

Town of Edgecomb
Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
September 18, 2019, 7 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bob Leone called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present were Andy Abello, Jim Beam, Bob Leone, Laura Lubelczyk, Lisa McSwain and David Nutt and Selectman Mike Smith. Janet Blevins was also present. There was no public input.

2. Chairman's Report – Bob Leone

- a. Review of Meeting Minutes: There were no corrections or additions.
- b. Next Meeting – October 16
- c. Elect a Chairman: Lisa McSwain nominated Bob Leone as chairman, and he was unanimously elected.
- d. Returning Committee Members: Andy Abello and Lisa McSwain will be sworn in before the next meeting.

3. Selectmen's Report – Mike Smith

Smith illustrated a mock-up of an Edgecomb brochure which should be ready by the end of the year. It will focus on hiking and biking. The brochure is being funded by an ACT grant. The committee working on the brochure will meet next on October 2.

4. Land Acquisition, Boundaries and Roads

- a. Abbott Proposal: Bob Leone will ask Rick Nelson, DRA, for help in mapping the line dividing the Abbott property from the preserve.
- b. Road Maintenance: Bob Leone reported that he had purchased 38 yards of gravel which was spread over channels of pressure-treated wood by Lisa and Joe McSwain on Old County Road. Eight to ten yards of gravel are left as well as some fabric. There is more work on drainage to be done and next year ditching on the side of the road could be done.
- c. New River~Link Parking area

The Coastal Rivers parking lot has been completed which will result in more use of the River~Link trails. Andy Abello said the bridge by the Bob Brown parking lot is in poor repair; it could be relocated upstream.

5. Public Relations and Stewardship – Andy Abello and Lisa McSwain

- a. New Mountain Bike Trail: Charlotte Nutt has finished work on the mountain bike trail and there has been good feedback on the new trail. People are needed to work on the trails and to write grants.
- b. LMF Yearly Report: The report has been sent; however, no acknowledgement has been received.

c. Map Update: The new mountain bike trail and Rick's trail will be added to the map by Becky Shafner. The GIS files have not yet been located.

d. American Chestnut Planting: The grant deadline has passed. Andy Abello said that the Maine Chapter of the American Chestnut Tree Society had not applied for the grant which would have provided genetically engineered trees.

e. Trail Etiquette and Guidelines: The board members discussed allowing e-bikes in the preserve; however, no decision was made. Motorized bikes are currently prohibited in the preserve.

6. Trails – Jim Beam and David Nutt

a. Summer Maintenance: David Nutt and Bob Leone had done weed whacking.

b. Fall Work Trips: A work trip was scheduled for October 13 to cut branches back. Volunteers will meet at Old County Road at 9 a.m. Downed trees will have to be removed and trail patrolling will be done.

7. Other Business

Alan Hersom has begun mowing.

Andy Abello said the sign at the Bob Brown parking lot could be attached to yellow birches. Bob Leone will take the Route 27 sign to David Nutt when finished.

Laura Lubelczyk reported people camping near the parking lot. A game camera was suggested to discourage camping.

Janet Blevins will send the trail etiquette to Lisa who will have the signs laminated for posting on the kiosks. Lisa will post signs warning that hunting season has begun.

8. Public Input and Comment – 15 minutes

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.