

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2014

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

Member Attendees: Beth Lux, Jeff Warner, Lisa Lulka

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

Treasurer's Report: In the report, Frank noted the BCC reimbursed BOS for expenses (~ \$4,200.00) incurred acquiring the Guimond property on Woodhill Hooksett Road and Mary Boucher contributed an additional \$3,000.00 to BOS via the Charitable Foundation. The report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Committee: Bob Dawkins reported receiving 19 membership renewals for 2014 – 2015.

Stewardship Report: Ken reported the newly purchased Guimond property needs to be blazed, one of the ordinance signs had to be moved due to a dispute over a property line, and stewardship walks will be scheduled for this fall.

Public Relations: Martin will publish a fall newsletter in October and is looking for content contributions to be submitted by Sept. 30th. Lisa mentioned a BSA camp out on October 4 as a possible trash cleanup activity. Mark Langille's Eagle Scout bat house project was completed and a report was submitted to BOS. BOS will contact Peter Imse regarding a display table for the general election in November.

Trail Report: Hilary and Jeff will host a Trail Work day on October 25th to build a bridge on the Robinson Crest Trail, do some string trimming on the trails in NCF. Leaf blowing of the trails in NCF will also need to be done in late November. The update to the Knox Road Forest map is in progress by Jeff and Martin. The Ian Gillespie Eagle Scout project to build a trail from Peaslee Estates to the end of Hope Lane is in progress. Craig Ott will be helping Ian with a walkway over a wetland area.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7 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