

**Bow Open Spaces, Inc.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 6, 2016**

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

Members: Beth Lux, Nikki and Mike Habif

Guest: Katie Nelson, Central NH Regional Planning Commission

**Secretary's Report:**

After discussion and review, the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote. Received grant check from Mary Boucher for \$1000. Bob will talk to NH Charitable Foundation and John Laboe about the appropriate use of this money.

**Membership Report:**

Bob will send out membership renewal letter and dues form.

**Stewardship Report:**

Part of Great Hill in Nottingcook Forest has been cleared for view by Mike Sanpo. Bob suggested installing posts for winter marking of trail near cleared area. Bob will meet with Mike about clearing downed slash.

**Public Relations Report:**

Martin is looking for articles and notices for the fall BOS newsletter.

**Trail Report:**

Need boundary clarification before moving forward on spur trail from Hampshire Hills Drive into Walker Forest- can Ron Klemarczyk do this?

Sofa dumped on Branch Londonderry TP adjacent to Walker Forest (near Page Road end, just above kiosk). Who is responsible for picking it up?

***Trail Grant Review-***

Over the past summer Hilary met with Board of Selectmen, Sign Committee, Heritage Commission, Emergency Management, and Bow Pioneers for collaboration, feedback, suggestions, etc. With guidance

from Heritage Commission, several trail names were changed to reflect local history. Changed name of Perimeter Trail to School Forest Loop to be consistent with Bow Pioneers. They also agreed to add Knox Forest to their maps and signs. Renamed two trails in School Forest to honor teachers with historical significance. Will include junction numbers from Bow Pioneers on the new map. Worked with Heritage Commission to agree on wording of road side signs at both trailheads. At Knox Road: Knox Forest, Trail Parking, Robertson Trail Entrance. At Robinson Road: Knox Forest, Trail Parking, Robinson's Crest Entrance. Heritage Commission will be putting together information for one panel of the kiosk.

Met with Sign Committee to get recommendations and approval for road side sign design. Met with Russ Aubertin of Advantage Signs to discuss road side and trail signs. Provided him with all of the wording he needs to complete the signs.

Arranged for Bow Department of Public Works to help with mechanical augering of holes for signposts, to be done this or next week.

Marked locations of sign posts with stakes throughout forest (23). Also staked locations for two signs for the Lyford trail that goes from Peaslee Road to Hope Lane. There are approximately five signs planned for the Walker Forest.

Worked with Craig Tufts at Central NH Regional Planning Commission to update map (final stage in process).

Met with Nikki Habif to discuss content for one panel of kiosk. Nikki discussed examples of notices to be posted in new trail entrance kiosks.

Need help creating paper map/brochure.

Planned work days (blazing, setting posts, digging holes, attaching signs to posts):

- Wed 9/7 4-7 PM (blazing, setting 2 posts, possibly digging 4 holes)
- Sun 9/11 time TBD
- Wed 9/14 5-7 PM
- Sat/Sun 9/24/25?
- Also available 9/8, 9/13, 9/20, 9/22

Discussion of Patrick and Erin Richardson Easement. Hilary not sure if anyone is checking with BOS or Conservation Commission about proper use of property. Hilary will talk to Sandy.

Selectmen want large map posted at gazebo. Sandy Crystal wants a new map of Nottingcook Forest.

Bow Pioneers working on a separate map of snowmobile trails.

Litter at Robinson Road entrance to Knox and School Forest.

**Bow Master Plan Update:**

Katie Nelson is working on updating the Natural Resources chapter on conservation properties in the Town of Bow for the new Master Plan. She attended BOS meeting to discuss list of properties in Bow. Ken helped explain the various properties and easements to date.

**Next BOS meeting:**

The next meeting is October 4, 2016 (7pm) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.