

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2016

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

Members: Beth Lux, Jeff Warner, Mike Lax

Guests: Denise and Tom O'Donovan

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

Treasurer's Report: Frank distributed the Treasurer's report and summarized the financial status of BOS. Mike presented a check from his employer, Eversource, for \$300.00 in the form of a grant for his volunteer efforts with BOS. Frank filed the BOS annual report with the State of NH. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report: Bob Dawkins reported receiving 35 membership renewals so far. Reminders will go out to members that have not renewed yet. At Bob's request, Mike Lax and Martin volunteered to work on a membership drive.

Stewardship Report: As part of Ken's Safety Building Committee membership, he will present an overview of the project's status at the next BOS meeting in February. Ken asked for help to create an abutter's encroachment letter to notify landowners. He also asked the board to sign the letter only by those board members with out conflicts. Ron Klemarczyk is reblazing NCF at the request of the BCC. Bob Dawkins is continuing to work with Mr. Chadwick on the possible easement of his property. Bob reported that an existing survey is acceptable, and he gave Mr. Chadwick information about having his property's boundaries blazed as a pre-requisite to the easement.

Public Relations: Martin and Matt Chagnon are continuing their work on creating a new web site for BOS. Martin plans to provide a demo at the February meeting. The next BOS newsletter is scheduled to be published the third week of January. If anyone has any content and/or pictures, please contact Martin.

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

Trail Report: Hilary reported that DRED is still holding the approved grant funds. The Trail Agreement Hilary, Martin and John Laboe created has been sent to Town Manager Dave Stack for review and approval. Hilary continued her dialog with a group of mountain bikers to inform them about trail policies in the town of Bow.

New business:

Harry reported finding more unauthorized trail blazes on the Boulder trail.

The Laxes completed more leaf blowing on the Cascade Brook trail. Mike Lax mentioned the need for deadfalls clearing on this trail.

Bob Dawkins reset a trail post that had been pulled out by vandals.

Bob D. is loosening the trail signs on trees in NCF due to tree growth.

Mike Lax will create a short survey to pass out to hikers on the trails in Bow, attempting to get more volunteers for trail work, etc.

Martin mentioned the permissible possibility of Eagle Scouts from other towns doing their service projects in Bow.

Mike Morris will redo the BOS business card.

Bob Dawkins requested BOS join the NH Land Trust Coalition at a cost of \$100.00 annually. Bob feels the workshops and other offerings are worthwhile. He invited the board members to check the organization out and discuss joining at the February meeting.

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.

Next BOS meeting: The next meeting is February 2 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.