

**Bow Open Spaces, Inc.**

**Meeting: January 8, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)**

**Minutes**

Board Attendees: Harry Hadaway, Martin Murray, Frank Boucher, Bob Dawkins, and Eric Thum.

Members: Dorie Dawkins

Absent: Ken Demain, Hilary Warner, Bob 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.

**Membership Report:**

There are 28 BOS members, as of January 2019.

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken Demain was absent.

**Public Relations Report:**

Martin got the link working to move money from PayPal to the BOS bank account. He will be notified when donations are made. He met with Dorie Dawkins about increasing BOS presence on Instagram.

**Trail Report:**

Hilary was absent.

**New Business:**

A Robinson Road resident attended the meeting to discuss the proposed subdivision application near Smokey, Ogden, Nesbitt, Bow Bog and Robinson. She said the development should be done right or not done at all. Harry expressed concern that the houses will be built close to Boulder Trail and access to the trail from Smokey will be shut off due to the development. Harry also said there will be numerous public hearings and plenty of public opposition to the project. Eric and Bob Lux walked the Town Forest boundary near the project-they found new survey markers that did not match the old survey markers. Abutters will be notified of planning board meetings. Bob Dawkins said this property has been identified as having a large concentration of wildlife and abundant wetlands. He received a letter from another abutter who was concerned about this development. Eric suggested the Robinson Road resident attend the next Conservation Committee meeting to learn more about the subdivision.

Jeff Knight contacted Bob Dawkins about a placing a parcel of land under easement. Harry liked the fact that it borders the Boucher easement. There are wet areas on the property. Bob Dawkins reviewed the draft easement. Jeff will give the BOS \$2500 for the stewardship fund.

*Frank made a motion for Bow Open Spaces to accept a conservation easement on a 16.2-acre property located at the end of Timmins Road and abutting the Boucher easement. Martin duly seconded, and with all voting in favor, the motion passed.*

Frank said the New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition never cashed the BOS check for 2018 membership dues. They sent a letter requesting membership renewal for 2019.

*Frank made a motion for Bow Open Spaces to renew membership with the NH Land Trust Coalition. Bob duly seconded, and with all voting in favor, the motion passed.*

Dorie reported there are 586 followers on Facebook. She posted an update that the trails were icy and hikers should use caution.

**Next BOS Meeting:**

The next meeting is February 5, 2019 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.