

THE BOW TOWN CENTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen appointed a 10 member Study Committee in August 2010. The committee met a total of ten times, and offered its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on December 16, 2010. The Committee was charged to:

- Determine whether the Town should develop an updated plan for a “Town Center” to be implemented over time to meet the immediate needs of the Town for its Police, Fire, Recreation, and Municipal Services.
- To determine the best course of action for the Town to take with facility shortcomings within the Fire Department, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and the Municipal Building in both the near term (thru the next 5 years) and the longer term (10-15 years).



***Committee Members**—Bob Eldredge, Matthew Labonte, Tim Fraser, Art Cunningham (Planning Board Chair), Colleen Hunter (Co-Chair), Eric Anderson (Chair), Sandra Seney (Secretary), George Lagos (Budget Committee Chair), John Martin, and Kenneth Demain. Photo by Cindy Rose*

- To establish the criteria for the design and function of a Public Safety Services Facility.
- To determine how vacated space in any vacated Town building might best be used.
- And, at the intersection of Logging Hill Road, Knox Road, White Rock Hill Road, and Bow Center Road, to determine how the traffic flow can best be handled through the next 5-25 years.

As part of its study, the Committee toured the existing facilities to see first hand their shortcomings, talked with each of the department heads to learn of their top three priorities, toured facilities in other communities to see how they solved their problems, reviewed prior “town center” and facility reports with the various consultants, the Town Manager offered suggestions on vacated facility

utilization, the Finance Director discussed the current and future Town bonding obligations, The Town Planner and Economic Development Director discussed the criteria for a Bow Town Center, and the Department of Transportation discussed the benefits and costs associated with a round-a-bout as well as other means for handling the traffic flow at this major Town intersection.

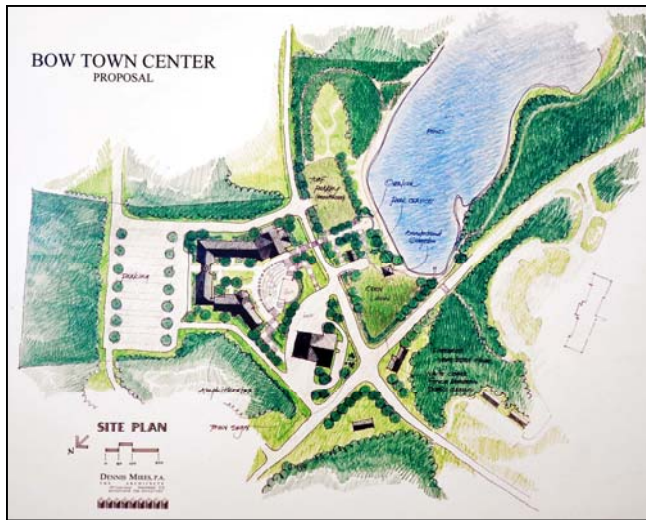
At the conclusion of its study, the Committee recommended that the Board of Selectmen offer the 2011 Town Meeting three warrant articles to begin to address the Town's facility needs.

- Hire architectural and engineering firms to address the Committee's information needs to include an updated Town Center analysis, updated schematic design, and assessment of potential mold and hazardous building materials issues in two Town buildings.
- Hire an architectural firm for the design development of a new Town facility.
- Establish a Town Center Capital Reserve Fund for the future design, development, layout, systematic placement, and construction of Town facilities within a Bow Town Center.

The Committee wishes to thank the Town Manager, Department Heads, Town Staff, the consulting firms, volunteers, and concerned residents for their welcome support and understanding throughout this accelerated study process.

Respectively submitted,

Eric Anderson, Chair;
Colleen Hunter, Co-Chair;
Sandra Seney, Secretary;
Art Cunningham, Planning Board Chair;
George Lagos, Budget Committee Chair;
Bob Eldredge;
Kenneth Demain;
Tim Fraser;
Matthew LaBonte;
and John Martin.



The 1995 Town Center Plan - This plan was developed after the Town Meeting in 1993 approved the purchased the 17 acre lot across Knox Road from the Fire Department & Recreation Center. The Master Plan of 1992 described a Town Center having a "central location for the town civic activities including municipal offices, schools, fire station, post office, an all purpose community building, and a leisure park." (1992 Master Plan, page 6)