

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

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

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Frank recommended investing \$25,000 in an online account with a better interest rate. Motion made and accepted to authorize treasurer to open an FDIC-insured online account. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Membership Report:

Bob said BOS should increase name recognition to help increase membership. Hilary asked Martin to tweak new website so people can donate money online for trail work and other projects. Discussion followed about how to get new members.

Stewardship Report:

Alex Slocum has a "for sale" sign in front of his house. He owns a number of lots in Bow and is conservation-minded.

Ken investigated noise around Stone Sled Farm easement. There were construction stones on the easement. On McNichol Lane water/silt from new house construction was running on the easement.

Ken received an email from Bryan Westover. They are still working on the "Conservation, Preservation, and Open Space" chapter for the Bow Open Space Master Plan revision. He wanted updates on the number and type of easements in Bow.

Ken requested help with stewardship, such as monitoring easements and keeping track of the growing list of properties.

Public Relations Report:

New BOS website is up and running. Martin will write article for the Bow Times.

Trail Report:

Hilary reported that Sandy Crystall is going to put all the property maps on the town website. Hilary will tell Sandy about redundancy of maps and other information on our different websites.

Trail Care Day will be September 17 from 10-12 and/or 12-2 in the Walker and Hammond properties. Webelos Trail needs some attention. She will ask the Boy Scouts to fix sign posts as well. Gelato jars are needed for paint.

Hilary was able to secure a special funding grant from Stewardship New England for a bridge building workshop (October 14). The workshop will result in a bridge on Walker Forest's Webelos Trail.

Hilary will discuss BOS hats with Nancy Sampo.

Bow Board of Selectmen will hold a meeting October 3 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss conflicting signs and regulations (specifically dogs and wheeled vehicles) in the Town Forests.

New Business:

The following Board of Director terms were renewed for another three years:

Frank Boucher, Treasurer

Eric Thum, Secretary

Ken Demain, Stewardship

Martin Murray, Public Relations

Hilary Warner, Trails

Bob Dawkins, Membership

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is October 3, 2017 (7:00 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.