

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2014

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

Member Attendees: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report: After discussion and review, the September 2 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

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

Membership Committee: Bob Dawkins reported receiving 32 membership renewals for 2014 – 2015. Several members increased their membership level or made additional donations.

Stewardship Report: Ken reported on the status of the properties needing Stewardship walks this year. He completed the walk of the Boucher Forest easement. Ken will create a schedule for each walk for inclusion in the Fall Newsletter. Bob Dawkins will ask the BCC to fund a property survey on the Richardson easement. Ken met with the State Director of NH Parks and Rec to review the status of the properties BOS holds an easement on. The Hammond property is blazed now.

Public Relations: Martin will publish a fall newsletter on October 19 and is looking for content and picture contributions. Martin received content from Lisa Lulka about the trash cleanup completed by the Boy Scouts. Martin will publish a schedule signup link for the BOS table on election day. Bob Dawkins 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 Ian Gillespie Eagle Scout project to build a trail from Peaslee Estates to the end of Hope Lane is in progress. Hilary is working with Bob Pike and Ian to finalize the path of the trail between the building lots.

Kiosks are needed on the trail heads for Walker Forest. Bob Dawkins offered to contact Jerry Kingwell for his assistance. Jerry helped BOS build the existing kiosks.

Bob Dawkins is working with BHS student Eric Swenson on his senior project involving trail cleanup in NCF. Bob also noted the Woodbury and Monadnock Outlooks need to be cleared to maintain the vistas. BCC may fund Ron K to do this work.

Jeff Foote is seeking permission to access his landlocked land to do some logging. The board decided this is an issue for BCC to decide since the land Jeff seeks to cross is town forest.

The Bow Pioneers snow mobile club is seeking to open up another trail and some access to NCF is requested. The board will ask the BCC to take up this request also.

The board approved the purchase of a leaf blower. Bob Dawkins will purchase it.

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: Due to Election Day occurring on Nov. 4, the board decided to postpone the next meeting to Tuesday, November 11 at 7PM in the **Town Municipal building located at 10 Grandview Road**. 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