

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2015

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

Member Attendees: Jeff Warner, Mary Lux, Joan Lax

Andy Richardson, Scoutmaster, Bow Boy Scout Troop #75, informed us that his troop has recently created a one mile long trail from the Hammond Nature Area to Branch Londonderry Turnpike named the "Eagle Trail". Several eagle projects are currently in progress, which include placing signs along the "Eagle Trail" at trail junctions, and completing the "Webelos Trail". He wishes to obtain approval from Bow Open Spaces for the trail signs and coordinate trail improvements with us. The Board was in agreement with the Troop's trail improvement efforts and suggested that he also obtain approval from the Bow Conservation Commission. Mr. Richardson and his brother own property on Page Road. They would like to cooperate in creating a trail from Branch Londonderry Turnpike to Page Road that would connect to Town owned land on the opposite side of Page Road.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were submitted by Nancy Rheinhardt. After discussion and review, the January 6, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank submitted the current treasurer's report. The report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Committee: Bob was not present; however, he did submit a written question that Patricia Fleurie submitted with her membership dues. She questioned whether there was any public access to 100 acres of land near her that sold in the 1960's. It was suggested that she contact Brian Westover.

Stewardship Report: Ken reported that the Nottingcook tree cutting encroachment did not involve an abutter but rather the snowmobile club. The matter was discussed with Craig Ott who assured Ken that there would be no further encroachment.

Public Relations: Martin reported that the Bow Open Spaces Newsletter was complete and sent out. The PayPal payment process for membership dues is almost complete. He needs to obtain a non-profit tax exempt form. Martin has submitted an application to Southern New Hampshire University for a social media class to assist us with promoting BOS. Eight non-profits have applied, four of which will be selected. He will soon give a 5 minute presentation to SNHU as part of the application process.

Trail Report: Hilary hopes to hear from DRED soon as to whether our grant application has been accepted. Local mountain bikers have approached her about creating new trails. They want to coordinate efforts with BOS. Hilary wants to make sure that trails are durable and not too close together. Hilary spoke with Paul Gagnon about issues SPNHF has been having with bootleg mountain bike trails in Keene's Drummer Hill easement. He emphasized the importance of having trail leadership and building under an organized group and a plan for where trails should and should not be built.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7PM in the Old Town Hall located at 91 Bow Center Road. The board voted to adjourn the meeting.