

## Bow Open Spaces - winter 2016 newsletter



### Bow Master Plan Survey - what's your opinion?

**Hurry! - Survey deadline is Tuesday, February 16th**

The Town of Bow Planning Board is "...conducting a survey to collect community input that will help inform the Plan's vision of where Bow is today, where it should be in the future and what is required to get there..."

What's your vision of Bow in the future? This important survey will help our town officials and various boards understand how citizens feel about housing, the proposed town center, economic development, schools and - of course - conservation and open lands.

Please take a few minutes to complete [the survey!](#)

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### Grant Update - Great News!

After a long, long wait, it looks like Bow Open Spaces is finally going to be able to move forward with some projects in the Knox Road Town Forest!

We applied for a trail grant through New Hampshire's Department of Resources and Economic Development in December of 2014. Our application requested funding (\$11,450) for projects in the Knox Road Town Forest including an improved parking lot on Robinson Road, new roadside trailhead signs, kiosks at two trailheads, an updated map, and improved signage throughout the forest.

We anticipated receiving the money in 2015 and completing the project by last fall. Unfortunately, the money got tied up in Congress; but, after numerous delays, we learned last week that the Federal Highway Administration is expected to give us the "green light" in the next few weeks.

All work must be completed by October 31 so it will be a productive and exciting year!





Lower Steerbrook, viewed from Nancy's Trail in Nottingcook Forest.

Photo credit: Mike Lax



**Nancy Rheinhardt with BOS board member Martin Murray**

## Thank You Nancy!

Nancy Rheinhardt, a longtime member and friend of Bow Open Spaces recently celebrated her retirement from Eversource Energy.

As we write this, Nancy and husband Chuck are thought to be somewhere far to the south, relaxing and temporarily enjoying a warmer climate.

Besides the end of full time employment, Rheinhardt has also given up the reins

as chair of the Town of Bow Conservation Commission, a post she has successfully held for many years.

"Nancy is a valuable and knowledgeable source of the town's history, especially when it comes to preserving our public lands, as well as opportunities to assist private property owners in conserving their open spaces," noted BOS board member Martin Murray, who worked alongside Rheinhardt in the Corporate Communications division of Eversource in Manchester. "Besides her formal assistance in carrying out the mission of Bow Open Spaces, Nancy was, and is, a friend to many of us and we look forward to that continuing."

With the departure of Rheinhardt, a vacancy will exist on the Bow Conservation Commission. Check [the commission's page](#) on the town website for more information.

## Winter Cleaning

The warm temperatures and snow-free ground in December allowed for a bit more outdoor clearing than in a typical

year.

Member Mike Lax hit the trails with shovel and rake in hand. His successful efforts to clear sections of the Upper Cascade trail in the [Nottingcook Forest](#) are evident in the photo at right.



Thanks, Mike!

And, if you, too, are interested in helping protect and preserve our open spaces, please consider [becoming a member of Bow Open Spaces](#), watch our [Facebook](#) page for regular updates on trail hikes and work days, visit [our website](#), and continuing reading the newsletter!

## About Bow Open Spaces

Bow Open Spaces, Inc. was established in 1997 to protect property that has been donated to or purchased by the Town of Bow for conservation and recreation purposes for the benefit of the citizens of Bow and its neighboring communities.



Our board and membership include citizens who are enthusiastic supporters of the Town of Bow's public lands. [All are welcome to join!](#)

Meetings of the organization typically take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Baker Free Library.



[Steerbrook Gorge Junction - Nottingcook Forest](#). Photo credit: Mike Lax

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