



Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Newsletter

Summer 2012

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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



Ana Urbina, BHS Class of 2013

BHS Senior Project Benefits Many

Ana Urbina has grown up within an easy walk of the Bow School Forest. The woods and recreational trails abutting her family property have served as a playground for her and her family, neighbors and friends. "My dad and a friend of his mountain-biked out here just

the other day to look at my project area," she said, as she stood amidst a portion of low lying trail filled with rocks. "They are going to help me with some of the heavy work."

Urbina, about to enter her senior year at Bow High School, has proposed a slight bypass along the Bear Trail in order to "smooth the way" for the use of the trail by hikers, runners, and others. Ana is working with volunteers, including Bow Open Spaces trail masters Hilary and Jeff Warner to plan the bypass, which would divert traffic slightly to the west,

the citizens of Bow and its neighboring communities.

Quick Links

[Bob Lux, President](#)
[Martin Murray, Editor](#)

Next BOS Meeting

Board meetings are typically held in the Old Town Hall.

All members welcome!

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7th.

avoiding an area that is rocky and often wet.

The work is part of Urbina's "Senior Project," an element of the Bow High School curriculum that allows students to contribute to their community through a research project and volunteerism.

As part of her research, Urbina will prepare a report on Nature Deficit Disorder. Some experts say outdoor recreation helps children who have spent large amount of time indoors - many by choice, as the use of electronic technology substitutes for fun in the outdoors. Urbina hopes that trail improvement will play a role in encouraging youth to enjoy our outdoor spaces.

Bow Open Spaces has been a part of several such projects over the years, including the recent development of the White Pine Trail by student Laura Bello, BHS Class of 2011.

If you have an idea for such a project, drop us a note!
bowopenspaces@gmail.com.

BOS Elects Officers/Directors



At its annual meeting June 5, the membership of Bow Open Spaces elected a slate of officers and directors to serve the organization over the next year:

Officers

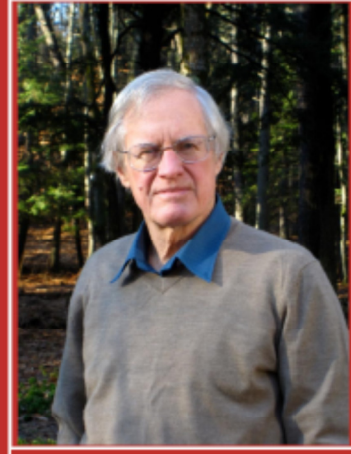
President - Bob Lux
Vice President - Craig Ott
Treasurer - Frank Boucher
Secretary - Mike Morris
Past President - Bob Dawkins

In addition, the following Directors were elected or will continue their existing terms: Barbara Downie; Ken Demain; Martin Murray; Hilary Warner and Harry Hadaway.

President's Message

Ah, summer!
Bob Lux

July premieres spring's fulfilled promise in verdure and halcyon days...come to think, in so many ways. The brook returns to laziness after spring's tumult. Cicadas practice for August's chorus. Crickets make music in the fields. A gentle drowsiness settles over the woods, zephyrs gossip in the leaves. Pitter patter crescendoes to heavy rain, maybe to be followed by bright sun and drip, drip, drip. Lightening bugs, mosquitos, deer flies and ticks...all part of the scene. Take a walk on the "wild" side, along a forest path, skirt a field, get outside. Think about adopting a Bow Open Spaces path this fall with the mission of keeping it free from deadfall and inviting for all to use. More on that later in a subsequent newsletter.



BOS & BHS - a great partnership!

Bow Open Spaces is always willing to work with a member of the Bow High School senior class to complete a requisite senior seminar. Please [contact us](#) if you know a student who would like to explore the possibilities!

Support Bow Open Spaces, Inc.!

BOS members help support the important work of the organization. Dues funds go toward continued protection of existing and future properties. If you are not already a member, but would like to join us, please [send an email](#) to Bow Open Spaces Membership Director Bob Dawkins and receive membership information via US Mail.

If you're ready to join right now please send a check with the appropriate contact information, as described below:

Dues: Individual = \$20.00/year; Family = \$30.00/year. Payable to "Bow Open Spaces, Inc." Send to: Bob Dawkins, 41 South Bow Road, Bow NH 03304.

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address. Thank you!

Contact Info

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