

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2014

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

Members: Jeff Warner

Secretary's Report: After discussion and review, the December 3 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Boucher distributed the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2013. Frank reviewed the report with the board and pointed out the Guimond property was purchased by BOS. BCC will reimburse BOS for all expenses for this transaction. Frank also pointed out the Stewardship Fund donation of \$5,000 from Mary Boucher to BOS for the conservation easement of her property. The report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership: Bob Dawkins pointed out that we have 30 members vs. 50 last year, and again reiterated the need for current members to reach out in an attempt to bring in new members. The board agreed to cut new and renewal membership fees in half for the rest of the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2014.

Stewardship: The project to create a turnaround and a small parking area with a Walker Forest trail head kiosk at the end of Londonderry Branch Turnpike off of Page Road was completed. BOS easement markers were installed on the borders of the Old Johnson Road Forest. BOS closed on the Guimond property. BOS completed the creation of a conservation easement on the Mary Boucher property. An appropriate sign such as "Boucher Forest" will be made and posted on the property. A discussion to name the Guimond property was tabled until next meeting. Mike has all of the BOS important documents (easements, deeds, etc.) on the BOS Google cloud storage. Signs approved by the town and donated by Berube's Truck Accessories have been posted on NCF and other properties to clearly state the unlawful uses of these properties.

Stewardship: continued

8 of the 10 signs made were installed as follows:

Nottingcook

At the east end of the class 6 road at the kiosk (installed before it snowed)

At the shooting/dumping area at east end of the class 6 road (installed before it snowed)

At the So. Bow Road Kiosk

At the west end of the class 6 road

At the shooting/fire pit/dumping area at the west end of the class 6 road

Hammond Nature Preserve

At the Kiosk

Walker Town Forest

At the east end of the class 6 road (Branch Londonderry Turnpike-West)

At the west end of the class 6 road

Public Relations: Martin could not attend the meeting. Discussion on the content of the January newsletter focused on listing the properties and providing details of each property. A strategy was settled on. Ken Demain will be profiled in the newsletter. Mike Lax will be asked to be the January newsletter trail user. Bob L. reminded the group the Town Report BOS article is due on January 18th.

Trail Report: Hilary learned from Dan Weed of the Bow Pioneers Club that Mr. Richardson may allow the construction of a snowmobile trail with a connection to Turee Pond.

Old business:

Boucher & Guimond conclusions – deed recorded. Bob D gave the documents to Mike

BOS Facebook contributions - walks, Bow "adventures" etc

Winter activities: Sat, Jan 11(Nottingcook); Sunday, Feb 16 (Kearsage)

New business:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4 at 7PM in the Old Town Hall located at 91 Bow Center Road. The board voted to adjourn the meeting.

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