

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2016

Board Attendees: Ken Demain, Hilary Warner, Bob Lux, Martin Murray, Frank Boucher, Bob Dawkins, and Eric Thum

Absent: Harry Hadaway

Members: Beth Lux, Jeff Warner

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank distributed the Treasurer's report and summarized the financial status of BOS. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report:

\$800 in membership dues received since Bob sent out the membership renewal letters. In Nottingcook Forest kiosk Bob put in membership forms. Frank suggested each board member try to enlist five friends to join BOS to help increase membership. Isaac Davis at Northway Bank expressed interest in joining BOS.

Stewardship Report:

Martin met with Mary Boucher-she said it would be okay to have a trail network on the Boucher property. BOS would need a letter from her to open the property for public use. Hilary mentioned establishing trails around the swamp. Ken needs volunteers to help with stewardship projects. Stone Sled Farm Easement has been blazed.

Public Relations Report:

The fall BOS newsletter should come out around Columbus Day. Martin found two web developers to help redo the BOS website. Possible updates to the website would include the ability to submit membership payments, blogs, link to Facebook, stewardship portal, and ability to for members and/or public to complete opinion polls and surveys. Hilary suggested calling E. Crane Computing in Concord, NH.

Trail Report:

- Ron Klemarczyk will flag Hampshire Hills access to Walker Forest by the end of the week.

- Police notified about condoms in Robinson Road parking lot- they will keep an eye on it. BOS may need to remove some brush so that the area isn't enticing for undesirable activity.
- Two sofas were removed from Branch Londonderry Turnpike by unknown person(s).
- End of White Pine Trail was re-routed on September 25 due to poor design of original trail- steep slope prone to erosion.
- 23 sign posts set in Knox/School Forests, two at either end of Lyford Trail on Peaslee Dr and Hope Lane, two in Walker Forest. Three still need to be set in Walker-Hilary will go through Dig Safe process for signs on Van Ger Drive and Hampshire Hills
- Trail signs should be here this week. Will install during the last two weeks of October.
- Parking lot signs will arrive with trail signs and be installed by Advantage Signs. Hilary communicated with Tim Sweeney about location and he advised placing them approximately where existing signs are located.
- New maps posted in kiosks at Robinson Rd and Knox Rd. Small map in progress with Central NH Regional Planning Commission- this version will be appropriate for putting on website and 8.5"x11" paper trail brochure.
- Nikki is editing the kiosk materials.
- Tomorrow Hilary will contact DRED Bureau of Trails to check the possibility of having a professional graphic designer create the map brochure.
- Harry has completed creating GPS tracks of the Nottingcook Forest in preparation for making an updated map.
- Tech savvy trail volunteers have set up a slack.com site in hopes of improving communication about trail issues and projects.
- Bridges along Pond Trail are in poor condition- Jeff purchased lumber to repair them today. A work day is planned for October 11.
- Nottingcook Forest needs volunteers to complete the following:
 1. Remove slash from recent timber harvest activity on Great Hill.
 2. Set posts in ground and/or cairns for trail signs and navigation.
 3. Haul 6x6 timbers about 1/2 mile to site of new bog bridges (will require three strong people plus Bob D) - before winter.
- Eagle Scout project- Henry Tanner

New Business:

Bob is working with Bob Chadwick on a conservation easement on Branch Londonderry Turnpike. Bob will review documents and present to BOS.

Bob returned the grant check from Mary Boucher. Members discussed asking Mary to help pay the cost of creating maps, trail signs, or website improvements.

Bob will look into exhibiting BOS information on election day.

Next BOS meeting:

The next meeting is November 1, 2016 (7pm) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.