

BOW OPEN SPACES

Final minutes, Zoom meeting

April 3, 2021

BOARD ATTENDEES: Harry Hadaway, Bob Dawkins, Bob Lux, Ken Demain, Marc Ferland; Absent: Martin Murray, Frank Boucher.

Members: Sandra Bowles, Carol Niegisch, Linda Millman

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The report was reviewed and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank was absent.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Bob first reported on

Current Year Member Dues & Contributions, July 1, 2020 - April 5, 2021

no change in contribution amount (\$685)

Regular members 46 \$1250

Supporting members 15 \$1000 (\$75 for a family membership)

Contributing members 24 \$2275 (\$75 for a single membership)

Total 85 \$5210

Active members Dues & Contributions, April 1, 2020 - April 5, 2021 (one whole year)

Regular 53 \$1440

Supporting 17 \$1150

Contributing 27 \$2575

Total 97 \$5850

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

Eric again brought up difficulty of getting a proper survey for the Patrick & Erin Richardson easement which, in the future, might border with a currently proposed adjacent development. Again it was pointed out that Ron Klemarczyk can only blaze property lines and not determine corners. Ron indicated to Eric that surveyors are quite busy at this time. Sandy Crystall, as head of the Conservation Commission, will have to procure a proper survey based on subdivision regulations. The boundary with a conservation easement will have to be blazed.

Harry brought up a survey question about adjacent Person property that abuts WTF and the Andrew Richardson easement. Harry says that this is not a proper survey, only a rough “look see” by Ron. This has not been done by licensed survey and needs to be.

Harry said that he had contacted Tanya at town offices re the status of the Crescent Drive conservation easement which has been OK'd by town counsel and must be approved by Sandy Crystall after Harry signs it. He will ask Tonia to get it recorded at next meeting.

Eric reported on the easement walk that he, Ken Demain and Bob Lux did along the northeast section of Walker Forest where it abuts with Hampshire Hills. It is generally well-blazed in yellow. The once un-locatable westmost corner of WTF (abutting Hampshire Hills) has been clearly established with a metal rod and 4 corner-blazed trees. There are two places where the boundary runs extremely close to two houses. The first house was not approached. The second was. There may be a debris pile pushed onto easement property. Eric will visit the homeowner for more information.

Eric said he listened in on the planning board Zoom 3/18 meeting re the proposed development of the 60 odd acres with 60 plus duplexes off White Rock Hill Road.

Harry pointed out that two signs need re-installation: the one in front of Hammond NP parking knocked down by a snow plow and the other in Walker by the start of Webelos trail. Also the whereabouts of the corrected signs saying 'no motorized wheeled vehicles' versus simply 'wheeled vehicles' was once again raised. Harry will email Tim Sweeney.

Bob Lux brought up the fact that the sofa by the trail that runs along the west edge of Hornbein Swamp is still there. Eric will contact Tim Sweeney again.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Martin was absent.

TRAILS:

Marc reported that the URI student trail crew had to cancel its trail day visit April 17th, reason unknown. Boy Scouts will help in School Forest on Sat., 4/24 at 10am with light work. Sandra commented about a clean parking area at Knox TF.

BOS has run out of maps there. Maps are printed by Speedy Printing & Copy in Concord. Replacements will be black & white. Robinson & Knox kiosks will be supplied by Marc. BOS will order 100 maps of each. Marc thinks people are using phones vs paper maps or know the areas by heart.

Marc talked of getting to Nottingcook for some trail 'beautification' work with the help of the trails committee. There also is trail care day, May 1, with a rain date a week after. The next Trail Committee meeting is 2 June, a Wednesday, at 6:30pm per Marc.

Marc says trails look good in general. There is 'unofficial citizen trail maintenance' commented on by both Harry and Marc.

Harry solicited attendees Sandra, Carol and Linda for any thoughts they might have with none offered.

Harry commented on how many new members there were and the many people the enjoying the trails.

The meeting ended at 7:20. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lux, Secretary
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