

**2023 TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 15, 2023**

The first session of Town Meeting was postponed until March 28, 2023 due to the National Weather Service warning of the impending snowstorm and the determination by the Moderators that the roads will be hazardous and unsafe.

WARRANT ARTICLE #1 - TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

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

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

Call to Order

The Town meeting convened on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Town Moderator Peter Imse. The Moderator read the opening paragraph of the 2023 Town Meeting Warrant, noting that the voting portion of the Town Meeting had been rescheduled to March 28, 2023 due to weather conditions. This meeting is being live-streamed and recorded and available at the following link: <https://youtu.be/1fWp1oIIzrA>

Presentation of Colors and National Anthem. The Colors were presented by the Bow Girl Scout Troop 58502, under the leadership of Jennifer Archer. Scouts Sofia Cole, Kyla O'Connor, Elizabeth Nesbitt, Bella Archer, Hayley Corkum, Caleigh Epple and Sophia Gerber presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kyla O'Connor and Elizabeth Nesbitt sang the National Anthem.

Introductions

Town Moderator Imse recognized the head table. Selectmen: Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Angela Brennan, Matthew Poulin, Chairman Bruce Marshall and Vice Chair Mike Wayne.

Also present were: Town Manager David Stack, Finance Director Geoff Ruggles; Town Counsel Eric Meyer and his associate Briana Matuszko; Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mridula Naik; and Administrative Secretary Tonia Lindquist.

Moderator Imse thanked: Connor Parzick in the sound booth for handling the technical details for recording the meeting. Mr. Imse wanted everyone to recognize the Supervisors of the Checklist Jennifer McDaniel, Beth Titus and Kathryn Ess and thank them for their hard work of updating and maintaining the checklist and checking people in at meetings. He thanked the Assistant Moderators: Jim Hatem, Jack Crisp, Harry Judd, Eric Anderson, Tamar Roberts and Judith Goodnow. A special thanks was given to Jim Hatem, School Moderator for his service and assistance through the years. This will be his last year in that role.

Chairman Marshall recognized Director of Public Works Tim Sweeney and his crew for the “awesome” job they have done in plowing the roads during this storm. He also wanted to thank Town Clerk/Tax Collector Mridula Naik and her

fine staff for efficiently taking care of Monday's rush of absentee voting at Town Hall due to the upcoming storm. Chair Marshall thanked Moderator Imse for making an extremely reasonable and smart call to postpone the election early. Further, Chair Marshall acknowledged and thanked the Director of Emergency Management Lee Kimball for all his service to the town, for all that he has done for Bow Football and his good work during covid. The annual report this year was dedicated to Mr. Leeland Kimball who got a standing ovation.

Citizen of the Year and Recognitions

Greg Cordier, President of the Bow's Men Club, presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Mr. James Dimick. Mr. Dimick is recognized for his devotion to the history of Bow. He has been a member of the Bow Heritage Commission since 2016 and instrumental in establishing the Baker Heritage Room at the Baker Free Library. He helped photograph and inventory the Henry Baker book collection and arrange an exhibit of Bow historical farm equipment and tools at the library. He helped with the Bow Bog Meeting house shutter renovation project and helped with the historic Bow center signage project. He also maintains the Bow Heritage Commission website with its abundance of photos and historic information.

Rules or Order

Moderator Imse reviewed the 'Moderator's Rules of Procedures' as referenced on page 198 in the 2022 Town and School Annual Report. If the meeting goes beyond 11:00 PM or there is a motion to reconsider, the Town Meeting will be continued until March 22, 2023. Moderator Imse called for a motion to adopt the Moderator's Rules as the town's rules for this meeting. Jack Crisp moved to adopt the rules of procedures and Jeffrey Knight seconded. Chair Imse asked for any comments. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **The rules are adopted by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #2 – Operating Budget moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)**

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

Selectman Nicolopoulos spoke to the Article. The operating budget was unanimously approved by both the Select Board and the Budget Committee. Tax Impact is \$5.62 per thousand of property value. Moderator Imse asked if anyone wanted to be heard on the article. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #3 – Payments to Capital Reserve Funds moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Wayne spoke to the Article. The preparation and adoption of a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is an important part of a community's financial planning and budgeting process. A CIP is an advisory document that can guide the Board of Selectmen, School Board, Library Trustees and Budget Committee in the annual budgeting processes; contribute to stabilizing the Town's real property tax rate and aid the prioritization, coordination, and sequencing of various municipal and school improvements. The tax impact is \$0.71 per thousand of property value. Selectman Wayne thanked the CIP Committee for all their work. Moderator Imse called for comments on Article #3. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #4 – Page Road Bridge Replacement moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Marshall spoke to Article #4. The total cost of the project is \$1,275,000. The State will be covering 90% of the cost under the State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program. The Town's portion will come from the Bridge and Highway Capital Reserve Fund. There is no tax impact since the funds are coming from capital reserve. Moderator Imse called for comments on Article #4. Hearing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #5 – Annual Road Paving moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Poulin spoke to Article #5. The Town's annual paving plan is on a 20-year rotational schedule. In order to follow the plan, it will cost \$570,000 to pave approximately 5.4 miles of roadway. This is based on todays per ton price for asphalt. The tax impact is \$0.44 per thousand of property value. Moderator Imse asked for comments on Article #5. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #6 – Municipal Building Phase II Renovations moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Brennan spoke to Article #6. This is phase two of a three-phase plan. This phase will include removing asbestos tiles from the main level, replace carpeting, refinish meeting room floors, build a new entrance to the Town Clerk's office, and re-orient the office layout. The kitchen will be renovated using existing cabinets and countertop and will be made ADA compliant. There is no tax impact as the funds will come from the capital reserve fund. Moderator Imse asked if there was anyone wishing to speak to Article #6. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #7 – Police Cruiser Purchase moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Brennan spoke to Article #7. This is a replacement cruiser. The \$59,000 includes the vehicle, outfitting and marking. There is no tax impact as it comes from Capital Reserve funds. Moderator Imse called for comment on Article #7. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #8 – CPR Machines and Defibrillators moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Wayne spoke to Article #8. The new CPR machines will replace two older machines. These units are used to assist the EMT in performing CPR on a patient having a heart attack. The defibrillators will also replace current equipment. Defibrillators are used on about 85% of medical calls. No tax impact as money is coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. Chair Imse asked if anyone wished to speak on Article #8. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #9 – Community Building Options moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Poulin spoke to Article #9. The Bow Community Center Committee was formed in September 2022 with the goals to engage the community in creating a gathering place for residents and visitors, work with Town

organizations and residents to establish wants and needs list, maximize utilization of existing Town spaces in the areas of the current building, identify resources to support the implementation of the plan, and present a proposal or proposals to the Board of Selectmen. These funds will be used to support those efforts. There is 3 cent tax impact. Moderator Imse called for public comment.

Lisa Cohen, 104 Brown Hill Road, asked if there was already a firm in place, has the Town already gone out to bid and how do you know it will cost \$35,000? Selectman Poulin said that it was a not to exceed amount that they will stay under. They are just trying to get the process started. Selectman Marshall clarified that the Committee had come before the Select Board with informal estimates that were based on talking to some firms past conceptual design plans. Selectman Marshall went on to say there were several members of the Committee with expertise in building design and construction.

Donald Lowe, 3 South Bow Dunbarton Road, asked why the Community Center building was being rehashed again and why can't they use the Bow Recreation Center the Town bought? Selectman Poulin stated the Select Board had met with other organizations about the potential use of the community center. Only one-third of the building is currently being used and they are looking at maximizing the use of the potential space. Mr. Lowe asked why only one-third of the building was being used. Selectman Brennan responded there were safety issues with the section the fire department formerly occupied which prevents the Town from using that section. The funds would give the Town options on how to best use the space. With the school board proposal of a \$12.9 million dollar bond, Mr. Lowe was concerned about the Select Board coming back with another large bond proposal for the Community Center Building. Selectman Marshall added that the community center building is going to need significant repairs in approximately five years if it continues to be used as it is. Speaking for himself, he thinks it would be irresponsible for them as a town to spend significant money on repairs or close the building without looking at all the options. Selectman Nicolopoulos added that in the last seven budgets there haven't been any bond proposals. The foundation of that is adequate planning using the CIP project. The Capital Improvement Plan is a planning tool so the costs can be spread out over years for potential projects and avoid bonding. The \$35,000 will allow us to get an idea of what the costs will be to do the appropriate planning.

Ryan Berg, 112 Knox Road, applauds the effort to get conceptual plans and costs but he works in the industry and doesn't think \$35,000 is enough to get conceptual building and site plans. Selectman Marshall clarified that the funds wouldn't be to look at the existing building so much as it is a conceptual plan on what could be on that property.

David Farr, 12 Heidi Lane, asked if the Sustainable Energy Committee would be involved. Selectman Marshall stated he has asked the Chair of the Community Center Committee to include someone from Sustainable Energy so those measures could be included in the planning process. Mr. Farr went on to urge the taxpayers to vote for the article. Ray Johnson, 110 Knox Road, asked if anyone had investigated the cost of removing the asbestos in the building. Selectman Poulin said there was already a company that would demolish the building at no cost because they want the steel in it. Mr. Johnson asked how much it would cost to remove the asbestos from the building itself and for examples of life safety repairs that are needed.

Chris Andrews, Bow Buildings and Facilities Manager, responded. In 2025 the Town will be facing some life safety compliance expenditures on the building. Other issues have been identified such as the asbestos, boiler, siding, and insulation, among others. If the Town is going to keep using this building, they will have to start putting money away. The Building Committee with the CIP Committee went to the Select Board with the recommendation that they don't spend a lot of money on new things for the building until the Town/Community knew what they wanted to do with the building. The SMP report (2013) looked at the existing building and essentially transforming it into a new facility. Some of the items identified in the report are no longer needed because the Town has the Bow Recreation Center. The \$35,000 is not for a design of a new building, it is for the consultant to look at the old reports, the renovation plan, and compliance plan to make recommendations and answer these questions: What would it take to renovate the building and bring it up to current Life Safety Code, remove the asbestos, replace the furnace, siding etc.? Using the SMP report, what would it cost to do those things? What would it cost to demolish the building and build new? The reason the \$35,000 seems low is because the committee has been doing a tremendous amount of work on its own and now needs someone with the expertise to look at this information and make recommendations.

Moderator Imse called for further comment. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #10 – Return State Bridge Aid funds to Bridge and Highway Capital Reserve Fund
moved by Jeffrey Knight and seconded by Mark Zerba.

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)

Selectman Nicolopolous spoke to Article #10. Bow had a bridge that was “red listed” a few years ago. When the bridge failed, it was closed. That bridge was also on the 2022 State Bridge Aid list. The Town was able to repair the bridge using Capital Reserve funds and wait for the money from the State to come in. The Town has received the \$640,117 from the State. These funds replace funds initially drawn from the CRF to do the repairs.

Moderator Imse asked if any citizen wished to comment on Article #10. Hearing none, he called for a vote. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #11 - moved by Harry Judd and seconded by Eleana Colby

(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.

Harry Judd, 25 Stack Drive, presented on behalf of the petitioners. The purpose of the Article is to have the Board of Selectman meetings, which are already live streamed and recorded, publicly posted so those that can't attend the meeting can still be informed. Mr. Judd went on to say that he represents state governments across the country, and they routinely live stream, record, and post their meetings and public hearings. He also pointed out that the New Hampshire Legislature both live streams and posts their meetings and work sessions. He feels it would be appropriate for the Town to do the same. The citizens request that the Board of Selectmen post the recordings shortly after their meetings.

The Moderator recognized Selectman Matt Poulin, 20 Hampshire Hills Drive to speak at the microphone. Because there are no estimated costs for the audio-visual equipment that would be needed or cost of staffing to run it, Selectman Poulin moved to amend Article #11. *To see if the town would vote to direct the Bow Select Board create a committee to study the personnel and equipment requirements together with corresponding costs to video record public meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Zoning Board for electronic storage in a manner that permits public viewing for an appropriate period of time. (Note: If this passes, there will be no need to vote on Article #12.)* Jeffrey Knight seconded the motion to amend.

Chair Imse called for comment on the motion to amend. Filipe Miranda, 2 Abbey Road, asked why the costs weren't already known, since the Town is already live streaming and recording the meetings. Selectman Poulin clarified Article #11 asks the Town to post the recording not the volunteers who have been posting on YouTube. Selectman Poulin would like to know what that would cost. Connor Parzick, 60 Peaslee drive, Audio-visual staff for the school district, said he had put together the components in the auditorium to professionally record this meeting. For the two cameras and computers with associated wiring he estimated costs at over \$10,000. Brian Westover, 63 Robinson Road, asked Town Counsel Eric Meyer if the Article passes would the Select Board have to adopt it as part of their by-laws, or would it be non-binding? Attorney Meyer believes it would be binding because it relates to the management of the Board of Selectmen affairs under RSA 3139.

Lisa Cohen, 104 Brown Hill Road, felt that establishing a committee would delay the process. Shannon Bader, 25 Heidi Lane, told of an instance where she was out of town and a neighbor who was watching a live streamed Board of Selectmen meeting, called her to let her know there was an item on the agenda that would affect her property. Because of the meeting being live streamed, she was able to view it and respond back to the Town with comments. She urged a no vote on the proposed amendment. Harry Judd, 25 Stack Drive, spoke to the proposed amendment. The Board of Selectmen meetings are already being recorded. Make it available to the people/citizens of this Town. He disagreed with the cost of \$10,000 for a setup to live stream and record. David Farr, 12 Heidi Lane, was concerned forming a committee would delay posting meetings but also did not like the way the article was written. He wanted to know what the Selectmen wanted to do. Selectman Nicolopolous stated that the board would do whatever was passed at the meeting.

Selectman Marshall, 12 Sharon Drive, supports the amendment. When the recording and posting of the meeting was brought up, the Board of Selectmen conferred with Town Counsel about the pros and cons of recording meetings. Currently the Town has one large television on a wheeled cart that they move from meeting room to meeting room. If the Town is going to record meetings and post them, it becomes part of the official public record which is different than posting on YouTube. If the Town is going to do this, they need a permanent setup in both meeting rooms with the software to store and make the recording accessible, along with staff to manage the process and equipment. In discussions with the Town Manager and staff, they are not at a point where they can do this right now.

Shea Sennett, 574 Page Road, spoke next. His church is live streaming and recording their services. Other than an initial investment in cameras etc., it's not that expensive. He supports recording and posting. Susan Moore, 11 Crockett Drive, supports the article not the amendment. For her it's a matter of democracy. The meetings are open to everyone but not everyone can attend. This makes the information available to anyone. Eleana Colby, 5 Fieldstone Drive, asked Town Counsel about the pros and cons of recording and posting the meeting and if he knew how many towns were currently doing it. Town Counsel Eric Meyer stated to record or not was a matter of policy. Pros as previously discussed are accessibility, accountability, and transparency. Most noticeable cons are the liability exposure. The issue with recording is that now it becomes a public record and is accessible to plaintiff's attorneys and other individuals that may wish to make claims against the town. If the Article passes, members of boards and committees will have to be more careful how they word things. Detailed meeting minutes are better where you can just go to the section you are looking for rather than having to watch the entire recording. Town Counsel also recommended if the article is adopted, there should be a specified retention period for the recordings and they should factor in storage costs. Anthony Foote, 3 Logging Hill Road, asked Town Counsel Meyer if he had given the Select Board a legal opinion. Responding, Town Counsel Meyer stated that because it's a matter of town policy, he would make a recommendation and not issue a legal opinion. It's up to the voters to decide. He hasn't given a firm recommendation one way or another.

Sandy Crystal, 1 Shoreview Drive, spoke against the amendment and urged a vote on the original article stating instances of certain prior board meetings where meeting minutes were not clear regarding overturned decisions and having a recording would have been helpful. Kevin Mccahan, 5 Pinecrest Drive, spoke against the amendment noting that volunteers have already been recording and posting the meetings and the liability issues exist already. The issue of recording meetings has been brought up to the Select Board in the past and he feels they had could have researched the costs during the interim. Robert Barry, 19 Laurel Drive, and Eddy McKenna, 25 Logging Hill Road, both spoke in favor of the amendment, citing unknown costs.

Jennifer McDaniel, 13 Rising Wood Drive, pointed out that the current Town Meeting was being recorded and live streamed. At the same time, the previous year's Town Meeting is currently available on the Town's web page. Why should it be a problem for the Select Board to post theirs?

Attorney Jack Crisp, 5 Currier Drive, clarified that liability doesn't occur because a meeting is being recorded. Liability arises because of what someone said whether the meeting is being recorded or not. The only effect of recording is that might it make it easier to prove what someone said, but the fact is, the liability will be there

regardless. He doesn't see this as a reason not to go ahead with making the meetings as accessible to as many people as possible.

Selectman Angela Brennan, 169A Bow Bog Road, spoke about her efforts to have the Select Board record and post their meetings, citing, among other things, transparency, and accountability as reasons to do so. She also stated she had spoken with the Town Manager and funds were available to put together another audio-visual setup like their existing one so there would be one in each meeting room. She is opposed to the amendment and is very surprised that it is even presented and being discussed here, because the technology to record meetings is available right now and there was plenty of opportunity to examine the cost, time and technology needed to implement video recording. She urged everyone to vote for Article #11 as originally stated.

Moderator Imse called for further comments. Sensing none, he called for a vote on the amendment to Article #11 only. **Vote to amend the Article #11 failed.**

Moderator Imse referred to Article #11, which has already been moved and seconded, and asked for comment on it. Jeffrey Knight, 2 Peaslee Road, asked and Town Counsel Meyer confirmed, that if passed, the article will take effect immediately. Mr. Knight asked Mr. Judd if he would consider setting a date for implementing the article if passed.

Second motion to amend Article 11 was made by Mr. Judd and seconded by Mr. Knight to read:

(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 and **retained by the Town for 5 years. This Article to take effect one month from the close of this Town Meeting.**

Don Berube, 135 River Road, (Planning Board Chair) was concerned whether a meeting had to be cancelled if there was no one available to run the recording equipment. Town Counsel Meyer said he wouldn't recommend putting off a meeting given HB 1661 which established hard and fast deadlines for acting on an application before the Planning Board. Responding to a question from Kate Ess, 8 Parsons Way, the Board indicated they would continue with their normal process of live streaming until the implementation date for recording. Anthony Foote, 3 Logging Hill Road, asked the Town Manager if he had the resources to live stream and record. Town Manager Stack responded they had the equipment they have been using that is moved from room to room but if it was to become a regular process to record boards and committee meetings, he would like to organize it better and outfit each meeting room with their own audio-visual equipment. Eleana Colby, 5 Fieldstone Drive, said the YouTube videos of the meeting were getting between 300 and 400 people watching them. There were some questions about keeping the records for five years and whether there should be a longer retention period. Kate Ess, 8 Parsons Way, stated that if the retention period needed to be changed, it could be done at another time and needn't be addressed now.

Moderator Imse called for further comment. Sensing none, he called for a vote on the motion as amended by Mr. Judd. **Vote to amend Article #11 passed by majority vote.**

Moderator Imse asked if anyone wished to speak to Article #11, *as amended*. Don Berube, Planning Board Chair, felt a more permanent system for each meeting room was needed and asked about setting money aside for it. Selectman Nicolopoulos was confident the money could be found in the operating budget to outfit the meeting rooms.

There being no further persons wishing to speak, the Moderator called for a vote on Article #11 as amended with the five-year retention period and to take effect within 30 days after the end of this meeting. **Vote on Article #11, as amended, passed by majority vote.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #12 moved by Harry Judd and seconded by Eleana Colby.

(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.

Harry Judd, 25 Stack Drive, presented on behalf of the petitioners. Mr. Judd stated Article #12 is the same as Article #11 but with a different public body, Bow Planning Board. Don Berube motioned to amend Article #12 with the same amendment as Article #11 by adding to the end of the Article, “*...and retained by the Town for 5 years. This Article to take effect one month from the close of this Town Meeting.*” Motion was seconded by Jeffrey Knight. Moderator Imse called for comment on the amendment to Article #12. Hearing none, he called for a vote. **Vote to amend Article #12 passed by majority vote.**

Moderator Imse asked if anyone wished to speak to Article #12, as amended. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Vote on Article #12, as amended passed by majority vote.**

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

(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to require the Bow, New Hampshire 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.

Dee Treybig, 15 Branch Londonderry Turnpike East, spoke to the Article. The article *requires* the Select Board to establish a committee to create a cell tower coordination plan to better improve the process of placing cell towers in Bow in the future. David Farr, 12 Heidi Lane, asked whether an appeal had been filed to stop placement of the cell tower. Selectman Marshall stated that it had. Jeffrey Knight, 2 Peaslee Road, questioned the use of the word “*required*” in the warrant. Kevin McCann, 32 Branch Londonderry Turnpike East, is an abutter and was in favor of Article #13 and establishing a cell tower committee. Jotham Spreeman, 38 Birchdale Road, asked about cell tower coverage. Susan Moore, 13 Crockett Drive, spoke in favor of the committee and used the Town of Sutton as an example of a municipality who had a cell tower committee. Brian Murphy, 15 Vaughn Road, stated he was going to vote no on the Article because there is already a process in place to establish a committee. Dee stated she would be ok with amending the Article to get rid of the word “*committee*” and just say form a cell tower coordination plan. The proposed cell tower is only going to cover a small portion of Bow. Bow needs a plan to get the entire town cell phone coverage. Selectman Nicolopoulos stated he would take Selectman Marshall’s offer to put the formation of a cell tower committee on the next Select Board meeting as a motion and he is seconding that motion. They will get a vote on it at their next meeting.

Moderator Imse called for further comment. Sensing none, he called for a vote. **Vote to approve Article #13 failed.**

WARRANT ARTICLE #14

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

ADJOURN

Moderator Imse asked for any other comments, questions, or reports. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Jack Crisp moved and Jeffrey Knight seconded a motion to adjourn the 2023 Bow Town Meeting at 9:01 PM. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mridula Naik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Mridula" on the left and "Naik" on the right.

Mridula Naik. Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Recorded and prepared by Wendy Gilman, Recording Secretary.