

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

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

**Member Attendees:** Beth Lux, Jeff Warner, Joan & Michael Lax, Lisa Lulka

**Guest Attendees:** Donna Dobbins

**Secretary's Report:** After discussion and review, the February 4 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

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

**Membership:** Bob Dawkins could not attend the meeting.

**Stewardship:** Ken reported the Bow DPW installed an ordinance sign on the Lax property Woodhill-Hooksett frontage. BOS needs a new sign maker. Ken spoke with Nat Bailey about making a sign for the new Boucher easement property. Ken is asking the selectmen to renew the BOS monitoring contract on the Hammond Nature Preserve for another two years. Ken asked about the need for liability insurance on BOS properties. The discussion concluded the existing RSA's protect land owners that allow public recreation use of their land.

**Public Relations:** Martin was contacted by BHS student and Boy Scout Ian Gillespie. Ian may volunteer to help BOS with one of our projects in order to complete his eagle scout project. Martin contacted Hilary to work with Ian. BOS will have a display table at BHS the night of town meeting, March 12. The spring newsletter is scheduled to be published by April 25.

**Trail Report:** Hilary also may have a new sign maker at Advantage Signs. Hilary will meet with Ian (mentioned above) and has emailed Ian possible projects on the BOS to do list:

- Peaslee Place- use right of way to create trail/access from Peaslee Place into Nottingcook Forest
- Robinson's Crest Trail- this is a new and almost completed trail that will need a couple of bridges and signage

Eastman Trail- this is a new trail under construction (almost complete) by Jim Jensen in the Walker Forest. It needs access trail built from Hampshire Hills Drive.

Work with Dan Weed of the Bow Pioneers snowmobile club to create trail that accommodates more than snowmobiles from Branch Londonderry Turnpike (near Walker Forest) through Richardson easement, across Page Rd, through Village Shores and linking up with Bow High School trails

Create a new trail map for Nottingcook Forest

Update map for Knox Road and School Forests

Formalize access to Nottingcook Forest from end of Hope Lane

Hilary is hosting a separate meeting March 25 at 6:30PM with Dan Weed, Craig Ott, and others, to discuss trail building differences between hiking vs snowmobiling from Branch Londonderry Turnpike (near Walker Forest) through Richardson easement, across Page Rd, through Village Shores and linking up with Bow High School trails

### **Old business:**

### **New business:**

Bob Lux will host an Orienteering event in Nottingcook Forest on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 1PM.

Lisa Lulka will coordinate an annual Boy Scout clean up day to remove trash from open space lands. Best time is late May or early June.

**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 June 2011 BOS Goals list will be included in each month's meeting minutes for reference.

### **Completed Goals**

1. Find a treasurer, Bob Dawkins will fill in temporarily. Frank Boucher is our new Treasurer as of October 2011.
2. Make a serious effort to find additional board members. Hilary Warner elected board member on 12/13/2011 and named Director of Trails. Eric Thum elected board member June 2013.
3. 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
4. Assist the selectmen with monitoring the Hammond Preserve.

Two year agreement signed in 2011. Annual reports filed with selectmen in November of 2012 and 2013. Agreement will be renewed for another two years.

5. Add one new conservation easement per year for the next five years

2013 Mary Boucher conservation easement

2013 Guimond property purchased

2011 Pat Richardson conservation easement

2011 Andrew Richardson conservation easement

### In Progress Goals

1. Contact non participating members for assistance with stewardship monitoring

2. Improve relations with the selectmen. Meet with them to educate the board what we are doing for the town.

3. Work with the BCC to develop long range plan for protecting additional land

4. Increase membership to 100 members by June 2013, including business memberships. Membership increased from 16 to 45 as of June 2012.

5. Contact older residents that may be interested in protecting their properties

6. Attempt to have a BCC member become a BOS board member

7. Contact all BCC members and ask them to become members of BOS

8. Consider grant for part-time executive director

9. Finalize stewardship documentation and have proper catalog of completed work