

**Bow Open Spaces, Inc.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 6, 2016**

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

Guests: Isaac Davis, Trish and Jim Ramsay

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bob presented a check for \$4,488.00 for trail expenses. 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:**

Bob Dawkins received 29 membership renewals or new members. Trish Ramsay mentioned that many home owners in her neighborhood should join BOS, due to the fact that they use the trails on a regular basis. She will distribute maps to those who live in and around Nesbit Road. Jim Ramsay said BOS should mention to members that they don't necessarily have to work on trails. Isaac Davis suggested giving members a sticker similar to the AMC stickers.

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken Demain said the town manager requested pictures of trail users for the town website. Harry and Ken walked the Hammond Nature Preserve property line and marked the portion through swamp with ribbons. The property line should be blazed again. Property line on Chadwick Easement determined. Harry signed easement. Still need to sign off on the appraisal.

**Public Relations Report:**

Martin Murray could not attend the meeting.

**Trail Report:**

Hillary Warner reported that the new map of Knox Road-School Forest is now on both the Town of Bow and BOS websites. Advantage Signs will install the large road signs for Knox Road and Robinson Road before the end of the year. Hillary will attend the next Concord Conservation Commission meeting to inquire about connecting trails from Bow to Concord. She also met with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (Craig Tufts) about a new map of Nottingcook Forest. Harry sent them the coordinates for the trail system. Hillary and Harry

attended the Bow Conservation Commission meeting. Sandra Crystall, Chair, wants trail users to look for rare and endangered plants such as the small whorled pogonia, which grows in older hardwood stands. Sandra also wants to see more trail construction and maintenance coordination with the various groups in town. Streams on maps should be named. Hillary expressed interest in attending Saving Special Places 2017 April 8 in Alton, NH. This is New Hampshire's annual land conservation conference. Motion made and accepted to reimburse Hillary up to \$1,000 for trail related supplies. Harry suggested asking Bow Conservation Commission for help paying for trail work. Bow Conservation Commission approved a motion to initiate the process of putting conservation easements on two town-owned properties located off Page Road and Woodhill Hooksett Road.

**New Business:**

Jim Ramsay suggested asking local businesses to donate tools and other supplies.

Bob Dawkins will lead a hike up Kearsarge Mountain on January 15 and Piper Mountain on February 11.

**Next BOS Meeting:**

The next meeting is January 3, 2017 (7:00 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.