

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

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

Member Attendees: Beth Lux, Alex Slocum

Secretary's Report: February minutes submitted by Harry Hadaway. After discussion and review and addendum, they were unanimously approved by voice vote. The addendum, submitted by Hilary via email: "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."

Treasurer's Report: Frank submitted the current month's report, unchanged from the previous month. This was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report: There was no report. Bob Dawkins did not attend.

Stewardship Report: The Page Road lot was discussed and will be warrant article 29 at the next town meeting.

Public Relations: Martin gave a power point presentation approximating what the Page Road lot presentation at the upcoming town meeting would look like. The group decided that providing abutters with a brief presentation of the situation prior to the meeting would be a good idea. Bob Lux volunteered to prepare a short blurb to drop off at abutter homes.

Martin noted that BOS did not get a SNHU social media nod and was invited to try again in the fall.

Again it was noted that BOS is available for high school students who might be looking for a mutually useful project.

Also, it was noted that Marcel Duhaime's class won the Samsung-sponsored state competition with their app for trash location marking and removal. The award is \$35,000 and the group will now compete in a national competition. Marcel provided Martin with a link to their website.

Paypal as an adjunct to the web site or BOS Facebook is still in the works.

Trail Report: Hilary was absent but submitted the following via email:
I received an e-mail from DRED stating that they hope to let people know about their trail grants in March. I think the legislature has put a hold on receiving grants with federal dollars (<http://nhdp.org/blog/2015/03/02/icymi-concord-monitor-editorial-hold-placed-on-federal-grants-is-shortsighted/>). That is so disappointing! Hopefully it will materialize eventually.

Jim Jensen and Lisa Lulka went out in the Walker Forest with Andy Richardson and others around 2/13. My recommendation would be that the Scouts get approval for any trail plans from BOS trail experts. Andy asked for input about what lettering should go on signs. I suggested not adding unnecessary lettering as it will add to cost and maintenance.

New business:

Alex Slocum expressed an interest in linking the SE corner of Nottingcook with the sand pit trails. Other attendees felt this already existed. There is no direct link to the Nottingcook hiking trails to the northwest without going down to Woodhill-Hooksett and then along it. However, there is currently a multiuser trail system linking the sand pit trails almost all the way to Ordway Lane. Logging changes in the past few years have changed the southern terminus.

The attendees spoke of setting up the kiosk at next week's town meeting without anyone in attendance provided it can be obtained from Eric in time.

April BOS meeting: The next meeting is April 7th at 7pm in the Old Town Hall located at 91 Bow Center Road. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm.

Bob Lux
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