

Bow Open Spaces
Final minutes, Zoom meeting
October 6, 2020

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

Member: Beth Lux

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was one correction by Bob Dawkins then the report was approved and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Boucher reported little financial change. There were some expenses for routine trail maintenance and making some signs and copier expenses for brochures. The report was approved and accepted.

MEMBERSHIP: Bob reported 14 new memberships since October 1st. Bob said staggering renewal requests to 3-4 times throughout the year, tailored to membership duration, is more likely to encourage renewals.

STEWARDSHIP: Eric returned to the Stone Sled easement to examine 'rogue' mountain bike trails entering from Parsons Way. He discussed a need for the afore-discussed sign for 'no unauthorized trail use'. There is no mention of MTBs accessing trails for use. Recreation for "hiking, nature loving". There is commentary such as 'do not disturb soil surface or natural habitat'.

Dealing with the Stone Sled condo board was discussed. What sort of recreation is open to easement use? There is a need to get this under control. Eric will obtain signs discussed at the last meeting. He will contact Stone Sled first - before posting any signs. John and Phyllis Hare were mentioned as Stone Sled contacts.

Also Eric mentioned finishing the Titus-Lindquist easement boundaries along 3A in late October, perhaps with Dave Lindquist's help.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Martin is sending trail map brochures to new members.

Martin brought up the fact that a lot at 95 Brown Hill Rd that a lady was bidding on. She had asked about putting some of the property into an easement. Her bid was not chosen. Thus this did not come to pass.

The story board idea was discussed again. The trail behind the elementary school was deemed not suitable. The idea seems to have been put on the shelf for now. Using the Knox Rd trail head is one future option. Martin said it does not have to be close to the school. Bob brought up Great Hill but the terrain/climb is not ideal ('leisurely walk along a cleared area'). Martin will speak with the librarian and get back to us.

Fall news letter subjects were discussed: Bob's membership letter, photos of the school forest, Bow Pioneer's new trail maintenance machine, the Titus-Lindquist easement walk, illegal dumping, unauthorized MTB trails and cairn vandalism on Great Hill.

TRAILS: Harry was absent.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Was Jim Jensen compensated for the new sign for Rookery Tr. that he put up? Jill will ask Harry. (2) Bob still hasn't heard from Harry and Sandy about the status of the Crescent Dr. easement. Jill will get back to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Eric received mail from Sandy re the land donation from David Pushee, owner of a parcel next to HNP. How is that going? Bob said there is no BOS mention in that easement - if the donation is to the town, it might not include BOS. Ken said it is a nice property, serving as a bridge between two easements, but too steep to be suitable for building.

(2) Ken brought up the Lindquist easement and the undesirability a 'big group' walking the boundaries of private backyards where encroachments might be found. Also Dave Lindquist might have done some encroaching as well but it is his family's land making it a sensitive issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next month's meeting was set for November 10th, the 3rd being Election Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lux
Secretary
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