

Bow Open Spaces
Final Minutes, Zoom meeting
January 5, 2021

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

Members: Bob Ball, Paul Sigourney

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

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Bob reported 59 new, paid members since July 1, "far in excess" of past years. There is a total of 81 active members (105 total, 24 haven't paid) since 1/1/2020. There were 16 cars at the Great Hill kiosk on New Year's Day.

Bob brought up a \$495 difference in membership dues accounting thought to be due perhaps in part to Pay Pal usage charge or a MCSB account reset situation making it difficult for Frank to access the account at this time. This will need addressing.

Adding QR scanning at the trail heads was suggested as a means to attract new members. Also a QR link to the F&G website for hunting season dates would do away with having to remove kiosk plexiglass covers for posting of those dates.

STEWARDSHIP:

1. The Chadwick-Pushee 25 acre donation was accepted by the selectmen and the parcel is now owned by the Town of Bow.

2. The Crescent Drive easement was sent to Tania at town hall for approval.
3. Eric noted that the Walker/Hammond/Richardson easements and now Chadwick total nearly 400 acres, a sizable area under easement.
4. The trash in Nottingcook was picked up by Tim Sweeney and his crew. A name was found in the trash.
5. Black and white trail maps for Nottingcook were added at appropriate kiosks.
6. Eric bought a subscription to the NH Landtrust Coalition newsletter.
7. Eric will remove signs from Walker re logging, now finished, that addressed ash forest beetle impact.
8. Harry brought up the Hammond NP parking sign that was damaged by a car accident. The best place to relocate will be reconsidered in the spring.
9. BOS has an invoice for \$600 for signs that were redone for different wording. It was unclear who had ordered them in the first place and felt that the town should pay this invoice.
10. Eric reported he had seen surveyors' tape on the left side of the road above the Walker kiosk/parking and wondered if anyone had any ideas. No one did other than that the house last on left had been doing some tree cutting. It was pointed out that looking at the tax map might be a start.
11. Harry reported that he had the new business cards at his place. Martin put one on his camera for us to view. Go to Harry's house for same.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Martin is populating Constant Contact and Mail Chimp with all BOS addresses. He switched to a monthly (\$25/mo) CC membership with a changeover to MC in March at \$10/mo.

Martin updated the BOS web site history and added the current BOS board photo. He is looking for winter newsletter contributions.

TRAILS: Marc had nothing significant to report at this time. Bob asked him about the team families Marc had contacted re membership support. He will followup. Eric said he'd spoken with people who don't have money for membership but would be glad to help on a trail maintenance day. Their addresses needed to be included in a trail committee meeting.

Bob Ball and Paul Sigourney, meeting guests, both commented on their appreciation for BOS efforts.

Finally, Bob commented that Alex Slocum would not be offering close to 100 acres of land for the creation of a conservation easement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting is February 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lux
Secretary
Bow Open Spaces, Inc.