

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: February 6, 2018

Minutes

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

Absent: Bob Dawkins

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the January 2, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved (with minor corrections) by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

After discussion and review, the February 6, 2018 treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Membership Report:

Bob Dawkins was absent.

Stewardship Report:

Ken reported there is more boundary work to be done at Chadwick easement. The last visit was in 2014. Ken recommended the Boy Scouts walk the Hammond Nature Preserve. Bob Lux wanted to refresh the blazes there.

Public Relations Report:

Martin sent out the winter newsletter. More than half of the recipients looked at the newsletter, according to Constant Contact. The spring newsletter will post in a couple of months. Frank can now move PayPal donations and membership money to Merrimack County Savings Bank. Discussion ensued about having the BOS kiosk at Bow Memorial School March 13 during ballot voting and elections. Harry will check to see if there is space available. Martin will add some photos to the kiosk. Hilary will use the membership forms on the new maps for the kiosk.

Trail Report:

Hilary received an email from a sophomore at Bow High School about joining the trails committee. Charly Lagasse finished the kiosk work at Woodhill-Hooksett road. Hilary met with

the Bow Pioneers on January 10-they are in support of fixing the trails. She will meet with the Conservation Commission to get their approval.

Hilary handed out draft sign language to replace legal signs currently located throughout Bow. Harry asked about handicapped access and American Disabilities Act regulations. Discussion ensued about wording of public notice.

Sarah Dolcino from the Trails Committee wrote a draft statement for the BOS website about how trail users can reduce impact on wildlife habitat. Members suggested adding a hyperlink to “vernal pools” to get a definition.

Hilary handed out examples of signs reminding pet owners to pick up after their pets. There has been concern about the amount of dog waste near trailhead parking lots. These signs could be used on the BOS Facebook page, newsletter and/or attached to trailhead kiosks. Hilary will check with the Trails Committee about putting some trash bags at the Knox Forest kiosk. Eric said to check the trash bag stands used by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Bow Fire Department is working on emergency plans for town forests, including GPS coordinates and contacts for each property. There will be a meeting at the Safety Building February 26 to discuss emergency response in conservation lands.

Due to problems with previous trail projects, Hilary expressed interest in developing a process for approving future trail projects. Hilary will talk to the Conservation Commission about coordinating any plans for construction of trails and signs.

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

New Business:

Town meeting dates: March 13 for voting and March 14 for deliberative session.

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is March 6, 2018, 2017 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.