

Bow Open Spaces
Final minutes, Zoom meeting
November 10, 2020

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

Members: Jim Jensen, Marc Ferland, Beth Lux, Joan and Mike Lax

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank was absent, no report available.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bob reported that thru October 31st there were 31 members with three new ones in November for a total of \$2470 in new and renewal member fees and contributions since July 1. At this time last year, the total was \$750. Jan 1 to June 30 netted \$1620. Summarizing, "The best we've ever done" says Bob. Bob will send out additional renewal notices in December. Also a \$70 matching check without knowledge of who the matching employer as an instance of an ongoing issue. As a 501.c3, BOS can have company matches. Marc Ferland said he will try to get middle school soccer parents (who use Bow trails) aboard with company matching.

STEWARDSHIP:

- (1) Eric brought up the fact that the recently noted MTB ramps, bumps, jumps etc are not actually on the Stone Sled easement but on a vacant adjacent lot. An email to John Hare at Stone Sled was not answered. Signs saying 'no unauthorized trail use' in appropriate locations may be posted after Eric makes a contact there.
- (2) The Titus-Lindquist stewardship west (between 3A & IS 93) walk will be done next week, date to be selected.
- (3) The Hammond Nature Preserve easement with the town expired nearly two years ago. This will be addressed with the town for another two years. Making it longer (say 5 years) was brought up by Harry but Bob wanted the option for change when select board

composition changes and re-approach for a proper easement, ie, one with BOS as easement holder. In the meantime, an extension for two years will be sought.

(4) Chadwick-Pushee donation easement status: Sandy said do this 'down the line', ie, later. Two individuals donated this land to the town. Bob asked whether it went to the town of Bow or to the conservation committee as town forest.

(5) Eric is making a spreadsheet of all BOS easements. Bob brought up the need for a catalog of photos showing property status over time, ie, every two years.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Martin discussed the Autumn newsletter (NL) out 11/6. 171 sent, open rate 40%. Some NL material was posted on the web, too. In the NL, Bob's annual member update was the most popular. 44% who opened the NL, went to Bob's article. Pushee-Chadwick property was the second-most popular. The NL was also accessible via Facebook, with 56 additional clicks. Also Constant Contact got 5 additional opens - a total lower rate but above "industry average". Martin reported 698 likes for the FB page. Instagram currently has 106 followers - a 'growing vehicle' for BOS and more popular with younger folks than FB.

"Great job on the newsletter Martin!" was heard by all present.

Jim's Jensen's trail catalogue was referenced only twice, 10/20 and June 25th. It serves a good purpose. Martin had promoted it in the NL

Harry: Again was discussed the various party's responsibility for stocking which kiosks with trail brochures. The 12/7 trail committee meeting will discuss this per Harry. The trail committee has taken this task on.

The need for a new BOS Director for Trails was brought up by Harry. Marc Ferland expressed interest in this position. Marc was nominated on the spot and his new position approved unanimously.

Jim spoke of the 3 signs he put out on Rookery and Hemlock Trails between Walker TF and the private Person property which includes the fork that runs right along the edge of the beaver pond.

The illegal dumping that Bob Lux discovered October 6th was brought up by Harry. Eric will look into getting either Scout troop 75 or Tim Sweeney at the town highway department involved in cleaning up this rubbish, maybe 1.5 pickup truck's worth.

An email from Tanya Lindquist (town secretary) correcting 'non-motorized wheeled vehicles only allowed' is the reason for 15 new town ordinance signs replacing the old. Harry will pick them up, BOS will put them up.

There are signs posted for the Life Trail at Hammond NP now with various improvements at the muddy areas per Jim Jensen.

'Unauthorized trail' signs are still up at both ends - which trail? Eric asked about the Webelos Tr. sign that was returned to its proper place.

Jim Jensen declined payment for the bridge he built in Walker.

Ken brought up the fact that firearm deer hunting season runs 11/11 to 12/6.

Bob Lux brought up the fact that he has a leaf blower as well as a game camera he can not longer use. Eric expressed interest in the camera. Bob expressed interest in the leaf blower.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next month's meeting is Tuesday, December 1st @ 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lux
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