

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: October 1, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)

Final Minutes

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

Members: Beth Lux

Secretary's Report:

After discussion and review, the secretary's report for September 3, 2019 was approved (with minor corrections) by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

After discussion and review, the treasurer's report was approved by voice vote. Frank suggested BOS authorize a budget for the Trails Committee. In 2018, \$1405.12 was spent for trail construction and maintenance.

Frank made a motion for the BOS to establish a \$500 budget for the Trails Committee. Martin duly seconded, and with all voting in favor, the motion passed.

Membership Report:

Bob Dawkins sent out 54 membership renewal notices via email and regular mail. Harry will send a thank-you letter to Paul Hammond for the \$5,000 donation.

Stewardship Report:

Ken presented information on a new housing project off Brown Hill Road. Nine single family homes are planned to be built, adjoining the Hammond Nature Preserve land. He recommended tagging the Hammond Nature Preserve property line so the developers know where to stop clearing.

Jeff Knight bought land next to the Boucher Easement, off White Rock Hill Road.

Discussion ensued about the Page Road lot and not putting it under easement.

Public Relations Report:

Martin met with Kathy Barnes about the BOS website. It is a "secure site" now. The PayPal logo appears on the site. The site is backed up for one month in case it crashes. Kathy taught Martin how to add pictures. Also, when someone makes a donation, Bob Dawkins should get a notice. The blog was removed. Kathy charged \$150 for her work on the website.

Martin asked for articles (such as the Rookery Trail), photos, and notices for the next BOS newsletter.

Trail Report:

Harry's church group is planning a trail work day on October 12 with approximately 20 volunteers. Meet at the Community Center at 2. They will prune branches in Walker Forest. Bob Dawkins could use some help

in Nottingcook Forest cutting down weeds. Harry said the Wolf Cascade Brook Trail needs pruning as well.

Harry will ask Selectmen (on October 8) for approval for the bridge placement over a stream on the Rookery Trail in the Walker Forest, consisting of a 12 foot by 32-inch pressure treated stringers with recycled decking. On October 12 he plans to have church group volunteers help carry and install it over the stream. Jim Jensen wants to be reimbursed \$100 for materials for bridge.

The sign for Walker Forest was stolen. Jim Jensen removed the sign for Branch Londonderry Turnpike because he was afraid it would be stolen as well. Jim said he was harassed by a nearby land owner who said there are trails and bridges on his land. Jim complained to Town Manager David Stack about the signs being removed.

Harry met with Selectmen about having the local Boy Scouts build and install trail signs on the new trail in Hammond Nature Preserve. Bob Lux suggested keeping the signs small.

Harry found a new trail off Webelos Trail-he is not sure who built it.

Bob Dawkins said the kiosk at the beginning of the Woodhill-Hookset Road trail needs a new roof with asphalt shingles. He also is rebuilding Hamilton's Path as well as the Great Hill trails due to the tremendous amount of tree encroachment.

Bob discussed building a new trail from Nancy's Trail to Crescent View Trail. He said he will fill out the form for new trail construction approval.

The Trails Committee is working on better access to the Pond Trail off Bow Center Road.

Discussion ensued about a new trail, with bridges, from Timmons Road through Boucher Forest.

Trail Care Day is planned for October 26.

The Trails Committee will meet October 2 at the Baker Free Library.

The next meeting is November 5, 2019 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library.

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
