

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2013

Board Attendees: Bob Lux, Harry Hadaway, Martin Murray, Hilary Warner, Ken Demain, Mike Morris

Members: Beth Lux, Lisa Lulka, Eric Thum

Secretary's Report: Mike distributed the April 2 meeting minutes. We reviewed the minutes of the 04/02/2013 meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Boucher could not attend the meeting.

Membership Committee: Bob Dawkins could not attend the meeting.

Stewardship Report: Ken Demain reported meeting with Tim Sweeney and David Stack about the project to create a turnaround and a small parking area with a Walker Forest trail head at the end of Londonderry Branch Turnpike off of Page Road. Since this project will improve access and parking to Walker Forest, BOS agrees the town should proceed with the project. BOS has the town's permission to construct a trail head kiosk. Harry brought good news – Selectmen approval of new Town Ordinances about conduct on Town owned land. Harry distributed copies of the new ordinances.

Public Relations: Martin Murray thanked Lisa, Hilary and Bob Lux for their help with publishing the Spring BOS newsletter earlier in the week.

To continue to build our membership, Martin spoke to his idea of using Constant Contact to target readers of our newsletter that are not members, potentially 28 new members. Martin also wants the BOS web site to accept membership fee payment via Paypal. This discussion will continue at our next meeting with Bob Dawkins present.

BOS + Boy Scout Events

- 1) Lisa updated the group on the upcoming May 18th 10AM Boy Scouts clean-up effort to pick up the trash in Walker Forest off of Branch Londonderry Tpke. Lisa is working with David Stack on how to dispose of the collected trash. Lisa is also working on a second date to pick up trash in Nottingcook at the Woodhill-Hooksett side of NCF.
- 2) To earn their "Leave No Trace" merit badge, the scouts will provide trail cleanup of sticks, etc. on some of the trails in NCF.
- 3) On May 21st at 6:30PM in the Bow Public Library, Martin will host a "What We Do" event for the scouts to learn more about BOS.
- 4) The scouts' Annual Yard Sale will be held on June 1 from 8AM to 1PM at the Bow Community Center. Donations are needed. Proceeds support the Boy Scout Troop 75.

Beth and Bob Lux will find a way to remove the paintball stains on the NCF kiosk.

Bob reported the Grant Applications for the SCC 2014 Conservation Grant Program will be due on 9/27/2013. The 2014 Grant Application and instructional materials will be posted on the state's website after 7/12/2013 at this link <http://www.nh.gov/scc/grants/>. One idea could be to pay a professional to make an NCF trail map.

Trail Report: Hilary and Bob Dawkins are hosting a trail day on June 1st in celebration of National Trails Day. Details will be set via Constant Contact. One of two current projects will be chosen:

1. Continue work on new trail in Walker Forest that goes from Van Ger Drive to Branch Londonderry TP- this will include the access trail from Hampshire Hills Dr.
2. Create new trail in Knox Road Town Forest in the vicinity of Robinson Road. This trail has been planned and flagged but still needs to be cut and marked.

Hilary is working with Stan Hallinan's heir, Carol Bailey, and Sarah Pillsbury (5 Rivers) about BOS involvement in the upkeep of the Hallinan conserved property. 5 Rivers holds the easement on the property.

Old Business:

Next newsletter, invite content contributions from readers.

Bob Lux created a permanent orienteering course with information on the BOS web site.

'Stealth Cameras' usage by BOS was approved by BPD Chief Commerford.

Volunteers needed for Adopt-a-Trail program – sign up on the BOS web site.

Volunteers needed for 'trail sweeping' with leaf blowers of leaves that obscure trails.

Blandings Turtle study – contact Lisa for dates, etc.

New Business:

Annual elections in June – Craig Ott has resigned as Vice President. We need a new VP. All other officers have agreed to serve another year in their current titles (Frank emailed me a YES!). Eric and Lisa are interested in becoming board members. We agreed membership fees for 2013-2014 will not increase. Barbara's term expires in June.

BOS is being considered for a possible new conservation easement. Too early for details yet.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 4, at 6 PM at the Paul Hammond Nature Preserve
The board voted to adjourn the meeting.