

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015

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

Member Attendees: Nancy Rheinhardt, Lisa Lulka, Michael Lax

Guests: Marcel Duhaime

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

Treasurer's Report: Frank distributed the current report. \$22,000 in cash, \$13,000 restricted, \$2, 450 dues. Assessed value of Guimond land - \$84,000. The report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Marcel Duhaime, 9th grade engineering design teacher at Bow came to discuss the Innovation project that 22 students are working on trying to secure a Samsung grant through a competitive process. Samsung created a challenge to make towns better. They are the state's finalist and now striving to get to the top 15, then top 5. Winners receive Samsung equipment.

Their project is to create an app and video showing their efforts to clean up and mark location of trash in the town forest and BOS lands which hopefully, will stop the trash being dumped. The app already has a town map with GIS, that enables people to mark the location of the trash found, the amount of trash, comments, report it with date and time and whether it had been cleaned up.

Membership Committee: Bob Dawkins reported 49 new members with a \$100 donation matched with another \$100 from Lincoln Financial and also a match from PSNH. Michael Lax did some research on the use of PayPal, the forms are pre-made, easy to use, the cost is \$.30/transaction and a 3.2% fee transaction. Martin will pursue using PayPal.

Stewardship Report: Ken reported that due to weather, this has not been an ongoing effort. It was suggested that we look into the Land Trust Alliance membership which would offer half million dollar insurance in case

we have to defend our stewardship efforts. The cost of membership is \$250 in dues and \$60 per parcel. Bob D. will look into alternative insurance possibly through the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

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 is gathering material for next newsletter due to be released in February. He is looking for pictures, news, and events. Martin is also looking to win a grant through Southern NH University to create a social media action plan that would be awarded to non-profits. SNHU will award the prize to 4 groups, then the group will partner with students to form teams, learn about organization and develop plan for implementation.

Annual Report: Harry will submit this for the town report.

Trail Report: Hilary met with NH Central Planning Commission to create maps for Knox Road. She has also met with a group of mountain bike enthusiasts that would like to create a new trail to make the Boulder Trail a loop. She is concerned about trail density and maintenance of more trails.

BOS trails 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

Miscellaneous – Travis Storm, a BOS member and local homebuilder was able to secure free pressure treated lumber that was imperfect from Marjam. This lumber can be used for the construction of bog bridges and sign posts. One bog bridge might be constructed on the Nancy's trail in Nottingcook.

Lisa was approached by Andy Richardson who would like to come and meet the board to see how the Scouts and BOS could work together more closely.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Tuesday, February 3 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