

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2017

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

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

After discussion, review, and a few minor corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Hilary gave Frank trail work bills for \$708. Frank distributed the treasurer's report and summarized the financial status of BOS. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report:

Bob Dawkins reported that there were no new members. Bob Lux suggested keeping a list of guests from our monthly meetings. Harry suggested sending email reminders about BOS meetings to all members.

Stewardship Report:

The Chadwick Easement paperwork has been completed. Ken reviewed history of 23-26 Woodhill Hooksett Road and the view of Stone Sled and Concord Hospital.

Public Relations Report:

Martin said Kathy is prepared to put together the new website. It would include rotating pictures, blog area, donation portal and mention of donating land. Also included will be a link to property maps. Kathy would populate new site with material from old web page that we want to keep. Bob would like to write a page on conservation easement-benefits, tax ramifications, and procedure. Bob also wants a page with pictures of our properties or a link to Flickr, the online photo website. Martin said we could have a separate location for each conservation area. He asked those present for photos and content and to contact him if want to help. Bob would like to ask Mary Boucher for \$2,000 to help with website costs. He is not in favor of using money from the general fund. Martin thought Mary would only give us money for trail work. All those present agreed with Bob. Martin will let us know when the website is ready. Hilary thinks our Facebook page should look the same. Martin said Concord Community Television offers 1-2 classes on how to use video cameras. He will obtain hard copies. Martin is looking for content and photos for the February 2017 newsletter.

Trail Report:

New road signs have been installed. Two trail signs still need to be installed. Harry and Hilary met with Craig several times about the new Nottingcook Forest map. Criag is also working on a map of all Bow (and some in other towns) trails. Hilary wants to obtain a written revocable agreement with landowners for trail use. Harry said BOS should talk to the snowmobile club first about written agreements. Bob said some land owners would not want to sign this type of agreement. Harry said Bow selectmen and the Bow Conservation Commission want Bow Open Spaces to coordinate with the snowmobile club concerning the trails. Ken will ask Craig Ott to attend the February BOS meeting. Group examined and discussed the new Nottingcook Town Forest map. Bob remarked that the Great Hill scenic viewpoint and wetlands should be marked. Bob showed group new "composite" trail signs. He is making 6 of these signs.

New Business:

Harry presented the 2016 BOS report for submission to the town report. Those present reviewed the report and made some corrections. Robert and Patricia Chadwick were added as Bow land owners.

Bob Dawkins will lead a hike up Piper Mountain February 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is February 7 (7:00 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.