

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

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

Member Attendees: Beth Lux, Michael Lax, Bruce Treat

Secretary's Report: After discussion and review, the November 11 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank distributed the current report. Frank filed documents with the IRS and State of NH to maintain BOS corporate tax status. The report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Committee: Bob Dawkins reported receiving additional membership renewals for 2014 – 2015, bringing the total to 45 members

Stewardship Report: Ken distributed a revised easement monitoring form to the group for review. Some walks were rescheduled due to the recent snowstorm. Current schedule and status of the 2014 stewardship walks:

NCF – South Bow Road side; Bob Dawkins, Ken and Eric

Hammond – Ken and Bob Lux

Walker – Hampshire Hills side and Bow Pioneers activity; 11/18, Ken and Bob Lux

Old Johnson Road – Ken

Knox – Eric, Ken, Hilary, and Jeff – COMPLETED – walked the Bow Bog side of the property which abuts the school forest. Installed BOS markers/signs along boundary line.

Titus/Lindquist – Bob Lux, Ken and Harry – COMPLETED – Ken noted the west side of the road is not blazed.

Boucher – COMPLETED on 9/29 - Ken

Stone Sled – COMPLETED on 11/6 – Ken

Mcnicol – COMPLETED – Ken installed BOS markers/signs along road.

Public Relations: Martin could not attend the meeting. Michael Lax volunteered to add a Paypal method of BOS membership payment to the BOS web site. The board approved his efforts.

Trail Report: Hilary reviewed Ian Gillespie's work on the trail from Peaslee to Hope Lane. Hilary gave Ian a punch list to complete to finish his project. Hilary completed the filing of a DRED application for a grant to fund enhancements to Knox Road Forest including improved trail heads with kiosks, new signage and updated maps.

Hilary, Jeff, Michael Lax, Bob Dawkins and a group of mountain bikers performed trail maintenance in NCF.

Hilary distributed copies of CNHRPC draft revision of the Knox Forest map. The Bow Pioneers plan to construct a snowmobile trails near the NCF hiking trails has been canceled for now because the Pioneer's trail would cross the hiking trails in numerous places.

Jeff and Hilary were approached by mountain bikers to flag new trails.

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 to end of Hope Lane.

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: The next meeting is Tuesday, January 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. Make a serious effort to find additional board members.
2. 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
3. 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, including business memberships.
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