

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2012

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

Members: Lisa Lulka, Janis Kuch, Eric Thum

Secretary's Report:

Mike Morris distributed the 08-07-2012 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.

Membership Committee:

Primary Day coverage yielded 2 new members.

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:

The border markers will be installed along the conservation easement property lines in the following areas: Hampshire Hills, Van Ger Drive and Knox Road. Martin will create a spreadsheet on the BOS Google account for anyone who wants to participate to sign up.

Ken gave the board an update on the Meadowsend land sale. Bob Dawkins reviewed the proposed contract and found no benefit to accept the land – only liability. BOS and the Town of Bow declined the contract.

Public Relations:

Martin is working on an October BOS newsletter. Content to be included – Orienteering Event on Nov. 3rd and fall trail maintenance.

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

Trail Report:

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

Martin contacted attorney John Laboe who agreed to review the volunteer waiver document.

Board members completed the re-staining of 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. 2nd.

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, October 2nd, 2012 at 7pm. The Old Town Hall has been reserved for this meeting.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting.