

Bow Open Spaces, Inc.
February 4, 2020 meeting.
MINUTES, final version

Board Attendees: Harry Hadaway, Bob Dawkins, Eric Thum, Ken Demain, Martin Murray, Bob Lux; Absent: Frank Boucher
Guest: Beth Lux

Secretary's report

After discussion and review the report for January 7, 2020 was approved with minor changes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer absent, no report.

Membership Report

Bob reported that BOS gained 11 new members between January 8 and February 4, bringing in \$650 of membership income. There are now 45 total members: 16 regular, 12 supporting and 17 contributing.

Stewardship Report

Eric reported that he is "ready to go" with files and equipment in his new stewardship position. Initially, he will be walking the Titus-Lindquist easement that straddles 3A (last done 2016) with participants.

Harry contributed to stewardship regarding the Person lot dispute addressed at a meeting with Dave Stack, Harry, Eric, Ron Klemarczyk and Sandy Crystal. Ron stated that the tax map boundary was wrong. This has been acknowledged with Brian Person. The new Walker TF trails, mostly the Rookery and part of the Hemlock, are on Person private property. Hilary Warner, the former trails chair, sent a letter of apology to Mr. Person.

Brian Person was understanding, allowing trail use on his land as they currently exist. It was decided at our meeting to post signs saying something like “Leaving Walker TF, entering private land”. Jim Jensen will have these signs made. Harry, Eric and Brian Person walked the trail(s) and newly marked boundary today. These new boundary changes will be posted to the map at the WTF kiosk.

Also discussed was the issue of insurance on Person property. Bob will see about adding coverage as a rider on town policy.

The Town of Bow will be responsible for an official survey of the previously disputed boundary.

Bob then asked Harry about the status of a conservation easement deed for Crescent Lane, an approximate 5 acre parcel that was donated to the town but not protected. Bob has written the easement agreement which will be sent to Sandy Crystal and then the selectmen thru Dave Stack.

Publicity Report

Martin brought 100 each new maps of Hammond, Nottingcook and Knox Forest produced by Ann D’Ambruso and printed at Speedy Printing in Concord. It was decided that BOS membership be provided with these three maps by mail as a means of appreciation and hopeful involvement in BOS activity. These maps will be available at the library, the recreation department and town clerk’s office.

Martin will highlight them in the winter newsletter, encouraging readers who are non-BOS members to join.

Martin said that he, Harry and Linda Millman attended a conservation committee meeting where natural resources inventory (NRI) consultants gave a report on the inventory of Bow’s wildlife, tree cover etc. The consultants found “450 year old” black gum trees in Nottingcook. Bob pointed out that BOS should know their location for stewardship protection. Eventually, NRI results will be added as layers

to the Bow GIS tax map page. Sandy will be asked to ensure that all conservation easements are included in the natural resources files.

For the newsletter appeal, Martin also noted that (1) he'll point out utility of ice cleats for safe winter walking, (2) the NRI information, (3) the three new trail brochures and (4) the Walker forest boundary story and resolution.

Other

Bob and Harry brought up the newly proposed south Nottingcook trail off of Nancy's Trail, crossing Crescent and finishing near Cave Trail, providing a good stewardship perspective of the south Nottingcook boundary. Bob has filled out the trail approval form. Harry noted that a gpx file is required. This will be forwarded to Sandy Crystal and then Dave Stack.

Bob Dawkin's final trails comment was that the Crescent Trail is "done" except for trail signs at the head and at the intersection with Nancy's Trail. Bob will have these made. Bob, Mike Lax and Ray Torres walked this trail recently. Bob felled trees at both ends of the nearby logging road to avoid confusion and misuse. Bob also noted that he blazed the trail down to Nancy's Trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2020.