

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: January 2, 2018

Minutes

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

Absent: Frank Boucher

Members: Beth Lux, Jeff Warner

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the December 5, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank Boucher was absent.

Membership Report:

Bob requested emails of the new members. There are currently 34 paid members and three donations.

Stewardship Report:

Ken reported the new red plastic signs have been approved. He will start installing the signs.

Bob Lux will team up with Ken on stewardship work.

Public Relations Report:

Martin reported that Frank fixed the issue between Merrimack County Savings Bank and PayPal. Bob's planned winter hikes will be listed on the website. Martin suggested organizing shorter in-town hikes. He needs content such as articles and photos for the January, 2018 newsletter.

Trail Report:

Charly Lagasse is fixing the rotted wood around the kiosk at Woodhill-Hooksett Road.

The trail committee inspected the wet section of the Robertson Trail. A permit would be needed for any trail repair. Hilary suggested stones with gravel on top. Jeff said that an open-topped culvert is an option. She will call Mark Dube of the Bow Pioneers-Hilary will attend their next meeting. Next step is to get approval from the Conservation Committee. Motion made and

accepted that BOS approve a design concept addressing the wet section of the Robertson Trail by putting in larger and small rocks with gravel.

Discussion ensued about amount of dog waste at Hammond Nature Preserve and Knox Road Town Forest trailhead parking lots. Eric recommended placing refuse bags on stands at trailheads for dog owners to collect dog waste.

Hilary suggested writing something on BOS website (see Lebanon, NH website) about hikers being mindful of disturbing wildlife while on the trail.

Hilary met with David Stack, Bow Town Manager, on December 19 about developing criteria to determine desirable lands to purchase. They also discussed improving coordination with town departments. Martin said BOS should give David the list of properties under BOS management.

New Business:

Town meeting dates: March 13 for voting and March 14 for deliberative session. Discussion ensued about the proposed warrant article for two conservation easements on Page Road and Crescent Drive. Sandy Crystall wants BOS to review and send her our comments. Then she will forward the documents to the select board. Harry will check the proposal Wednesday and reach out to Sandy. Bob Dawkins will send Sandy some suggested edits as well. He recommended one of BOS officers should attend the town meeting to answer any questions. Martin said the town attorney should be there as well. BOS recommended that Sandy should contact the Page Road abutter who objected to the easement because he wanted to buy a portion of the land for a septic system.

Martin said he could write an article for the Bow Times about the conservation easements so residents are better informed.

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is February 6, 2017 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.