

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: February 5, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)

DRAFT Minutes

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

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the secretary's report was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

After discussion and review, the treasurer's report was approved by voice vote. Paul Hammond donated \$5,000 with no restrictions. Frank also received a \$2500 check for stewardship from Jeff Knight.

Membership Report:

Bob reported that there is one new member.

Stewardship Report:

Ken presented information about the new 16.2-acre easement off Timmons Road. Harry did a site walk of the property. Bob Dawkins said to make sure the property line is blazed. Harry would like to see a hiking trail built on the easement. Discussion ensued about naming the lot, such as "Timmons Easement".

Public Relations Report:

Martin said he is working on the next newsletter and would like content. The Hammond donation would be a good topic for the newsletter. Bob Dawkins said he would send some info to Martin about the donation. Hilary will send Martin info on the January 27 backcountry rescue drill. He will promote the Mt. Kearsarge Moonlight Hike on Instagram.

Trail Report:

Hilary reported Ann D'Ambruso is working on the Nottingcook and Knox Forest kiosk maps and information posters that are faded. Hilary asked Bob Dawkins to review some of the language for the Nottingcook kiosk.

Hilary made a motion for the BOS to purchase UV-resistant maps and materials (\$285.50). Harry duly seconded, and with all voting in favor, motion passed.

Next Trails Committee meeting is March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion ensued about the Trails Committee leadership when Hilary steps down. Martin suggested someone from the Trails Committee should fill the vacancy. Harry said perhaps two people should take on the role. Hilary asked Harry if he could be the liaison between the two groups. Ken asked if BOS and the TC should be one entity. Martin said one person from BOS should be on the TC as well once Hilary leaves.

Last fall Sandy Crystall asked Harry and Hilary about Bow land that the Conservation Commission might consider for protection. Harry mentioned a 20-acre parcel off Branch Londonderry Turnpike. Hilary identified contiguous properties as well.

Robertson Trail wet section: Still working on the wetlands permit application. Scott Oosterveen has volunteered to see the project through.

Hilary reported that the trend in snowmobile sport is riding in deep powder. The riders have to go off trail to cool the snowmobile motors, which has led landowners to close trails. Easements may have specific language prohibiting off trail riding.

New Business:

Proposed subdivision off Bow Bog Road: Planning board held site walk on February 16. Harry would like to see an increase from 50 to a 100-foot buffer from the lots to Boulder Trail. Bob Lux talked about the impact of the proposed subdivision on the existing neighbors of Smokey, Ogden and Nesbitt Drives. Bob Dawkins said the planning board can hire an independent expert to review existing wetlands. He also mentioned an ordinance prohibiting fragmented open space areas. Discussion ensued about “yield plan” of subdivision, ledge, soils, limits on slopes for driveways, septic systems and wells.

The next meeting is March 5, 2019 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
