

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2012

**Board attendees:** Barbara Downie, Hilary Warner, Ken Demain, Bob Lux, Martin Murray, Bob Dawkins, Mike Morris

**Members:** Beth Lux, Jeff Warner

**Secretary's Report:**

Mike Morris distributed the 06-05-2012 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes by voice vote.

**Treasurers Report:**

Frank Boucher could not attend the meeting. BOS received 3 donations from PSNH. Martin, Mike and Nancy Rheinhardt each applied for and received the donations of \$700.00 in total. The 3 checks were given to Bob Dawkins. Bob Dawkins needs \$45.00 to replenish the postage machine.

**Membership Committee:**

Membership renewals - Bob Dawkins mailed a total of 67 membership renewal applications. Bob asked the board members to help BOS reach its goal of 100 members. Each board member will try to get 5 new members by 10/31/12.

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken attended an NCF meeting to address ongoing target shooting, vandalism of trail kiosks and trash dumping. Ken met with Brian Westover, Chief Erin Cummerford, David Stack, and Jeff P. The group generated a list of proposals which will be addressed at the upcoming Selectman's meeting on Aug. 14 at 6PM, Town Offices 10 Grandview Road.

Ken gave the board an update on the Meadowsend land sale. The board feels the Bow Conservation Commission should accept or buy the land vs. the Town of Bow. Ken will discuss this with Nancy Rheinhardt, chairperson of the BCC.

**Public Relations:**

Martin published a newsletter last week to 82 BOS contacts. He also updated the web site to provide a printable BOS Membership form. In the future online payment of membership dues may be possible. Mike will provide Martin with online access to the approved meeting minutes. The approved minutes will be added to the web site.

A BHS student, Ana Urbina, is working on her senior project with the help of BOS. Jeff Warner has met with Ana to give her guidance on her trail project. Ana will attend a future BOS meeting.

If anyone has a related news item or photos or a trail favorite for the next Newsletter, please send it to Martin at [murrame@gmail.com](mailto:murrame@gmail.com)

**Trail Report:**

Hilary reported trail work by Ana Urbina as her senior project is in progress on a portion of the School Forest trail behind the Bow Youth Center.

The board revisited the need for a volunteer waiver. Martin will contact John Laboe, an attorney, to see if he can help BOS with this need.

The NCF kiosk design was adopted by the Town of Bow as the standard trail kiosk. Rotary and the Boy Scouts are designing a new trail in the Hammond Preserve and adjacent properties. Bob Dawkins is looking for volunteers to re-stain the existing trail signs in NCF.

#### **Old business:**

Boundary markers for easements – the markers have been received. The markers will be installed during the fall easement walks.

Trash on Conservation Land – Bob Lux previously spoke with Marcel Duhaime. Marcel offered to pull together BHS students and Boy Scouts to help clean up and dispose of trash in NCF and Walker Forests. Bob will contact Mr. Duhaime again in Sept.

Bob Lux would like to see an adopt-a-trail maintenance program to encourage Bow residents to help with this important activity.

Hammond Nature Preserve report is due Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **New business:**

none

#### **BOS Goals**

The approved BOS Goals list will be included in each month's meeting minutes for reference.

1. **Goal met – Frank Boucher is our new Treasurer.** Find a treasurer, Bob Dawkins will fill in temporarily.
2. Make a serious effort to find additional board members. **Hilary Warner elected board member on 12/13/2011 and named Director of Trails.**
3. Contact non participating members for assistance with stewardship monitoring
4. Improve relations with the selectmen. Meet with them to educate the board what we are doing for the town.
5. Public presentations to area clubs such as Rotary, Men's Club, Bow Pioneers, Young At Heart, etc. **Presentation give to Bow Rotary 03/16/12**
6. Work with the BCC to develop long range plan for protecting additional land
7. Assist the selectmen with monitoring the Hammond Preserve. **Agreement signed, first monitoring report due November 2, 2012**
8. Increase membership to 100 members by June 2013, including business memberships. **Membership increased from 16 to 45 as of June 2012.**
9. Add one new conservation easement per year for the next five years
10. Contact older residents that may be interested in protecting their properties
11. Attempt to have a BCC member become a BOS board member
12. Contact all BCC members and ask them to become members of BOS
13. Consider grant for part-time executive director
14. Finalize stewardship documentation and have proper catalog of completed work

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7pm. The Old Town Hall has been reserved for this meeting.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting.