

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2015

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

Members: Beth Lux, Jeff Warner, Sarah Dolcino, Beth and Bob Ball

Secretary's Report: Mike Morris distributed the June 2 minutes. After discussion and review the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank distributed the Treasurer's Report. After discussion and review the report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report: Bob Dawkins will start working on membership renewals for the 52 current BOS members. The membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. Bob received a donation from Mary Boucher in the amount of \$2,500.00. Ms. Boucher is very generous to BOS making donations on multiple occasions. The new PayPal feature on the BOS web site was discussed. More work is needed.

Stewardship Report: Ken reported more instances of dumping and shooting at the end of Woodhill-Hooksett Road on the Bow Bog Road side. The Bow Police asked for replacement signs due to vandalism of the existing signs. The fall stewardship walk schedule will be ready at our next meeting on October 6.

Public Relations: Martin stated the BOS Fall newsletter will be published on or about October 15. Content for the newsletter is due by October 7. Martin will post news on Facebook about an upcoming Trail Day on September 20.

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

Martin and Mike will work on improving the Paypal feature on the BOS web site.

Trail Report: Hilary reported the Eagle Trail is complete. Hilary will contact Nancy Rheinhardt to see if the 2015 Article 29 will be put on the list of warrants for the 2016 Town Meeting, and how we can prepare to support the article at the meeting.

WARRANT ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to convey a permanent conservation easement on the following tract of land acquired by the Town in 1976 under Article 3 of the 1976 Town Warrant, and established as a Town Forest by the Town in 1977 under Article 4 of the 1977 Town Warrant, to Bow Open Spaces, Inc. comprised of Directors who are registered voters of the Town of Bow: Block 4, Parcel 56, consisting of 55 acres.
(Majority Vote Required).
Not addressed – deferred to the March 19, 2015 meeting.

Trail maintenance days are scheduled for September 20 and October 24. Grant money will be released in November - \$12K. All 5 abutters are satisfied with the upcoming improvements to the trail head and parking. Jeff and mountain biker volunteers finished construction of a new bridge on the Boulder trail.

New business:

The Baker Free Library is now our primary meeting place. Reservations for monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month November through June are in place. The library meeting room is not available on October 6. We will meet at the Old Town Hall on October 6.

Bob Lux spoke about the continued use of conservation land for shooting and the littering from spent ammunition that is not picked up. From his research on how other towns accommodate shooting, towns have built shooting ranges to offer a monitored place – in some cases by the police - for this activity. He cited the increasing danger of stray bullets hitting people and an account of a person wounded by a stray bullet in another state.

Next BOS meeting: The next meeting is October 6 at 7pm in the Old Town Hall located at 91 Bow Center Road. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.