

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: June 5, 2018

Minutes

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

Absent: Frank Boucher

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the May 1, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Motion made and accepted to continue terms of current BOS officers to 2019.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank Boucher was absent.

Membership Report:

Bob reported that there are three new members to BOS.

Stewardship Report:

Ken reported a forest fire on the Meadowsend property. He will check for damages.

South side of Knox Road Town Forest needs to be defined with markers, especially if there will be development north of Ogden Drive. Harry will check to see if BOS will be notified on any development plans there.

Ken will check on an easement possibility on Picket Hill (27 acres).

Public Relations Report:

Martin asked those present to send him pictures over the summer of planned hikes.

Trail Report:

On the May 5 Trail Work Day, 11 volunteers installed "no ATV signs", removed fallen trees, installed chicken wire on trail bridges, and painted blazes in Nottingcook Town Forest. Bob and Becca Faulks removed hockey stick bridges on Mossy Trail.

Hilary presented more information about Aaron Saffian's Eagle Scout Project in the Hammond Nature Preserve. There have been numerous trips to check the layout and impact of this trail. Sandy Crystall said there are no rare plants in the designated area. Aaron will start work on the trail this summer.

Hilary said trail signs are needed for Walker Town Forest.

The Trails Committee is partnering with the Town of Bow Parks & Recreation Department on a series of summer trail walks. This is a great opportunity to explore new places and get outside in Bow with friends and neighbors who might not have a lot of experience or confidence being in the woods. Sarah from the Trails Committee is in charge of the summer walks and asked for volunteer leaders.

Robertson Trail (Knox Forest) wet section: The area has dried out a bit. Hilary will reach out to Karl Benedict from NH Department of Environmental Services for guidance on how to proceed. Concord is dealing with a similar wet trail issue on the West End Farm Trail between I-89 exit 3 and Diamond Hill so Hilary will be able to get some pointers from them on permitting, construction, and costs.

Hilary discussed a new form to be used for approval or denial of new trail projects. Sandy Crystall will review with her comments.

The next Trails Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at the Baker Free Library.

Next BOS Meeting:

The next meeting is September 4, 2018, 2018 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.