

Here are the issues of greatest community interest covered at last Thurs. Selectman's Meeting

A new safety building -- Maps of various locations for a new safety center were presented. The next step is an initial building layout design. The decision was to proceed to the design phase as part of the original \$25k town meeting appropriated. No plans to build are currently in the works.

Current sewer fund -- The town sewer fund has is approximately \$1.6 million. These funds, entirely generated by users of the sewer, have been accumulating for years. \$40,000 was moved from the unreserved sewer fund to a sewer capital improvements fund. **This means that any sewer pump replacement will not be charged to that years operating budget.**

Police Dispatch fees -- The town manager recommended a simple cost of living increase to the amount charged last year to the five other communities for police dispatch fees. Since we did not charge the full cost last year this would have the effect of continuing the practice that Bow residents continue to subsidize the other towns. This would leave Bow citizens paying about 60% of the cost. I pressed to continue what we started last year and have the users pay the total cost based upon their percentage of use over the last three years. The board will look at the per call figures at the next meeting and charge the towns based upon their use. **TO BE CONTINUED AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

New Water and Sewer Project -- It looks as though a new strategy is evolving. Instead of making a decision within the 60 days to build the new system it now appears the issue at the Oct. 24 meeting will be limited to moving forward on developing a plan to build if later the money becomes available. Leon believes that there will be federal money available within the next couple of years for new construction project as a way of stimulating the economy. A written plan would allow Bow to be first in line for federal handouts. Unfortunately the plan can not be developed with in the \$2.2 million we have already borrowed to finance the feasibility study. Leon was confident that by the next meeting the more then 100 water/sewer questions raised by various parties will be answered. **TO BE CONTINUED AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

At the end of the meeting I asked about a rumor that the Police Department was experiencing turnover. We learned that 1/3 of the Departments officer (4) had recently resigned.

For a detailed explanation the Board went into a closed (no public included) session. The record of that session is sealed.

If you know of others who would like to receive the selectman update emails please let me know.

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