

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.  
Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2014

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

**Member Attendees:** Beth Lux, Jeff Warner, Fred Oxaal

**Guest Attendees:** Paul Rhodes

**Paul Rhodes:** Paul wants to create an annual 10K trail race event in Bow using the existing trails. The inaugural race could be in July 2014. Discussion included using the BOS name in the title for the race, fund raising aspects and obtaining the necessary permits, approvals and liability waiver for the event. The board is supportive of Paul's effort and Bob Lux will contact the Town Selectmen on Paul's behalf.

**Secretary's Report:** After discussion and review, the April 1 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank noted BOS expecting reimbursement from BCC for the closing costs incurred for the purchase of the Guimond property. After the meeting, Martin contacted Nancy in this regard. Nancy reported the check was cut and sent to Bob Dawkins. After discussion and review, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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

**Stewardship:** Due to vandalism to the ordinance signs mounted on metal posts, Ken suggested and the board concurred that the ordinance signs should be posted on trees rather than metal posts where possible. Approved at last month's meeting, Ken received the completed sign and post from Nat Bailey for the new Boucher easement property. Ken and Eric will install the sign on the Boucher property.

**Public Relations:** Martin renewed the BOS web accounts for another year. Martin published the spring BOS newsletter with the help of Lisa and Bob Lux. Martin reported the newsletter was read by about half of the recipients, statistically a good result.

**Trail Report:** Hillary and Jeff will host a Trail Maintenance day on May 10. The meet up is at the trail head near the corner of Robinson and Briarwood Roads, Saturday May 10 at 8:30. Activities include building bridges across wet areas, leaf blowing to clear the trail, lopping tall hemlock branches hanging over the trail, and clearing some downed and hanging trees.

Page Road lot – at Nancy’s recommendation this town owned property should be put to town vote in 2015 to create a conservation easement to BOS. This is now part of the to do list below.

Hilary learned that the updates to the Knox Road and NCF maps will be made by the CNHPC free of charge. BOS needs to provide the GPS coordinates to the CNHPC.

Peaslee Estates NCF trail access: Martin provided the following update the next day:

“Nancy checked in with Bryan W at Town: he says that the "two parking spots" at Peaslee are defined as "shoulder parking..." The exact spots may not yet be defined - it may depend on activity still to come (another development?); He said Hilary and Ian had been in to see him and should be aware of the ongoing activity that should result in the access point being clearly defined at some point; Nancy said Bryan believes there is a logical explanation for the No Trespassing sign that Hilary saw, and suggests that a meeting between Hilary and Ian with Bob Pike might be helpful - so everyone is aware of what each other is up to, and to clear up any confusion. If such a meeting is held, Nancy suggests it be at Town Office, and that Bryan W be invited to sit in.”

Exel Easement (NH Liquor Warehouse property): New easement promised never happened. Martin and/or Nancy will continue to chase down Nick.

BOS to do list:

Page Road lot – at Nancy’s recommendation this town owned property should be put to town vote in 2015 to create a conservation easement to BOS.

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

**Annual Meeting in June:**

The following positions are/will be open:

- President
- Vice President

The following director terms expire June 2014:

- Bob Dawkins
- Mike Morris
- Ken Demain
- Martin Murray
- Frank Boucher
- Hilary Warner

The following officers and directors agreed to serve another year:

- Mike Morris – Secretary
- Ken Demain – Director of Stewardship
- Martin Murray – Director of Public Relations
- Frank Boucher – Treasurer
- Hilary Warner – Director of Trails

Bob Lux will retire as President  
Bob Dawkins may or may not continue to serve as Past President

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 3 at 6PM at the Hammond Nature Preserve on Dunbarton Center Road. Rain date is June 4. The board voted to adjourn the meeting.

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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