

Bow Open Spaces  
Final minutes, Zoom meeting  
March 2, 2021

BOARD ATTENDEES: Harry Hadaway, Bob Dawkins, Martin Murray, Eric Thum, Ken Demain, Marc Ferland, Bob Lux; Members: Beth Lux, Dana and Stacey Bull

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

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:  
Bob reported on membership statistics:

1. Under current membership, 7/1/2020-3/12021 (8 months) he noted:

- Total paid 74 (64 last year)
- \$685 in donations from 4 members
- 39 regular members for \$1040 dues
- 13 supporting members for \$850 dues
- 22 contributing members for \$2100 dues

In the first eight months of the fiscal year, \$4675 in dues and contributions collected vs. \$3105 last year, for a gain of \$1570 (\$985 membership & \$585 charitable funds)

2. Under active membership, 3/1/2020-3/1/2021 (past 12 months):

- Total paid 88 (82 last year)
- others paid during the current fiscal year (ie 8 months info) for a net gain of 6 (14 gained, 8 lost) with a few lost in the 'still-pending' column ("in the mail, "I will" etc).

Martin brought up fact that there are some new 'gift member' families. Bob spoke of promoting 'gifts of membership', establishment of 'lifetime memberships' for \$1000 and 'legacy planning', ie, BOS consideration in one's will.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

Eric again spoke of the Patrick Richardson easement and the need for a proper, permanent survey. Ron K will investigate the best way to achieve this, looking at other surveyors. Eric emailed Sandy Crystall for additional input but had not heard by meeting time. Harry pointed out that there are 67 adjacent acres under agreement with possibly 30 duplexes planned. This would likely establish one border provided the planning board, as a condition of approval, require the dividing property line be blazed, especially considering that it borders a conservation easement. Additionally, might there be some stipulation about reserving open space on this proposed development.

Eric again reiterated the plan to get busy with conservation easement monitoring. Priority: (1) Knox TF; (2) Old Johnson Rd.; (3) Patrick Richardson; (4) Walker Town Forest

Martin queried whether trail committee members might be interested in helping walk boundaries. There is a need for new energy to keep abreast of the many miles of easement borders. Insofar as attracting interest in border monitors/walkers, Bob suggested using the **Bow Times** as an additional means of disseminating information and obtaining help with monitoring.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Martin started by saying the winter newsletter had a problem in that he sent two slightly different versions. The first had the article on winter animal tracking but omitted the 'complete and final language' as to the Pushee property. The second had the final Pushee language but not the tracking story. All said, it was successful in that there were 91 opens for one, 96 for the other, about a 50% read rate which is good.

He will continue to use Constant Contact for a few more months @ \$25/mo. He says he will clean up the BOS website, eg minutes and past newsletters. He will link new newsletters on MailChimp.

TRAILS: Mark said that the URI/Providence service group, if they come (4/17-8), will be self-sufficient, coming Friday night, heading home Sunday. They've been informed that light cleanup will be done by BOS volunteers. 'Heavier' work, such as building a simple bog bridge, could be aided by Bob's knowledge of what's where. Clean-up days were discussed (generally in May) and approaches to eradicating unwanted vegetation. Other sources of ongoing trail crews could be the Boy Eagle Scouts and Bow High School senior projects.

Martin asked for the names of who does what on the trail committee for the public relations side of things. Bob Lux pointed out that the Weblos Tr. needs blazing, the c. 10' high sign, leaning against a tree, will need spring returning to a proper place on Br. Londonderry Tpke and that black and white copies of the color trails of WTF do not show orange trails, eg. Eskar.

ADDITIONAL: It was noted that Harry is still not sure if the Crescent Dr. easement has been recorded. He will get in touch with the town office if necessary. Ken asked where some 100 'NO ATV' signs had gone? Some were put out but the rest need to be found. Finally, Martin pointed out he may not be able to attend next month, being out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lux  
Secretary  
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