

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

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

Members: Beth Lux

Absent: Bob Dawkins

The BOS meeting was held immediately after a special meeting of the Bow Board of Selectmen, Bow Conservation Commission and Bow Open Spaces. The purpose of the meeting was to receive input on regulations and signage for recreational trails.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

BOS received a total of \$900 in contributions, including a check from Eversource.

Membership Report:

Sarah Dulcino said she will try to help increase BOS membership. On November 5 there will be a "Get Out and Walk Day" at Bow High School. Volunteers will exhibit the BOS display. Hilary suggested offering hot cider and donuts. Martin suggested handing out leaflets about the event.

Stewardship Report:

The trail work at Walker Forest was done to conform to requirements of the federal grant. Ken and Bob will walk the Chadwick easement on a weekday. Martin suggested they post their upcoming walk on social media. Hilary thought the Bow police chief, Margaret Lougee, wanted to be contacted about any troubles on Bow conservation properties.

Public Relations Report:

Martin will write an article about BOS for the Bow Times. The next newsletter will be out mid-October, with information about the trail bridge workshop. He requested content for the newsletter. Discussion ensued about who would be contacted for possible search and rescue in each recreation area.

Trail Report:

Hilary was able to arrange a bridge-building workshop hosted by Stewardship New England on October 28. The workshop will result in a new bridge on Walker Forest's Webelos Trail.

The Nottingcook Forest map is almost finished, and Walker/Hammond map is in rough draft.

Say it in Stitches charges 11-14 dollars for baseball caps with the BOS logo.

Hilary contacted Harry Judd about moving forward with the agreement between the town and private landowners.

BOS discussed the Boucher Easement and ATV use. Ken will research cost of "no ATV" signs for the property.

New Business:

Bob Lux will hike to Great Hill to view the full moon on Thursday, October 5.

Discussion ensued about starting BOS meetings earlier than 7 p.m.

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is November 7, 2017 (7:00 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.