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WELCOME BACK!

After a decade plus hiatus we have resurrected our community newspaper. Town organizations will have a place to share their activities. The schools can bring us photos and news from aspiring student writers. News and commentary as well as Letters to the Editor will help keep all of us better informed about local government. It will be a learning experience for our start up crew but we hope to make it work for you the reader!



**PRAY THIS IS WHAT IT WILL
LOOK LIKE IN THREE MONTHS!**

EASTER EGG HUNT BREAKFAST

The Annual Parks and Recreation Departments' Easter Egg Hunt is at 10 a.m. at the elementary school on Saturday March 28th. The Bow Men's Club will have a breakfast at 8:30 for kids and parents at the school. Price is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

**TOWN ELECTION - MARCH 10 TOWN MEETING - MARCH 11
SCHOOL MEETING - MARCH 13**

A DOZEN THINGS EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TOWN MEETINGS

By H. Bernard Waugh, Jr., Esq.
2015 Update by Cordell A. Johnson
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Every Voter Is a Legislator.

Those quaint sayings about town government being a "pure democracy" are true! State law refers to the town meeting as the "legislative body" (RSA 21:47). The town meeting is to the town what the Legislature is to the State, or the Congress is to the United States: the town meeting has all the basic power. There is no higher authority in town. But in order to have the right to participate, you must be a registered voter of the town, and you must attend. If you don't go, how can you justify blaming anybody but yourself?

The Moderator Presides, and Can Do What It Takes to Maintain Order.

The town meeting's business is regulated by the moderator, and your right to vote is subject to the moderator's authority to keep order. Voters may not talk without being recognized. If someone keeps on being disruptive after being warned, the moderator can ask a police officer to escort him/her out of the meeting.

The Voters Can Always Overrule the Moderator by a Simple Majority.

The moderator isn't a king. He is merely a facilitator to enable the voters to take orderly joint actions. It is illegal for the moderator to preside in such a way as to make it impossible to overrule his/her rulings.

Many voters mistakenly believe that state law contains all sorts of complicated parliamentary rules governing town meetings. It doesn't. All state law says is that the moderator can prescribe rules, but the voters can alter those rules (RSA 40:4). Nobody can pull parliamentary tricks as long as the voters stay alert and remain aware that they can vote, by a simple majority, to change the rules to accomplish what the majority wishes to accomplish.

Some towns, at the beginning of the meeting, adopt some set of rules for convenience, such as Robert's Rules of Order. In other towns, the moderator just makes rulings as the meeting goes along. Either way is fine. Either way, the *only* legally-binding rule is that the voters can overrule the moderator by a simple majority.

There's No Such Thing as an "Illegal Vote."

"What!? You mean the town's lawyers are all wrong?" No, I don't mean that. Pay close attention. It's true that there are plenty of types of town votes which, if they pass, will not be legally binding (i.e. would not be enforceable in court). But that doesn't mean the town can't vote on those things anyway. No group of voters has ever been arrested for taking a vote, no matter how off-the-wall it might be.

Example: Suppose it is moved and seconded to create a "No Parking" zone in front of the town hall. Then the Town's attorney says that vote would be of no legal effect because state law gives the selectmen, not the town meeting, complete control over parking regulations. Does that mean the vote can't be taken? Of course not. If you let the lawyer intimidate you like that, you don't have the stubborn, independent Yankee gumption I think you have. In my view, legal opinions are far too often used to effectively deprive voters of their rights to express their views and preferences to the officials they have elected to serve them.

It's OK to Ask Questions.

The beauty of the traditional "deliberative" session of town meet-

ings (as compared with questions on the "Official" or "Australian" ballot usually used for elections) is that through the process of discussion and debate, the voters can educate themselves about the question at hand, and about the procedure, and become able to vote more intelligently. Don't shyly assume that everybody but you knows what's going on. They probably don't.



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No Vote Can Be Legally Binding Unless Its Subject Matter was Stated in the Warrant.

The “warrant” is a sort of agenda for the town meeting, which is posted two weeks in advance by the selectmen. In most towns it’s also printed in the town report, published before the annual town meeting. The requirement that all subject matter must be stated in the warrant (RSA 39:2) keeps the meeting orderly, prevents surprise, and lets voters who might otherwise stay home know that some topic of interest to them is coming up for discussion and possible action.

The warrant law requires only the *general* subject matter to be stated. The actual votes don’t have to be word-for-word the same as the warrant articles. You don’t have to “take it or leave it.” Amendments will be legally valid, so long as they are within the same general subject matter. But amendments which add some brand new subject matter will not be legally effective.

Ordinary, Everyday Language is Perfectly Okay.

Are you hesitant to submit petitioned warrant articles, or to make motions at town meeting, because you think you’ll need to hire a lawyer to come up with the right wording? Don’t be! The N.H. Supreme Court has said time and again that technical rules will not be used to defeat the plain intent of the voters, using ordinary common language. As U.S. Supreme Court Justice Holmes once said:

“The machinery of government would not work if it were not allowed a little play in the joints.” (Quoted in *Lamb v. Danville School Board*, 102 N.H. 569).

You can Ask for a Secret Written Ballot on Any Question.

There are two ways for the voters to request a secret written ballot at town meeting: (a) Any 5 voters can make the request in *writing* to the moderator before a vote is taken, or (b) *After* a vote has been taken and declared by the moderator, any *seven* voters can *orally* request the vote to be taken again using a secret written ballot, but the request must be made immediately, before the meeting moves on to other business (RSA 40:4-a and 40:4-b).

Virtually any Town Vote can Later be Reconsidered and Rescinded.

So you think you finally finished the debate over the town administrator’s salary. The rest of the meeting is routine. Now you can go home and pay the babysitter. Right? Well, no, you’d better not. Unless the meeting votes to restrict reconsideration, that salary vote can legally be reconsidered later, right up until the meeting is finally adjourned, even if it’s 2 a.m. and almost everyone’s gone home (*Byron v. Timberlane School District*, 113 N.H. 449).

However, the town meeting may vote to restrict reconsideration on one or more articles (RSA 40:10), and this is commonly done. This action doesn’t prohibit reconsideration. If the meeting votes to restrict reconsideration of an article, it may still subsequently vote to reconsider the article; but if it does, the reconsideration must take place at an adjourned session held at least seven days later. Notice of the time and place of the adjourned session must be announced before the close of the original session and published in a newspaper at least two days before the session.

A Vote to Go Into Debt (Issue Bonds or Notes) Must Pass by a 2/3 Ballot Vote.

In fact, if the amount of the proposed debt exceeds \$100,000, the moderator must keep the polls open for at least one hour after the end of the discussion on the issue (RSA 32:8-a).

Don’t be confused about this. A vote on bonds or notes does require a ballot vote, but it’s not something that can appear on the “official” ballot (the one used for electing officers). It’s simply a “Yes/No” paper ballot during the business session of the meeting, the same type of ballot used when a secret written ballot is requested.

You Can Act On, or Amend, Particular Line Items in a Budget.

The proposed budget must be posted with the warrant, and is considered part of the warrant, giving you notice of what you’re going to raise and appropriate money for. To “appropriate money means to earmark a certain sum for a particular purpose, so that the governing board (selectmen or school board) is then authorized to spend that amount for that purpose over the course of the fiscal year.

Money can be “appropriated” either through a line item in the budget, or under a separate warrant article. The amount of any particular appropriation (line item) can be amended up or down, or an appropriation can be deleted entirely by the voters. However, it is not legally effective to *add* a new purpose (line item) to the budget. Why not? Because adding a new purpose violates Rule #6 (above) – the requirement that all business must be stated in the warrant. The voters can’t take any binding action on a subject matter which wasn’t stated in the warrant (or in this case in the budget).

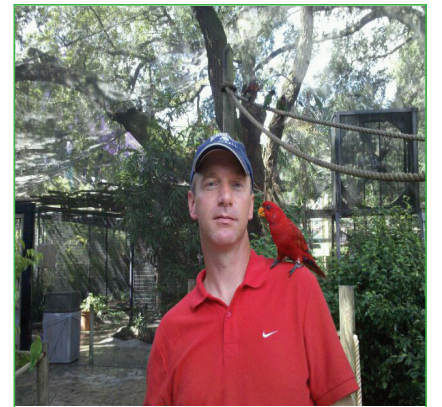
Some people believe that voters can only act on, or amend, the bottom line of the budget, and not specific line items. That’s not quite right. What is right is that the voters cannot *limit* the governing board’s ability to *transfer* amounts from one line item to another during the year, as needs and priorities change. Therefore, even if you do vote to lower, say, the police budget by \$1,000, the selectmen, later in the year, can still replace that \$1,000 into the police budget, as long as they don’t exceed the bottom line of the entire budget.

Hint: Transfers cannot be made from appropriations made by separate warrant articles (RSA 31:10, IV). Therefore, the way to prevent an appropriation from being diverted to other purposes is to submit a petitioned warrant article for that appropriation. But just because only the bottom line is legally binding, doesn’t mean

the voters can’t amend line items. The voters have a legal and political right to express their preferences. A vote on specific line items sends a strong message that may later be “enforceable” through the ballot box, even if it’s not enforceable in court.

Democracy – Use It or Lose It.

In a town meeting, more than any other form of government on earth, your community and the services it provides emanate not from some “they” in the sky, but from *you*, the voters. If you haven’t been to town meeting lately, this is a good year to inform yourself, attend, vote, and make it work .



ROB HOLLINGER

6 Sharon Drive, Bow, NH 03304

Dear Voter,

I have lived in Bow with my wife Lynda for 15 years, we have raised our 4 children in Bow and believe we live in a great place. I am the president and co-owner of Venture Construction in Concord, NH and have spent the past 25 years running construction companies as a project manager and in administration roles.

I have been a member of the Bow Community Men’s Club for 10 years serving as vice president and currently as president.

The dramatic increase in our town and school budgets along with the declining assessment of the PSNH power plant have significantly increased our tax burden during the last decade.

In the coming years there are many projects that the town and school are trying to implement that will significantly raise our taxes even further. I believe we cannot afford them all and will need to be realistic about what we can afford.

I have decided to run for one of the two open positions on the town’s Budget Committee and

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday March 10th, 2015 at the Bow Memorial School.

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CHUCK DOUGLAS
for Budget Committee

I am running for the Budget Committee because I believe we need to be better stewards of your money. It is easy to spend other people's money. I saw that in Congress when I represented Bow, Concord, etc., in 1989-91.

My background in public service includes being a Superior and Supreme Court judge and I am a retired Colonel in the Army National Guard. I am currently Legal Counsel to the N.H. House of Representatives.

The Selectmen want a \$5 million bond issue to build a combined safety, emergency management and fire house which is supposed to be based off of the plans that were overwhelmingly rejected last year at town meeting.

The argument that a big, new building plan is needed because of future growth in Bow is a false one. First of all, the current

Capital Improvement Plan shows that the anticipated population in Bow will go from 7,523 people this year to 8,038 in 2040. That is an increase of 20 people a year for 25 years and if you want to see the chart, it is on page 130 of the town's Capital Improvement Plan.

The school population has already dropped and probably will continue to do so. In New Hampshire statewide, the trend is down because school population peaked in the 2002-2003 school year and since then New Hampshire schools have lost 28,000 students. That is equivalent to the entire population of the town of Salem. Future growth projections for town services need to be tempered dramatically.

Oh and by the way, there is another catch. After the \$5 million building is erected, they want to tear down and construct a new community building. That bond issue last year was in the Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$4 million. When you take \$9 million in bonds and do the interest over a 20-year bonding period, you are looking at almost double that figure with interest. Bow is already in the top 30 of the highest tax rates in New Hampshire at almost a \$30 per thousand.

Ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 10 at the Bow Memorial School.

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I am a 46 year old resident of Bow and my wife Tammy and I are the proud parents of Dylan, age 10 and Madison, age 9 who attend the Bow schools. I am a New Hampshire native who enlisted in the Army Infantry in a desert warfare mechanized battalion and served in Saudi Arabia.

After returning stateside, I graduated from Keene State College. After law school and practice out of state, Tammy and I both wanted to return to New Hampshire and our relatives so we moved back to live in Bow.

My practice area is Elder Law so I see firsthand the financial squeeze on older folks who have lived in Bow for years but face an uncertain future. Most of my clients are over the age of 70 and many of them are living on a fixed income. They receive Social Security and if they have investments, the return is minimal. My clients cannot afford to have a government that behaves like a child: give them an inch and they will take a mile.

Ever rising town and school taxes weigh on their peace of mind as they fear they will have to sell their home in a less than robust real estate market. As our town and state gray and age the goal of our elected officials should be to flatten the tax curve, not raise it.

In 2013 at a full tax rate of \$29.76 per thousand dollars of assessed value Bow ranked 206 highest out of 227 communities. Concord ranked 136th at \$24.07 and neighboring Hooksett ranks even lower at a \$22.38 rate. Is the goal to be #1 in taxes? I hope not.

I am running to work with Eric Anderson to oppose multi-million dollar bond schemes and help the folks who have paid and paid and paid to stay in their homes now that their peak earning years are behind them. In the end, I am for a smaller, less intrusive government and more individual freedoms. I hear it all the time, "something needs to be done." Well, I am done hearing myself say this, so I have decided to take action at the local level, here in our town of Bow.

We need a new face on the Board.

BEN KINIRY

FOR SELECTMAN

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A petitioned warrant article will be considered on March 13 at the 7 p.m. School District meeting at the High School. It calls for \$359,036 from a tax increase to implement all-day kindergarten.

Details can be found online in the School Board meeting minutes of January 8, 2015. Like the town meeting, voters will come to the school meeting to debate the pros and cons of this increased expenditure. The measure was opposed by the Budget Committee 4-2 and by the School Board on a 4-1 vote.

DECIPHERING THE CODE

WHAT DOES THE BUILDING CODE REALLY REQUIRE FOR BOW?

By Chuck Douglas

Many of us have asked why we cannot make renovations to our police and fire stations, rather than constructing a new facility with a price tag of almost \$5 million. The response from the town has been that the cost of renovations will be cost prohibitive because the fire and police stations have been deemed “essential facilities” by our building inspector last February under the international Building Code (2009 Edition). They claim the foundation and walls need to be reconstructed to withstand hurricanes and natural disasters like earthquakes.

However, the type of renovations called for in Warrant Article 30 will not trigger Level 3 of the Code as explained here:

1. The Designation of An “Essential Facility” is Not Required

Under the International Building Code (2009 Edition), police and fire stations designated as “essential facilities” must be constructed to withstand hurricanes and other natural disasters. The determination of whether a building should be designated an “essential facility” is not automatic – a municipality’s Building Official has discretion, and the decision should only be made after the Building Official receives consideration of input from all applicable federal, state and municipal authorities.

Significantly, our local Building Official issued a decision last year (dated February 25, 2014) determining the facilities should be designated “essential facilities.” His letter states that any renovations to the existing buildings should conform to the “essential facility” standards. Article 30 at the town meeting will be your chance to make that decision.

2. So What Renovations Can Be Made To Existing Facilities?

Thousands of police and fire stations throughout New Hampshire and the country were built before the 2009 International Building Code was adopted. There is no requirement for these existing facilities to be torn down and reconstructed whenever any renovations are needed. Such a standard would bankrupt many municipi-

palities and would be absurd to apply to preexisting buildings.

Rather, assuming an existing police or fire station is designated as an “essential facility,” the 2009 International Existing Building Code requires those existing facilities to meet the seismic and structural load requirements only for certain alterations.

There are three types of alterations addressed in the 2009 International Existing Building Code (IEBC). They are as follows:

Level 1 Alterations: A Level 1 alteration is defined as the “removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment, or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment, or fixtures that serve the same purpose.” IEBC, Section 403. A Level 1 alteration can be made so long as it does not make the building less safe than its existing condition. IEBC, Section 601. Replacing asbestos panels with sheetrock as called for in Article 30 is an example.

Level 2 Alterations: A Level 2 alteration is defined as the “reconfiguration of space, the addition or elimination of any door or window, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment.” IEBC, Section 404. A Level 2 alteration can be made so long as those new elements/components comply with the new code requirements. IEBC, Section 701.

Level 3 Alterations: A Level 3 alteration is defined as “where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the aggregate area of the building.” IEBC, Section 405. With respect to Level 3 alterations that involve “substantial structural alterations,” the code states as follows:

Where more than 30 percent of the total floor and roof areas of the building or structure have been or are proposed to be involved in structural alteration within a 12-month period, the evaluation and analysis shall demonstrate that the altered building or structure complies with the International Building Code for wind loading and with reduced International Building Code level seismic forces

as specified in Section 101.5.4.2 for seismic loading. For seismic considerations, the analysis shall be based on one of the procedures specified in Section 101.5.4. The areas to be counted toward the 30 percent shall be those areas tributary to the vertical load-carrying components, such as joists, beams, columns, walls and other structural components that have been or will be removed, added or altered, as well as areas such as mezzanines, penthouses, roof structures and in-filled courts and shafts.

IEBC, Section 807.4.2. In other words, it is not necessary to replace the foundation and walls of our existing police and fire stations in order to meet the 2009 International Building Code requirements unless 30 percent of the total floor and roof area is involved in a structural renovation.

The type of work to be done to the Fire/Community building based on the Fire Marshal’s report does not involve altering the vertical load carrying components like beams or columns.

What are the Sources for the Above?

1. 2009 International Building Code – Chapter 16 discusses the requirements for essential facilities, and Table 1604.5 (Category IV) sets forth the structural requirements for essential facilities. Here’s a link to the IBC: <https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ibr/icc.ibc.2009.pdf>

2. Process for designating a building as an essential facility: The Division of Fire Safety put out an informational bulletin explaining the process. It can be located here: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/bulletins/documents/2013-06EssentialBldgs.pdf>

3. International Existing Building Code 2009: Here is a link to the document. The sections to review are listed in the article. I did find a typo – it is Section 807.4.2 for the requirements when 30 percent or more of the total floor and roof area is involved in alteration. <http://publiccodes.cyberregs.com/icod/iebc/2009>

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The Bow Community Mens Club Had an Active Year

The following are excerpts from the Annual Report of the Club written by Charlie Griswold for the first half of 2014. The rest of his report will be in a future edition of the *Times*.

Each year members of the Men's Club try to engage in projects and activities which will benefit all of the people of Bow, the unique community it is. The year 2014 was no different in that regard. Though we are relatively few in numbers, (less than one percent of the population) we are a fairly diverse group who bring lots of different talents to the table. This allows us to meet challenges posed to us as they arise.

A great example of this can-do spirit occurred on the first day of 2014. Due to ongoing political impasse, we were not allowed to use the kitchen at the Community Building. Our resourceful crew, headed by Treasurer Mike Wayne and aided by Mark Dartnell, owner of Taylor Rental, erected shelters and placed portable grills and camp stoves as needed. Saint Paul's School allowed us the use of a warming oven to keep the cooked food from cooling too much prior to being placed on the serving line. The temperature in the parking lot when we started at 6:00 a.m. was seven degrees below zero but our bundled up cooking crew was able to cook and serve a great breakfast to 160 people and still have enough food left over to make a sizeable donation to McKenna House, and as always, greatly appreciated.

Using the same format for our next event, the Rotary Club Winter Fest, we set up early to allow the Rotary to cook a pancake breakfast, then we took over to do hot dogs, hamburgers, soup and everyone's favorite – sausage/peppers and onions, which again this year sold out. This cooking arrangement is being refined as we go along since we do not know if we will ever be able to use the Community Building kitchen again.

On Valentine's Day we took over the Old Town Hall to honor the Ladies with food, flowers, and drinks and music. Lani Kangas and Roger Bergeron entertained us with love songs. Mike Wayne was the impresario for the event, ably assisted by his wife Debra and Beverly

Griswold. We counted 22 couples enjoying this annual event.

Spring saw President Rob Hollinger and Warren Perry involved in meeting with other Town Organizations to detail activities of each of the groups, some Town functions, such as Rotary, Garden Club and Mens Club. Warren presented his notes at the April meeting. One of the observations presented as a result of these discussions was the need for a Town-Wide calendar, printed as well as on-line.

Also in the spring, the club presented the Citizen of the Year Award to seventh generation Bow resident Faye Johnson for her dedication to preserving the history of Bow and the restoration of the Bow Bog Meeting House. She diligently sought donations and grant funds to make this happen. She was greeted with a standing ovation by the overflow crowd at the Town Meeting as she accepted this coveted award.

In April, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, we cooked lunch for town employees in appreciation of their hard work, particularly during the seemingly endless winter. Mike Wayne, Dave Stack, Jill Hadaway, Colleen Hunter and Charles Griswold took over a bay of the Public Works building to cook hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings. Todd Drew, Rick Nylen and crew provided valuable assistance.

April is the month when the Club starts planning for Memorial Day and the activities involved in that observance. From its humble beginnings as a Bow High School senior project, it has grown to involve a cast of several hundred participants. This requires lots of planning so this year we added two new members, Lee Kimball and Warren Perry to the committee. They joined Chairman Bryan Westover, Dave Stack, Mike Wayne, Dick Welch, Rick Rain and Bow Police Sergeant Art Merrigan. As in the past, Kirk Hemphill chaired the Chicken Barbecue which precedes the parade and memorial service.

All the planning paid off on Memorial Day itself and the weather was great. The barbecue sold-out, the earlier start time seemed to work. The parade included;

United States Marine Corps Color Guard, Bow Police and Fire Department, Merrimack County Sheriff's Department, New Hampshire Patriot Guard Riders, Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, Antique Military Vehicles, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Police Explorers, North Country Golf Carts made it possible for older veterans, like myself, to be part of the parade. For the first time the Bow Memorial School Band provided music for spectators' awaiting the arrival of the parade units. Peter Burdett once again conducted the Memorial Service at the Town Pond for our fallen Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. For the Memorial service we were fortunate to have Warrant Officer Anthony Foote, New Hampshire National Guard, as our keynote speaker. Colonel Dave West read the names of the fallen as Commander Peter Burdett tolled the memorial bell. The tribute concluded with the Pipes and Drums performing their renowned fade away ceremony and Chaplain Richard Greenleaf, Saint Paul's School giving the benediction.

Although we do not meet during the summer months, our activity calendar is as busy as ever. Awards night at Bow High School saw Nate Corriveau awarded the Mens Club Scholarship. We went right from that to cooking for the Lacrosse Club Picnic, followed by the Heritage Day at the Old Town Hall and the Old Schoolhouse. This was followed by Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Old Town Hall. Our culinary skills were on display at each of these events.

In July we teamed up with the Rotary to provide refreshments

for their Concerts on the Green. The pulled pork barbecue was a big hit, prepared by Warren Perry who also just retired from the United States Army as a Colonel. Many of his fellow Mens Club brothers were fortunate enough to attend his retirement ceremony and party. Parenthetical digression aside, our refreshment ideas have added a new dimension to the Rotary Concert Series. As with all of our activities, all the modest profits (if any) are returned to the community for the benefit of every one.

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Bow Garden Club

By Joyce Kimball



The Bow Garden Club was formed on August 23, 1933 by three forward-thinking women, Tempie F. Dahlgren, then a resident of Concord and Bow residents Dorothy Wheeler and Patricia Smith. The club was incorporated on January 13, 1964, and became a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (NHFGC) and in turn, the National Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). Tempie Dahlgren went on to serve as President of the National Council of Garden Clubs from 1979-1981, however let's go back in time a bit...

Tempie was born on December 13, 1909, and was raised in the state of North Carolina. As a graduate of the Carolina General Hospital in Wilson, NC she became a Registered Nurse and went on to complete her post-graduate work at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL where a friend persuaded her to go to New Hampshire to accept a position as an operating room nurse. Romance soon entered the picture as Tempie met and later married Dr. Carl A. Dahlgren who had a practice in Concord; They had a son, Richard who currently lives in Warner. Tempie later

moved to Bow and lived in a little farmhouse atop a hill on Route 3A which is now owned by a current member of the Bow Garden Club.

In 1964, Tempie was the very first President of the newly formed Bow Garden Club and went on to serve two additional terms, 1974-1976 and 1988-1990. Throughout her years as an active garden club member, committee chairman, etc., she took a special interest in state, regional and national garden club projects and programs, particularly youth programs, becoming National High School Gardeners Chairman from 1967-1973, participating in youth conferences across the country and donating prize money for the National High School Speech Contest. Of the high school gardeners she wrote, "High School Gardeners and zinnias have a great similarity. They require nurturing to attain significant achievements and produce prolific bloom". Locally, she formed "The Bow Twigs", a youth garden club for elementary school children which endured for a number of years, but was phased out when Tempie's health began to fail. Later, Alice Jorda would re-activate "The Twigs" when she served as Bow Garden Club President and "The Twigs" prevailed for another 15 years. Alice also started a high school garden club at Bow High School, "The Juniors" which is currently mentored by BHS Media Advisor Jeanette Lizotte and Ruth Brack, both active Bow Garden Club members. Currently there are 25 high school garden club members participating--boys and girls.

Tempie Dahlgren was President of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. from 1963-1965 and New England Region Director from 1965-1967. She was later elected to serve as the President of the National Council of Garden



Clubs for their 1979-1981 term during which she visited all fifty state garden clubs and attended all eight regional conferences. She was a Master Flower Show Judge and Landscape Design Critic and was listed in *Who's Who of American Women* and the *Directory of International Biography*. Tempie assumed her national office on the cusp of the national organization's 50th anniversary and we felt it was timely to introduce or re-introduce Tempie Dahlgren and her many accomplishments to Bow residents at this point in the Bow Garden Club's history.

On April 24, 2003, Tempie F. Dahlgren passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 93, as gracious in death as she was in life, leaving behind a wonderful legacy—her love of gardening and her vast knowledge of floral design that she shared directly with hundreds of adults and youths during her years with the Bow Garden Club and indirectly with untold numbers of people throughout her tenures as State President, Regional Director and President of the National Council of

Garden Clubs. Shortly after her death the garden club, assisted by several outside donations, created "Tempie's Garden", a memorial garden bordering the Town Gazebo, where they planted pink fairy roses, Tempie's favorite color and yellow day-lilies, the garden club's symbol, as a continuing remembrance to Tempie F. Dahlgren, the "tap root" of the Bow Garden Club.



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HISTORY OF BOW SNOWROLLER

The junction of Bow Center Road and Branch Londonderry Turnpike was the crossroad of all wagon and stage coach traffic in Bow during the 1800's and early 1900's. Travel from the Noyes Ferry on Johnson Road and from Hooksett Village made this West bound turnpike the shortest way to reach Hopkinton and the western part of the state. It shortened the trip by some fifteen miles from Hooksett to Hopkinton.

As you approach this junction today at Bow Center you will find a covered shed in the yard of the old schoolhouse. This sheltered area was built from re-purposed beams from the Hammond barn, boards from the great ice storm and later wind storm. The structure covers the Bow-Snow-Roller. This snow roller was constructed by Dick Welch from pieces retrieved from the woods of Bow and donated to later be utilized in the construction of this historic roller. Many hours were spent by those involved in this restoration so that we today can see what was

used back then to roll the snow on our dirt roads and turnpikes. Today's hectic and ever moving society experiences well kept, plowed, and maintained roads and highways to get about. Times have certainly changed and traveling about on our daily trips we expect our highways to be clear, dry, and ready for us twenty-four-seven. We certainly expect a lot when we compare to what travelers had to face in early Bow with snow drifts, wagon, coach, vehicle, ruts and other road obstacles. Driving on snow rolled dirt highways with ruts and bumps in a wagon or coach must have been memorable.

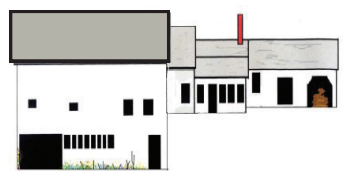
Perhaps if we drove slower today and observed what is along our pathways we would see some historic sites, many of which we have here in Bow.

(Page 53 of The Images of Bow, by the Bow Heritage Commission shows this original snow roller hooked to a team of six horses).

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POLICE STATION UPGRADE ALMOST COMPLETED

The original contractor for the project was Colonial Green Products Distributors, LLC.

The contract amount for the work was \$115,994.00 and the company was paid \$85,544.00 before they left the job.

E. Guimond Construction was awarded the contract to re-do some of the work that had been done and to complete the project. The contract amount for this work is \$53,404.00 and the project has not yet been closed out.

ANDERSON & KINIRY ENDORSED BY CONCERNED TAXPAYERS OF BOW

The battle to block taxing and spending in Bow has been led by Eric Anderson who is running again for Selectman. In vote after vote our liberal free spending majority of the Selectmen has prevailed 4-1. This year a new face is running for one of the two seats on the Board, Ben Kinery. The Concerned Taxpayers of Bow urges you to vote for Ben and Eric Anderson on Tuesday March 10. Next year we will try to break the grip of the spending and taxing majority. This year you can take the key step of voting for Ben and Eric.

PLEASE VOTE ON MARCH 10 AND COMMIT TO ATTEND THE TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 AND THE SCHOOL MEETING ON FRIDAY MARCH 13.

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ANNUAL VOTE ON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING MARCH 11

For the third year in a row the multi-million dollar public safety building proposal is up for a vote at town meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the High School auditorium. Last year the project was rejected by a vote of 425 no to 257 yes. It failed to attain a two-thirds vote in 2013 as well.

This year the proposal is for \$5,030,000 with five million of that to be bonded. With the current borrowing rate of 4.5% the 20 year bond interest will add millions more. Article 3 is followed by Article 4 which call for \$35,000 to develop detailed Design Build specifications for the building which is to range in size from 20,000 to 25,000 square feet.

Article 5 then confronts the issue of what to do with the community building. It would appropriate \$25,000 to hire "architectural, engineering and/or consulting firms to develop the cost of options to renovate the existing" building "or to construct a new community building."

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) from 2013 called for \$200,000 to design a new community building. How and why there is a \$175,000 difference for design costs is not explained. The 2013 CIP calls for \$4,000,000 to build a new community building somewhere else after the existing one is leveled. Again, bond interest for 20 years will almost double that number too.

The Concerned Taxpayers of Bow gained enough signatures to place Article 30 on the warrant for the Town Meeting. It reads as follows:

30. (By Petition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of \$550,000 to implement recommendations provided to the town to bring the fire and community building into conformity with correction of electrical deficiencies, asbestos removal and other fire safety corrections as set forth in the reports by Enviro Vantage, Cummings Associates, Inc. notwithstanding the decision of the building inspector on February 25, 2014, to require earthquake and other catastrophic standards to be imposed to an existing building. Source of funds shall be 1) the withdrawal of \$350,000 from otherwise unappropriated funds, 2) the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Funds and the remainder raised by taxes.

(Majority vote required).

The goal is to remove the asbestos, fix the wiring and address the other issues raised by the Fire Marshal after he was invited in by the Fire Chief and Selectmen. This would buy years of time, bring the town into compliance, fix the stove and vent for community groups to use the building and meet the September 2016 deadline set by the Fire Marshal.

At a recent meeting of the Men's Club on February 19, 2015, Select Board Chair Jill Hadaway claimed the dollars involved were not the town's numbers. She was countered by Men's Club member Chuck Douglas who said, "Jill the costs to fix were all obtained by Right to Know requests for the vendors the town selected to give it the cost to bring

the building into compliance."

If a reader wants to see the source documents they appear on the website of the Concerned Taxpayers of Bow.org under the heading HOT NEWS.

The \$550,000 figure to fix is based on the town's vendors who provided quotes obtained by the tax group in a series of Right to Know requests:

1. Asbestos removal was quoted by Enviro Vantage of Epping at \$64,000 in a January 15, 2015 report to the town.
2. Life and Safety upgrades were quoted a year ago on March 11, 2014, by Robert Cummings and Associates LLC to cost \$177,500. His report includes the cost of repairing the hood and duct over the stove in the Community Center to meet NFPA 96 and the fire suppression system under UL 300 codes.
3. Electrical compliance was provided to the town in an electrical engineering report by Yeaton Associates in October of 2013 who had a range of \$175,000 to \$225,000 to bring the building into compliance. The tax group figured the mid point of \$200,000 was

a reasonable number.

4. The balance of \$108,500 may or may not be needed to fix items not covered by the above. If not needed it won't be spent.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Article 30 only requires a majority vote because it is not a bond issue. The source of funds for the \$550,000 is \$350,000 from the "float" or excess funds the town keeps on hand unspent, \$100,000 from the money parked under the heading Municipal Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Funds with the rest, if needed, raised by taxes.



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