

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2014

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

Member Attendees: Beth Lux, Jeff Warner, Lisa Lulka

Guest Attendees: Mark Langille

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

Treasurer's Report: Mike gave Frank an annual donation check for \$100 from PSNH. Martin, via email, submitted expenses to Frank. Frank noted BOS expecting reimbursement from BCC for the purchase of the Guimond property, and noted the receipt of a \$5,000 stewardship donation from Mrs. Boucher. After discussion and review, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership: Bob Dawkins could not attend the meeting.

Mark Langille – a Boy Scout member addressed the group with information on a proposed Eagle Scout bat house project on the Hammond Preserve property. Mark gave the specifics and answered questions from the group. BOS approved the project, but Bob Lux will also seek approval from the Selectmen and craft a liability waiver for the installation aspect of the project.

Stewardship: Ken and the group reviewed the recent damage to on of the ordinance signs and additional target practice activity in NCF. Chief Cummerford will add this problem area to police monitoring activity. Ken spoke with Nat Bailey about making a sign for the new Boucher easement property. Nate will make the sign for \$80 plus the cost of a post. The board decided to go ahead. Ken reported the BOS monitoring contract on the Hammond Nature Preserve was renewed for another two years.

Public Relations: Martin was unable to attend the meeting. Bob Lux noted the deadline for content submission for the spring newsletter is April 25, and publication by May 1. Harry Hadaway agreed to be profiled in the

spring newsletter. Bob Lux will coordinate the public library BOS display. Bob Lux will host the Orienteering event on May 4 as scheduled. The group agreed to include a report on the recent sign vandalism in NCF.

Trail Report: Hillary and Jeff will host a Trail Maintenance day on May 10. Bob Lux reminded the group that the season for activity by the Adopt-a-Trail program participants is approaching.

Hilary met with Ian Gillespie – Boy Scout working on Eagle Scout project – to discuss possible BOS projects Ian could work on.

BOS to do list:

- Peaslee Estates- use right of way to create trail/access from Peaslee Estates 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

Ian will work on the Peaslee Estates use right of way to create trail/access from Peaslee Estates into Nottingcook Forest.

Hilary hosted 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. The next step is to do a walk down of possible trail paths.

Old business:

New business:

Hillary and Jeff will host a Trail Maintenance day on May 10.

Bob Lux reminded the group that the season for activity by the Adopt-a-Trail program participants is approaching.

Bob Lux will host an Orienteering event in Nottingcook Forest on May 4th 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, May 6 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