

**Degnan, J. William**

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**From:** Degnan, J. William  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 11:29 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Inquiry from Bow

Hi [REDACTED],

When it comes to hazardous buildings the following people have authority to make a determination to close a building,

The Fire Chief may deny the issuing of a Place of Assembly Permit as required in RSA 155:18 and if the building is occupied after denial it is a misdemeanor or felony by RSA 155:39

The Fire Chief or State Fire Marshal may order the building vacated by RSA 154:21-a

The Governing Body of the Town, Town Manger or Selectman, may order a hazardous building to be closed to eliminate the hazard until such time as the repairs are completed by RSA 155-B

There have been many new public safety complexes constructed in the past decade that are significantly less than 7 million dollars. They are functional and safe energy efficient buildings.

Regards,  
Bill

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 7:22 PM  
**To:** Degnan, J. William  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Inquiry from Bow

Thank you so much for finding the time to respond to me. I know you are very busy. Does your reasoning apply to the fire side as well? Who has the authority to close the fire station? I support a new building but at less than \$7m. I just want the plain truth to make decisions upon to go forward.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

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**From:** "Degnan, J. William"  
**Date:** 09/29/2014 3:01 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiry from Bow

Hello [REDACTED],

I was requested to reach out to you by a Bow resident regarding the Community Center and specifically is there a possibility that it could be closed. At this time I do not see anything in the inspection file that would warrant an immediate closure. I have not personally inspected the building and the fire chief is responsible for issuing the Place of Assembly permit by law. The inspection file did identify some deficiencies that need to be addressed and if I understand correctly the town is trying to make a good business decision on whether to put money into the old building or build new. We would expect some positive movement in either direction for continued use.

Ron Anstey from my office and I should be meeting with the Town Manager shortly to discuss where this all stands.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Regards,

Bill