

Town of Edgecomb  
Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting  
January 18, 2017, 7 p.m., Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bob Leone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Andy Abello, Jim Beam, Bob Leone, Lisa McSwain, David Nutt and Mark Warren and Selectman Mike Smith. There was no public input.

2. Chairman's Report – Bob Leone

a. Review of Meeting Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. Lisa McSwain said the grapevine wreath mentioned at the previous meeting was a memorial.

b. Next Meeting – February 15, 2017

c. Financial Report: 63% of the \$1,770 budget, or \$653, has been spent so far this year. Total includes \$1000 for mowing.

3. Selectman's Report – Mike Smith

a. 2017 Budget: Smith reported that the Budget Committee had scheduled January 15 at 6 p.m. for a meeting with the Schmid board. The selectmen are asking departments to cut their budgets by 5%. There was a consensus to ask for \$1,570 which was the 2015 request. The additional \$200 this year was for a specific purpose. Any funds left over will be used for materials for bridge work. David Nutt and Lisa McSwain offered surplus pressure-treated lumber for the bridges. Leone said the committee could use 2x12s and 2x8s. Mike Smith will also attempt to procure some lumber for the bridges.

4. Land Acquisition, Boundaries and Roads – Mark Warren

a. DRA – River~Link: Bob Leone had received a flyer announcing that the DRA has secured an option to purchase 178-acre Louderback property and has received a grant which will provide 85% of the funds necessary to conserve the property.

b. Mt. Hunger Road East: No activity.

5. Public Relations and Stewardship

a. Maine Summer Adventure Race: Cliff White, who is affiliated with Hidden Valley Nature Center, had contacted Bob Leone about a race consisting of kayaking from Boothbay to Zak Preserve, hiking along River~Link to Dodge Point and biking to Hidden Valley. The race would take place in June. The race is a fund-raiser for Midcoast Conservancy. Last year there were 60 teams; they are expecting 100 teams this year. The trail is not complete but David Nutt is hopeful that that matter will be resolved soon. Board members were in favor of the race.

b. Plowing – Winter Visitation: Plowing has not been an issue. Brochures have been put in the kiosk in the Middle Road parking lot. The plexiglass needs replacing in the kiosks and Bob Leone has ordered some.

#### 6. Trails – Jim Beam, David Nutt

a. Lallis Trail Clearing: One more day is needed as soon as there is bare ground. Bob Leone will advise Lisa if clearing will be done.

#### 7. Other Business

Lisa McSwain said it is necessary to get the word out about the endowment and Bob Leone recommended a capital campaign. She suggested joining the Midcoast Conservancy.

Andy Abello reported that tree swallows had nested in the two Peterson boxes on Middle Road.

Mark Warner reported that a four-foot well on McKay Road had been filled in and apple trees on the bridge will be removed; bridge maintenance will be needed. David Nutt said that technically rails were needed on the bridges where there is a greater than 36-inch drop.

#### 8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.