

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2015

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

Guests: Tom Connor, Matt Reiner

Secretary's Report: Mike Morris distributed the April 7 minutes. After discussion and review the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank stated there were no changes from the previous month's report. Hilary mentioned the Scouts will send BOS a donation check with the proceeds from Ian Gillespie's flower pot fund raiser. Martin mentioned needing reimbursement for annual fees for Constant Contact and the BOS domain name.

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

Stewardship Report: The possible encroachment discussed in the April meeting was revisited. Hilary offered to have Jeff investigate on site to determine if there is an encroachment. We should have the results for the June meeting.

Public Relations: Spring newsletter publishing time frame is May 10. Discussion yielded the following items for the newsletter:

President's message
Trail Corner by Hilary
Article 29
BHS state title
Hilary's Grant
Spring clean up days
OLLI – Bob Lux will host a hike on May 19
Eric – Walker Forest write up

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

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

Trail Report: A portion of the grant money will be used to expand the parking area on Robinson Road between Briarwood Rd and Dean Rd. Tim Sweeney will perform the work. Abutters need to be notified beforehand. Hilary and Martin will meet with the abutters. Hilary met with the Select Board. They expressed their appreciation of BOS efforts with trail maintenance and trail development. School officials approved trail sign design and want to add the school trails to the map.

Hampshire Hills – Jeff and others are scouting the trail connector from the Eastman trail to the Eagle trail.

Boulder trail – mountain bikers are working with Jeff to lay out the trail.

The mountain biker association is hosting a trail development class. The board approved reimbursing Jeff Warner to attend the class.

The Scouts and Andy Richardson are designing and cutting new trails without oversight from BOS. The result is less than ideal trail design. Hilary will email concerns.

New business:

Stone Sled – Tom Connor and Matt Reiner attended the meeting to ask BOS for guidance on maintaining the lands near the Stone Sled Easement. Discussion yielded BOS permission to cut down saplings and weedy growth. The brush must not be left in the easement land. Hilary offered to see if Five Rivers has an established guidelines document that BOS might use for this type of situation.

Annual Meeting in June – Each of the Officers agreed to serve in their current titles for another year, June 2015 thru June 2016. Harry's Director term expires June 2015. Harry agreed to another 3 year term, June 2015 thru June 2018. The Officer position of Vice President is open. These Officer and Director terms will be voted on at the June 2, 2015 meeting.

Next BOS meeting: The next meeting is June 2nd at 7pm in the Old Town Hall located at 91 Bow Center Road. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.