

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2014

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

Member Attendees: none

Secretary's Report: After discussion and review, the January 7 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Boucher did not have a report to distribute but said there were no changes.

Membership: Bob Dawkins could not attend the meeting

Stewardship: Ken review 2013 as a good year for stewardship. Many projects were completed including the Guimond and Boucher properties, Johnson Road boundary markings, the Hammond Property monitoring for the town. The 2 year monitoring and reporting agreement between the town and BOS has expired. BOS will seek to renew the agreement. Ken listed his projects for 2014 including signing and marking the Boucher property, marking the east boundary of Knox Forest, marking the South Bow Road boundary of NCF, marking the Richardson easement.

Public Relations: Martin published the January BOS newsletter which included a profile of Ken and property easement information. Martin spoke about Andy Richardson postings on the BOS Facebook page. Andy is trying to generate interest in way to form ad-hoc groups interested in hiking the trails in Bow. BOS will ask the town about making and installing signs on the Hammond property. BOS needs a new sign maker because the previous sign makers are unavailable. Harry suggested using a slide show of pictures to attract people to the BOS booth at the high school for the town meeting. He also suggested providing handouts of maps of Bow hiking trails. Martin suggested a video could be made by a high school senior interested in land conservation. Hilary will look into what it will take to update the Knox Forest trail map as it is 10 years old.

Trail Report: Hilary did not have any news.

Old business:

New business:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 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