

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2012

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

**Members:** Beth Lux, Lisa Lulka, Eric Thum

**Secretary's Report:**

Mike Morris distributed the 10-02-2012 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 was unable to attend the meeting.

**Membership Committee:**

Bob Dawkins reported there are now 37 paid BOS members. Board members gave Bob a few more paid memberships.

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

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken Demain reported that he and his wife completed the stewardship walk in Walker Forest. The Knox Road stewardship walk is scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

Bob Lux reported the Hammond Nature Preserve report was filed with the Town Manager. Bob passed a hard copy of the report around for all to review and will send an electronic copy to all board members.

**Public Relations:**

Martin published an October BOS newsletter. The newsletter included pictures from the Orienteering Event held on Nov. 3. Bob Dawkins has scheduled 3 snowshoe walks. Martin will put the complete information on the BOS web site.

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 sent a letter to each of the abutters of Walker Forest to introduce BOS and inform abutters of upcoming trail development. John Laboe completed his review of the "Release of Liability Agreement" document. Trail work in Knox Forest took place on 10/27 and 11/03.

**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.

### **New business:**

Bob Lux attended a Bow Lacrosse meeting about a project to change the layout of the fields at Hanson Park. Bob also mentioned the new Five Rivers West End Farm Trail that recently opened to the public.

### **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, December 4, 2012 at 7pm. The Old Town Hall has been reserved for this meeting.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting.