

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2017

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

Members: Beth Lux

Absent: Frank Boucher

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, minutes (with minor corrections) were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank was unable to attend the meeting. Bob distributed the treasurer's report and summarized the financial status of BOS. Bob would like some of the money deposited in a 6-month or 1 year money market fund and leave \$5,000 as cash. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report:

Bob reported no changes to membership.

Stewardship Report:

Parsons Way development is active at the moment. Ken said to let him know if there's any encroachment on open spaces.

Ken reviewed Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Bow and Bow Open Spaces/

McNichols Road erosion in the form of silt goes onto easement property. Ken wants to put signs on Chadwick property.

Hilary said Sandy Crystall wants BOS to identify land to purchase or put under easement in the future. Harry mentioned parcels off Ogden Road would be likely candidates, next to Knox Road Town Forest. Bob Dawkins suggested asking the Woodburys to put an easement on their land, which is over 200 acres.

Public Relations Report:

Martin reported that the spring/summer newsletter has been distributed. He also handed out a list of those who "opened" the newsletter. Some emails were bounced back due to incorrect or discontinued addresses.

The new website will be live in a few days. Over the summer he will put in short blog posts and notices. If anyone wanted information in the website, he/she should send it to send it to Martin for inclusion. Sarah Dolcino expressed interest in being a webmaster. Bob will let Martin know dates and times for his summer trail walks.

Trail Report:

Hilary reported that a trail maintenance workshop will take place on July 29th.

Discussion ensued about horses and dogs on conservation trails. General consensus was that there should be consistent language about what is allowed on trails, such as hours of use, pets, motorized vehicles, etc. There was also discussion about “liaisons” for each parcel in Bow.

New Business:

Ken thought that the Trails Committee should meet the same night as the BOS. Harry said he will review the BOS Board of Directors

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is September 5, 2017 (7:00 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.