

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2013

Board Attendees: Bob Lux, Bob Dawkins, Harry Hadaway, Ken Demain, Frank Boucher, Hilary Warner, Martin Murray, Eric Thum, Mike Morris

Members: Beth Lux, Janis Kuch, Jeff Warner, Michael & Joan Lax, Jim Jensen

Secretary's Report: Mike emailed the September 10 meeting minutes to the directors and membership. Mike distributed the October 1 meeting minutes. After discussion and review, the board unanimously approved the minutes by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Boucher distributed and spoke to the treasurer's report as of October 31, 2013. After discussion and review, the board unanimously approved the report by voice vote.

Membership Committee: Bob Dawkins sent the membership renewal notices out. BOS has approximately 50 members, and approximately 20 have renewed their membership so far. Bob D. urged each board member to try to get 2 or 3 new members.

Stewardship Report: Ken Demain prioritized the annual fall stewardship walks on the following properties:

Old Johnson Road – near the affordable housing project

Titus/Lindquist

Hammond Preserve

NCF – near the recently extended end of Peaslee Road

Ken requested Ron Klemarczyk to blaze the Richardson easement property.

Ken is researching a possible encroachment issue on the Scheyd property.

Ken and Bob Lux met with NH Fish and Game, and town officials and agreed on the wording for a sign to be posted on easement problem areas of dumping and garbage. The signs will be posted in NCF and Walker Forests.

Easements activity:

- 1) Mary Bouchet – Bob D. – easement changes verbally agreed to, awaiting final copy
- 2) Excel Whse – Bob D. – request \$5K stewardship contribution, blaze property at Excel's cost, BOS walk property before signing easement, communications from contact at Excel is slow.
- 3) Guimond – Bob D. – John Laboe processing easement document and transfer deed. BOS buying this property for back taxes.
- 4) Stone Sled – Bob and Beth L. found markers, but corner has not been found yet.

Bob L. purchased a trail camera which he displayed along with some pictures of activity on his property.

Public Relations: Martin published the fall newsletter on October 14. The newsletter contains contributions from Hilary, Lisa, Ken, and Bob Lux. Martin said the newsletter was opened/read by many recipients.

Group discussion produced a list of ideas/needs/wants:

- 1) Possible corporate sponsors of the BOS web site
- 2) Possible fee web site services person and/or marketing person
- 3) Profile a BOS board member in each future newsletter
- 4) Profile a trail user in each future newsletter

Bob L. reminded the group that the Bow librarian can include BOS information in the Baker Free Library newsletter. Deadline is the 25th of each month.

Concord Monitor reporter, Megan Doyle, contacted BOS for a possible story on activities and issues involved with our stewardship of easements.

Discussion on the winter newsletter, scheduled for January 20th, content focusing on BOS easements lead to members volunteering to contribute content as follows (thanks to Bob L for forwarding this list to me!)

Here's what I copied re winter newsletter volunteers:

Nottingcook - Bob D

Walker TF - Eric

Knox Road TF - Hilary

Old Johnson Road TF - Bob L

Stone Sled Farm - Ken

Hammond NP - town owns, BOS does stewardship & monitoring so I don't think we should omit. One of the most attractive in sense of forest & field, old cemetery etc

Titus-Linquist - Martin

Bow Bog Road - Bob D

'Lost acre' & likely Exel - Bob L

Richardson easements - ? what can we say?

Scheyd & McNichol Lane - Bob L

in the works: Boucher, Exel, Guimond

an account, a winter white photo if possible & we should have links to any existing maps due say by Jan 10. NL needs to go out NLT 18th, a Saturday.

Thanks!

If anyone has ideas for newsletter articles or pictures, please email to Martin, murrame@gmail.com.

Trail Report: Hilary introduced Jim Jensen. Jim is actively involved in the trail build off the end of Van Ger Road. Hilary worked with the Bow Heritage Commission to name the trail off Robinson Road called "Robinson's Crest".

Other trail needs include:

- 1) New bridges next spring

- 2) Knox Road – tree down on trail, needs clearing
- 3) Town Pond – big pines partially down
- 4) NCF – Michael Lax did some leaf blowing, more is needed
- 5) NCF – need some brush back

Winter outings may include XC ski and snow shoe activities.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 3, at 7 PM in the Old Town Hall located at 91 Bow Center Road. The board voted to adjourn the meeting.