

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2012

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

**Members:** Beth Lux, Lisa Lulka, Janis Kuch, Charlie Lagasse

**Secretary's Report:**

Mike Morris distributed the 09-18-2012 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 distributed the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report by voice vote.

**Membership Committee:**

Bob Dawkins reported there are now 31 paid BOS members.

Bob asked the board members to help BOS reach its goal of 100 members.

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken Demain reported that abutters to the Hammond Nature Preserve were notified about the coming installation of boundary markers.

Ken attended a recent Selectmen meeting discussion concerning ongoing NCF trash and firearm issues.

**Public Relations:**

Martin is working on an October BOS newsletter. Content to be included – Orienteering Event on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, fall trail maintenance and boundary marker installation.

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 is composing a letter to abutters of Walker Forest to introduce BOS and inform abutters of upcoming trail development. In addition to the letter, a BOS tri-fold brochure will be created for this mailing and for use at the Election Day kiosk on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 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:**

Bob Dawkins will represent BOS on a new committee chaired by Harry Judd to plan for the future of conservation lands/easements in Bow.

### **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, November 13, 2012 at 7pm. Room C in the Town Offices at 10 Grandview Road has been reserved for this meeting.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting.