**Bow Open Spaces, Inc.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 7, 2017**

Board Attendees: Harry Hadaway, Ken Demain, Hilary Warner, Bob Lux, Bob Dawkins, and Eric Thum.

Members: Beth Lux

Absent: Frank Boucher, Martin Murray

**Secretary’s Report**:

After discussion and review, minutes (with minor corrections) were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

Frank Boucher was absent.

**Membership Report**:

Bob said the BOS membership total is now 25 members. Members of the BOS Trail Subcommittee are not signing up as members. Discussion continued as to why people join/not join BOS. Bob said asking nonmembers to help inspect easements may boost membership.

**Stewardship Report:**

Ken showed attendees the red plastic sign prohibiting trail bikes and all-terrain vehicles. He can obtain signs from Voss. Ken suggested placing signs at the entrances to conservation areas. On private lands BOS would need permission from owners. Motion made and accepted to buy signs at a price of $260, plus shipping. Hilary asked if snowmobile club would be interested in buying signs as well.

Ken was part of Town of Bow perambulation-checking town line for accuracy. This is supposed to be done every seven years. Ken completed inspection of Boucher easement. He needs to finish posting Chadwick and Titus/Linquist easements. Ken and Harry will inspect Knox Road Town Forest. Hammond Nature Preserve needs to be inspected.

**Public Relations Report:**

Martin was absent.

**Trail Report:**

Hilary attended DCR Massachusetts Trail Conference. She participated in several sessions-wetland crossings, trail marking, and building a successful trail committee.

Bob asked Hilary to write a brochure “tips for walking forests” for the kiosks.

Hilary met with Sandy Crystall to discuss the trail project approval process. Sandy would like to do a natural resources inventory and stewardship plan of all town properties.

The BOS Trail Subcommittee wants to fix a wet area on the Robertson Trail. Sandy Crystall said they would need to submit a dredge and fill application to DES and have a wetlands delineation done by a wetlands scientist.

Cost for BOS hats includes one-time charge of $40 for embroidery. Cost would be $11-13.50 each with front logo only. Cost would be $15-17.50 with “bowopenspaces.com” on back. Eric suggested that all new members receive a free hat. Hilary will check on price breaks on larger orders.

Bob spent three hours clearing blow downs in Nottingcook Town Forest after the wind storm.

Hilary showed attendees map of allowed rifle hunting areas in Bow.

    **New Business:**

 BOS meetings will now start at 6:30 p.m.

    **Next BOS Meeting:**

 The next meeting is December 5, 2017 (6:30 p.m.) at the Baker Free Library. The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.