

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

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

Members: Sarah Dolcino, Beth Lux, Jeff Warner

Guests: Marc Ferland, Nikki and Michael Habif

Secretary's Report: Mike Morris distributed the October 6 minutes. After discussion and review the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Frank was unable to attend the meeting.

Membership Report: Bob Dawkins reported receiving 12 membership renewals so far.

Stewardship Report: Ken updated the board on the fall stewardship easement walks.
Saturday October 17th Boucher Forest - Hilary and Ken completed
Saturday October 24th Trail Work Day – Great Success!
Saturday October 31 Hammond Nature Preserve – Ken and Mike Lax completed
Friday November 6th Stone Sled
Saturday November 7th Walker Town Forest – meet at end of Van Ger 8am
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.

Ken received an inquiry from Mr Chadwic about conserving 30+ acres of his land. Ken has a survey from 2007. Bob D. reminded the board that we need the owner of the land to pay for boundary markers and blazing before accepting the conservation easement. Ken will follow up. Ken will contact the son of Mrs. Boucher regarding mowing the field on the Boucher Forest. Ken reminded the board that Harry needs to report on the Stewardship Walks to the Selectmen.

Public Relations: Martin published the Fall Newsletter on October 16. Martin found that 78 people received the newsletter via email and 35 opened the newsletter. Martin found that another 100 people that read the newsletter via other social media and will solicit them to join BOS. Martin reported that Matt Chagnon, a co-worker, offered to help convert the existing BOS web presence to a full web site which will enable the improvement of the Paypal membership feature. Matt will be compensated for his work.

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

Trail Report: Hilary gave a summary of the Trail Care Day on October 24. A total of 17 volunteers helped to construct a new bridge on AJs Trail from re-used decking donated by the Kanes, squared up the intersection of the Robinson Crest and Boulder Trails, cutback vegetation on the Beaver Trail, leaf blowing on various trails, and disassembled

a structure at the Town Pond. Hilary is working with the residents of Hampshire Hills to get their consent to construct a spur trail at the edge of one resident's property. A formal trail agreement will be signed. The residents liability will be covered by the town's insurance policy. Martin will contact attorney volunteer John Laboe to review the trail agreement.

Hilary is continuing her efforts to reach an understanding with Andy Richardson about best practices of trail development and obtaining permission to construct new trails on town owned land. There is a scheduled meeting for Sunday November 8th at 3PM in the Baker Free Library.

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.

Many board members and directors have been in their positions for many years. Bob D. proposed the concept of establishing committee members that will help committee chairs with their work and eventually succeed them as a committee chairperson.

The board discussed two recent dog attacks on town lands. Harry was contacted by the owner of one of the dogs, Julie Zbelick

Next BOS meeting: The next meeting is December 1 at 7pm in the Baker Free Library located at 509 South Street Bow NH. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.