

**Bow Open Spaces, Inc.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 1, 2016**

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

Members: Beth Lux

**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:**

So far 22 members have paid dues. Eric suggested that someone from the group ask the mountain bikers who use the trails to join BOS.

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken and Bob walked the Chadwick Easement. Neighbor put 20 feet of lawn on easement and a swimming pool is close to the line. Most of easement is blazed, except for a cut out. Ken will talk to Ron about the property line issue. BOS can accept terms of easement but can't sign until the line is determined, preferably by the end of the year. Motion made and accepted to approve easement, subject to blazing.

**Public Relations Report:**

The fall BOS newsletter was released October 10. Martin presented list of people who have opened or not opened the newsletter. Martin will review the list with Bob to see who opened the newsletter but are not members. BOS have reached 334 people on Facebook.

Martin is working with Kathy Barnes on BOS website changes. Kathy could develop new template at the rate of \$75/hour. Membership portal would be included. Martin shared two examples of websites done by Kathy. Motion made and accepted to have Martin spend up to \$1000 on developing a new website.

**Trail Report:**

Great Hill in Nottingcook Forest has been cleared for better views. Trail in that area has been rerouted and blazed, with verbal agreement from Mike Sampo. Bog bridges built. Still need to put up signs marking private property, summit, Glacial Erratic Trail, and Nancy's Trail, hopefully before winter. Motion made and accepted for construction and shipping of signs to be used in Nottingcook Forest, up to \$500. Harry will get new coordinates for Great Hill, Crescent Road and snowmobile trail for new map. Need Ron to cut the new growth on the Monadnock and Woodbury views and open a couple of narrow slots next to Great Hill in order to get an east view.

Grant: Most signs are up and response from trail users has been very favorable. Blue blazing needed on Pond, 1/2 of Single Circuit, School Forest Loop out to Bow Center Road. Yellow blazing needed on Single Circuit from Robinson Road parking lot to Robertson. Robinson's Crest needs finishing with red blazes. A few aluminum markers need to be removed throughout the forest.

Map completed- ready for website.

Grant administrator to cover design costs of map/brochure, kiosk materials and laminating. 500 maps have been ordered.

Stakes installed where road signs should go

Ron Klemarczyk flagged the Hampshire Hills access to Walker Forest. Hillary notified abutters. Volunteer cut it along boundary instead of flagged trail-need to fix.

Pond Trail bridges repaired/replaced.

Harry and Hilary will attend a BCC meeting to "start a conversation"

Hillary and Eric put up signs in Knox Road School Forest.

**Next BOS meeting:**

The next meeting is December 6, 2016 (7:00 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.