

## **2023 Town Meeting Warrant Town of Bow, New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bow in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bow Community Building on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 to act upon Article 1 by official ballot. The polls shall be open for balloting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You are further notified to meet at the Bow High School Auditorium on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss, amend and act upon Articles 2 through 14, the proposed FY 2023-24 municipal budget, and all other matters to come before the meeting.

### **First Session of Annual Town Meeting March 14, 2023 (Official Ballot Voting)**

1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following town officers:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Selectman	3 years
Budget Committee member	3 years
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Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Library Trustee	5 years

### **Second Session of Annual Town Meeting March 15, 2023 (Deliberative)**

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$12,058,663 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority Vote Required)

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$925,000 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	\$1,000
Community Center Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$70,000
Fire Suppression Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$180,000
Health Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund	\$43,000
Library Building Repairs Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Municipal Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,000
Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$41,000
Public Works Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$230,000
Recreation Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$40,000
Water System Improvement/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000

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

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,275,000 for the reconstruction of the Page Road Bridge; to authorize the receipt of a state grant in the amount of \$1,153,317 and the withdrawal of \$121,683 from the Bridge and Highway Construction Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI which will not lapse until the earlier of project completion or December 31, 2028. (Majority Vote Required)

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

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$570,000 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, 2028, whichever is sooner. (Majority Vote Required)

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

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for Phase II renovations at the Municipal Building and to authorize the withdrawal of \$90,000 from the Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

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

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000 to purchase a police cruiser for the Police Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$59,000 from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

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

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,400 for the purchase of CPR machines and defibrillators for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$57,400 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required)

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

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of hiring an architectural/engineering firm to provide conceptual building and site plans and develop cost estimates to construct a new Community Building or renovate the existing building.

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

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$640,117 to be added to the Bridge and Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and represents State of NH bridge aid received for the reconstruction of the Birchdale Road bridge. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

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

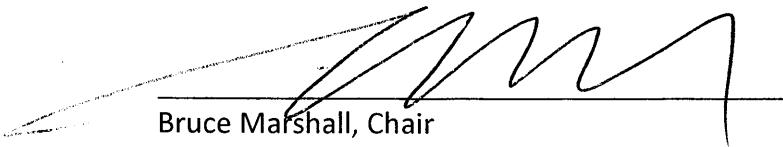
11. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to make mandatory that the Bow NH Select Board live stream and video record all of its meetings and public hearings that are legally open to public viewing; and make these video recordings available to the public online as soon as possible after the meetings but never later than five business days following the meetings.

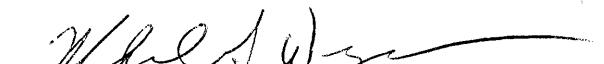
12. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to make mandatory that the Bow NH Planning Board live stream and video record all of its meetings and public hearings that are legally open to public viewing; and make these video recordings available to the public online as soon as possible after the meetings but never later than five business days following the meetings.

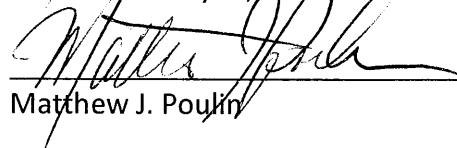
13. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to require the Select Board to establish a committee to create a cell tower coordination plan to be able to make specific recommendations for the construction and location of cellular towers to be placed throughout the town to achieve at least 95% cellular coverage within the town's borders.

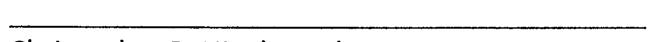
14. To transact any other business which may legally come before such meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February, 2023.

  
Bruce Marshall, Chair

  
Michael G. Wayne, Vice Chair

  
Matthew J. Poulin

  
Christopher R. Nicolopoulos

  
Angela Brennan

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Bow, New Hampshire