

Bow Open Spaces
Final minutes, Zoom meeting
December 1, 2020

BOARD ATTENDEES: Harry Hadaway, Bob Dawkins, Martin Murray, Eric Thum, Ken Demain, Bob Lux, Frank Boucher

Members: Marc Ferland, Beth Lux, Sandy Crystall, Carol Niegisch,

SECRETARY'S REPORT The report was approved and accepted with minor changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was approved and accepted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bob said there are three new members since last month, thirty-four total to date. As of last 6/30, there were sixty. Historically, membership usually is between 30-50. How to increase membership levels is a constant issue. Printing a batch of BOS cards to hand out to walkers encountered on trails was brought up.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

1. Eric reported that he and Bob Lux had walked the west lot of Titus-Lindquist (between 3A and IS 93). They found 6 of 8 boundary markers and no significant infractions. Eric said he forgot to put up BOS markers and will return to do that. Also, the final part of the east side of the easement needs to be re-walked in early spring.
2. Eric signed a new agreement with the town re Hammond NP. BOS will continue easement monitoring until 12/31/2024. The need for an annual report to the town was brought up as well.
3. Eric contacted Tim Sweeney regarding the rubbish piles in Nottingcook. These will be removed, date undetermined.
4. The Patrick Richardson easement was brought up. The corners were never established. This needs doing by a formal survey, cost to the town. Sandy Crystall will investigate as to who to choose in the way of licensed surveyors.
5. Eric will mobilize the BOS game camera for use in Nottingcook for surveillance.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Martin said BOS reaches out to 171 followers thru Constant Contact. CC charges \$255/ year. He prefers Mail Chimp, the basic version is free and likely he'll move to MC after the CC subscription ends on 3/1. The version he'll choose is one step above free, for \$120/yr. The fall NL final opening rate was 53% which is statistically very good. BOS on Instagram has 109 followers. A discussion regarding the fact that this was primarily photo-oriented vs the need for more information came up, initiated by Bob. How to integrate photos with the BOS web site was entertained. Martin will investigate. Evelyn Hatem created the BOS account and she may be of help. Harry pointed out that he will provide the annual BOS report for the town meeting. A BOS photo of the group taken by Eric Anderson was discussed. Both zoning and planning had photos taken outside. A Saturday date for BOS will be addressed by Harry.

TRAILS REPORT: Mike Ferland pointed out that he was familiarizing himself with the position and didn't have much to add. He will be attending the Trails Committee meeting a week from tonight. Sandy brought up leaf clearing on Bow trails, a subject that comes up from time to time with difference of opinion as to what is best where.

WRAP UP:

1. Harry found a box of unused Knox brochures and will ensure they get distributed.

2. Tanya Lindquist received the new non-motorized vehicle signs which Harry says are much larger than the current ones. He will ask that Jim Sweeney, DPW, install them.
3. Regarding the Crescent Lane easement, Bob again asked about re its status. Harry needs to sign the deed before it gets recorded. Sandy will update herself on the status and get back to Harry.
4. The Pushee-Chadwick deed was just recorded per Sandy and pertinent paper work sent to concerned parties. There is mention of its being a 'Pushee-Chadwick Memorial' or similar. BOS anticipates to hold the easement for these 24 acres. Bob suggested \$2500 easement donation fee. Sandy will followup on this.
5. Eric brought up the fact that dog owners picked up her dog's poop but then leave the plastic bags by the trail for whatever reason. This behavior needs addressing in the form of a 'reminder sign'.
6. The fact that there is or isn't a sign at the junction of Boulder and Mossy trails was discussed. There was back and forth as to where is was, was it there etc. There is another trail that passes close by, so that continuing on "the other trail" may be the cause for this confusion. Jim Jensen will address this with an appropriate sign.
7. The desirability of having Great Hill as an easement was brought up. Currently, it is well-cared for private property.
8. The fact that the Boucher house may become a B&B was brought up. This would likely close off passage for snow mobiles. Hunting is already not permitted.
9. The Pierre Lavin 7 ac lot for sale just off the power line off Woodhill-Hooksett road was brought up. It would require a long drive directly up the power line which is allowed.
10. Lastly, Sandy noted that Mike Hansen of the Conservation Commission would serve as conservation contact for BOS.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. The next meeting is on January 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lux
Secretary
Bow Open Spaces, Inc.