

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

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

Members: Sarah Dolcino

Secretary's Report: Mike Morris distributed the September 1 minutes. After discussion and review the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank distributed the Treasurer's Report. We have a positive cash flow for the first 3 months of the fiscal year due to donations. After discussion and review the report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report: Bob Dawkins will send out membership renewals by October 15th for the 52 current BOS members. The membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. The new PayPal feature on the BOS web site was discussed. More work is needed.

Stewardship Report: Ken handed out the tentative fall stewardship easement walks.

Saturday October 17th Boucher Forest 8AM

Saturday October 24th Trail Work Day

Saturday October 31 Hammond Nature Preserve

Saturday November 7th Walker Town Forest

Saturday November 14th Nottingcook Forest & Guimond Lot

Saturday November 21st Old Jonson Road Forest

These events will be advertised on the BOS Facebook page and in the October BOS Newsletter.

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 October 24th.

Newsletter content will include:

Stewardship Walks schedule

Photos of Hilary's trail work day

Update on Hilary's trail grant status

Photos of dumping and cleanup in the brush dump off of Allen Road

Donation of used decking from Jim & Roseanne Kane

OLLI event hosted by Bob Lux on October 7th

Info on October 24th trail day

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 on the September 20th trail work day in the Knox Road Town Forest. A bridge was re-decked on the Boundary Trail. Brush was cut back on

the Pond trail. A junction was re-routed at Woods and Boundary to create a four way intersection which will reduce the need for signage and make the trails easier to navigate.

Trail maintenance day is October 24. Volunteers can meet at the Robinson Road trail head. Hilary and Jeff received a large used decking contribution from the Kanes of Bow. Hilary sent a letter regarding the easement between two homeowners in Hampshire Hills, but has not received any replies yet. Hilary would like to connect Page Road to the Richardson property. Hilary contacted Nancy Rheinhardt regarding Article 29 from town meeting. Nancy does not feel this is a good time to re-introduce the article. Grant money from DRED is slated to be released in November - \$12K.

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.

Bob Dawkins reported unauthorized blazing and tagging activity on the trails in Nottingcook Forest. The Trails Committee must authorize these activities and no such authorization has occurred. Bob D. asked Martin to see if the Bow Times will run an article about this situation.

Next BOS meeting: The next meeting is November 3 at 7pm in the Baker Free Library located at 509 South Street Bow NH. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.