

BOW OPEN SPACES

Final minutes, Baker Public Library
September 7, 2021

BOARD ATTENDEES: Harry Hadaway, Bob Dawkins, Eric Thum, Frank Boucher, Martin Murray (Zoom), Ken Demain, Bob Lux. Absent: Marc Ferland. Members: Beth Lux; Dan Molloy and Andrea (last name not obtained), both by Zoom

SECRETARY'S REPORT: the May report was reviewed and accepted with minor changes and additions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: the report was reviewed and accepted; BOS is currently in good financial shape.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: from Martin and Harry, Bob arriving late by Zoom. Active members in the low 90s. Bob proposed a dues increase (on the 2021-22 membership form: citing "you never know unless you ask") for next year as well as designating a new category, "Summit Society" for donations of \$250 or more. After discussion, it was decided to increase the dues of the three categories of membership (regular, supporting and contributing), both individual and joint memberships, by \$5 for each and all. There has been much appreciation expressed for BOS trails. Increasing dues seemed a good idea for financial well-being. This was passed by voice vote.

Renewals will be sent out this month. Bob will provide a finalized version of the membership form. Martin will see that it gets on the web site. Bob brought up the idea of legacy gifts/membership in the future.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: (1) Eric brought up the deteriorating kiosk roof at Woodhill-Hooksett entrance to Nottingcook (from Bow Bog Road). Chris Andrews has returned from medical leave, is catching up and says this is low-priority. (2) Via Zoom meeting with Sandy Crystal on the wet area at Robertson Trail, the Conservation Commission was not supportive of a wetlands trail reroute. The Commission wants a wetlands scientist to delineate the wetlands area and find an

optimal solution. (3) Eric will reach out to BOS members for easement monitoring this fall as well as get back to Jacques Belanger for a survey of the Patrick Richardson easement. Surveying is in demand and backed up. The developer of the multi-duplex project backed out. The property was apparently bought by the developer of Hamilton Court. What's to come is not yet known but likely single family homes will be built.

The Crescent Drive easement situation was brought up again. Details still need to be agreed upon. Dave Stack and the town attorney need to agree on binding arbitration language.

Harry mentioned that Pike Severance, a local business owner (President or VP of Coastal Products), may be interested in donating land to BOS off River Road.

TRAILS REPORT: Marc was absent.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

Martin reported on Bow Public Library's Story Book Walk, displayed on the kiosk end of Robertson Trail. These are pages from a book, "Look What I Found in the Woods". BOS serves as facilitator for use of the trail. "Squirrel by Squirrel" is the featured October story. There is a National Story Walk week in the middle of November with BPL participation. The signs are recyclable. Martin said that he has been recovering from surgery and is turning to various BOS publicity duties. He's looking for fall BOS newsletter contributions. It was noted how quickly maps disappear from the kiosks. Ann D'Ambruoso was going to replace some semi-permanent material on the various kiosks. Eric brought up the need to get BOS meeting notes up-to-date on the BOS website.

WRAP UP:

Martin asked if there will be a fall trail cleanup. Harry will bring this up at the trail mtg. Town trail use is still good.

Bob Dawkins showed a photo of a sign made by the Girl Scouts at newly named Dorie's Ledge looking toward the west and southwest on Hamilton's Path.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35. Next month's meeting is Tuesday, October 5th.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lux
Secretary
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