicolopoulos instructed Mr. Wheeler to get in touch with the Town Manger.

Discussion continued for some time expressing concerns and comments covering: life safety/vital services; esthetics/ruining the view; health concerns; property devaluation; apparent lack of transparency or public notice to abutters; lack of detailed presentation about the details and location of the Tower; potential revenue to the town; “not-in-my-back-yard” and public safety. Selectman Nicolopoulos stated that the siting of the tower and other information would come about through the planning board process after they have approval from the voters to move forward. He also clarified that the cell tower if approved will be in Town owned property but not in the Town forest. He informed the Public that no one had offered the town any money before this to put a cell tower at the Safety center and informed the public that if given the authority and if the Town does go ahead the Town would collect rent.

Mary Beth Walz, 25 Stack Drive informed the residents that if the warrant passes tonight the residents would have given the Select board authority to agree and move ahead with the cell tower without any explanation.

Jeffrey Knight made a motion to call the question. Andrew Howard seconded the motion. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to call the question **was approved by majority vote**. The Moderator then called for a vote on the Article. The count is 77 votes in favor and 104 against. **Article #10 fails by majority vote.**

Laura Sagris, Whittier Drive, moved to reconsider Article #10. Jeffrey Knight seconded. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to reconsider **Article #10 fails.**

Moderator Imse indicated he was willing to stay past 11:00 PM to finish the warrant if the voters were willing to stay.

David Farr, 12 Heidi Lane Moved to close the meeting at this time and meet again next week. Motion was seconded by Stephen Blethen, 15 Hampshire Hills drive. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, **motion to close the meeting failed.**

Art Cunningham, 8 Heather Lane moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #10. Jeffrey Knight seconded. After taking votes in all remote rooms and the auditorium, motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #10 **passes by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #6 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$549,500 and authorize payment into existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds in the following amounts for the purpose for which such funds were established.

Bridge and Highway Construction Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,000
Community Center Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$33,000
Fire Suppression Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$112,500
Library Building Repairs Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund	\$65,000
Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$42,000
Public Works Capital Reserve Fund	\$205,500
Recreation Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,000
Water System Improvements/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. Article #6 is to raise and appropriate, and authorize payments to capital reserve accounts to fund capital projects. Lisa Cohen, 104 Brown Hill Road, urged others to vote no since the purchase of the Bow Youth Center passed. Joseph Conti, 36 Bow Center Road asked what the tax implication of passing this article would be. Selectman Nicolopoulos, replied \$0.43

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

WARRANT ARTICLE #7 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$616,800 for the purposes listed below and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the following amounts:

\$61,000	Bow Bog Road culvert engineering from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund
\$62,500	Falcon Way/White Rock Hill Road intersection engineering from the Bridge and Highway Capital Reserve Fund
\$81,600	Purchase of turnout gear from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
\$65,000	Purchase of Defibrillators from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
\$78,000	Purchase of 1-ton pickup truck from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
\$76,500	For construction of a salt mixing shed from the Municipal Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund
\$95,200	For construction of a storage building for maintenance equipment from the Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund
\$31,500	Purchase of a Tiltrotator for the DPW excavator from the Public Works Department Capital Reserve Fund
\$30,300	Purchase a field mowing tractor from the Public Works Department Capital Reserve Fund
\$35,000	Merging IMC data from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until these specified purchases are complete or June 30, 2025, whichever occurs sooner.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. Article #7 is asking for withdrawals from existing capital reserve funds to make the capital purchases listed. Passage of this article will not have any tax implications because it is a withdrawal from existing funds.

Selectman Nicolopoulos moved to amend the Article to add the word “Municipal” to the seventh (7th) bullet line “...*Municipal* Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund.” Seconded by Jeff Knight. Moderator Imse called for discussion *on the amendment*. Sensing none he called for a vote on the amendment from the auditorium and any remaining remote rooms. **Amendment to Article #7 passes by majority vote.**

The Moderator called for discussion on the Article, as amended. Sensing none, he called for a vote on the amended Article #7 from, the auditorium and remaining remote rooms. **Article #7, as amended, passes by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #8 moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$475,000 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 31, 2026, whichever is sooner.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. Article #8 is the annual warrant article for reconstruction and paving of town roads. It has a tax implication of \$.037.

Moderator Imse asked for discussion on Article #8. Sensing none, he called for a vote from the auditorium and remaining remote room. **Article #8 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #9 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0)

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to this article. The tax impact of Article #9 is \$0.02. The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) has advised that a full evaluation of the town be conducted every five (5) years. The article proposes to establish and save for the costs in a new capital reserve fund. The Moderator asked for discussion. Sensing none, he called for a vote of the auditorium and remaining remote room. **Article #9 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #10 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter and taken out of order after Article #5.

WARRANT ARTICLE #11 motion by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Kenneth Hunter.

Shall the Town of Bow vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving the credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Bow under RSA 72:28.

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. The article allows for veteran's who were not previously eligible for the veterans' tax credit to become eligible. It will increase the credit to 50 extra veterans. John Martin, 96 Woodhill Road, stated that although there was no declared war from the end of the Viet Nam War to Desert Storm, those service men and women had to stand ready to be shipped out to any area of insurgency in the world and were entitled to be eligible for the tax credit like the other veterans.

The Moderator called for any comments on Article #11. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Article #11 is approved by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #12

To hear report of standing committees and take any action thereto. No reports were heard, or actions taken.

WARRANT ARTICLE #13

To transact any other business which may legally come before such meeting. There was not any further business and no action was taken.

Adjourn

Moderator Imse asked for any other comments, questions, or reports. Sensing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Jeffrey Knight moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Kenneth Hunter. Motion to adjourn the 2021 Bow Town Meeting at 11:58 PM, **carried by majority vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mridula Naik".

Mridula Naik, Town Clerk/tax Collector

Recorded and prepared by Wendy Gilman, Recording Secretary