

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.

Meeting: December 3, 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 November 5, 2019 was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Membership Report:

Bob Dawkins reported that \$1400 in dues were collected through November 29, 2019. Adding \$440 to deposit, the total collected was \$1840. There were 26 paid memberships. Bob sent email reminders to past members and will send more reminders mid-December. Bob is also working with Martin to clean up the list of members. Bob said there were 30 members that have not renewed in the last cycle.

Stewardship Report:

Ken said that he wanted to step down as Stewardship Director, after starting in this capacity in 2008. Eric agreed to replace Ken, starting January 1, 2020.

Martin made a motion for Eric to replace Ken as Stewardship Director and Bob Lux to replace Eric as Secretary for Bow Open Spaces, effective January 1, 2020. Bob Dawkins duly seconded, and with all voting in favor, the motion passed.

Eric will meet Ken to pick up the files, tags and other related items for stewardship duties.

Public Relations Report:

Martin released the Autumn BOS newsletter. More than ½ of the recipients opened the newsletter. He also posted the newsletter on Facebook.

Trail Report:

Martin will ask Ann D'Ambrusoso about developing and producing trifold maps for Hammond and Nottingcook, similar to the Knox trifold.

Harry reported that someone cut an unapproved trail in Walker Forest. He would like to install a "private trail-do not enter" sign there.

Harry will order and install new trail signs for the new Life Trail, which is located on the southwest part of the Hammond Nature Preserve.

Harry found more unapproved trails in the Walker Forest. One is located between Webelos and Eastman and another off Eastman. Bob Dawkins said the Conservation Commission and Selectmen should know about these unapproved trails. There should also be a sign stating that new trails should not be cut.

Bob Dawkins asked Harry if there were any volunteers to take Hilary Warner's position as Director of the Trails Committee.

New Business:

Bob Dawkins will contact Peter Imse about setting up the BOS information display at the Community Building during the primary elections February 11, 2020. Those in attendance agreed not to display at the town meeting March 11, 2020.

Harry presented information about a boundary line dispute. A local landowner questioned the Walker Forest boundary near Branch Londonderry Turnpike. Harry could ask Bow selectmen to survey the boundaries to establish the exact line. In the past the Town Forester tried to establish the boundary line but the survey was never registered. Ken and Harry once made an attempt to mark the line but could not follow the map due to logging. Bob Dawkins said BOS could take legal action. Jim Jensen reported that he will make a new trail sign to replace the missing one, but will wait until the boundary line is established before installing it. Martin said it should be the Town of Bow's responsibility since it is Town Forest. And Sandy Crystall (Bow Conservation Commission) should get involved.

Bob Dawkins will schedule some dates to guide full moon hikes and advertise the dates and times in the Bow Times.

Bob Dawkins received an email from Alex Slocum, who lives off South Bow Road and Ordway Lane. His land abuts Nottingcook Forest. Alex wants to put 90 acres in a conservation easement as a donation. He would like to do this by the end of 2019, if at all possible. The land would have to be surveyed. Bob stated that this property, which has not been logged in many years, consists of rough terrain with mature white pines.

The next meeting is January 7, 2020 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
