

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: March 6, 2018

Minutes (Draft)

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

Absent: Bob Dawkins, Martin Murray and Frank Boucher

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the February 6, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved (with minor corrections) by voice vote. Eric picked up the new BOS hats from Body Covers in Laconia, NH. BOS decided on \$20 per hat, to be collected by Frank.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank Boucher was absent.

Membership Report:

Bob Dawkins was absent.

Stewardship Report:

Ken will set up kiosk at March 13 voting day. Discussion ensued about gates at trailheads.

Public Relations Report:

Martin Murray was absent.

Trail Report:

There have been at least two reports of a truck from Dunbarton Center Road driving into Hammond Nature Preserve. Harry Judd, Bow Police, and Sandy Crystall were notified. Trails Committee member Charly Lagasse talked to Tim Sweeney (DPW) and landowner Nancy Knapp about addressing the problem. Sandy is in favor of a gate or chain at the trailhead. Hilary will talk to selectmen. BOS officers agreed to install a gate or chain.

Hilary and Jeff Warner and Becca Foulkes attended the February 12 Bow Conservation Commission meeting. BCC was agreeable to raising the level of the trail bed with rock material instead of using a boardwalk. Grant money is available for trail projects—deadline is June 22 to submit applications. Tim Sweeney will be consulted about materials and cost.

Draft of legal signs was sent to BCC and Bow Police. Sandy made some edits and will send back to Hilary. Charly and others will identify locations for signs. Hilary will talk to Bow Pioneers about where to post orange No ATV signs.

Trails Committee will check price/shipping of small signs to remind trail users to clean up after pets.

Trail care days are scheduled for April 22 (Earth Day) and May 5.

Jeff and Hilary attended the February 26 meeting hosted by Mitchell Harrington (Fire Chief) on town plans to respond to wilderness emergencies. Bow Pioneers, Police Chief, Fish and Game, Sandy Crystall and Dave Esklund (BCC), and Ben Kinarty were in attendance.

Hilary received an email from the Executive Director of Five Rivers Conservation Trust Beth McGuinn about renewing membership in the NH Land Conservation Coalition. Hilary will send email to Eric.

New Business:

Hilary and Eric will attend the Saving Special Places Conference April 7, 2018.

Sandy Crystall called Hilary requesting someone from BOS present the warrant article for Crescent Lot at the March 14 deliberative session.

Discussion ensued on what organization would hold easements if BOS ceased to exist.

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is April 3, 2018, 2017 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.