

Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
January 20, 2021, 7 p.m. Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chair Lisa McSwain called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present were Andy Abello, Laura Lubelczyk, Lisa McSwain, David Nutt, and Selectman Mike Smith. Rebecca Schaffner was also present. There was no public input.

2. Chairman's Report – Lisa McSwain

- a. Review of minutes of October 21, 2020: David Nutt moved to accept the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-0.
- b. Next meeting: February 17, 2021.
- c. Presentation to Bob Leone: Lisa McSwain reported that she had delivered the gift.
- d. Annual Budget: The budget is the same as last year, \$2,220. All last year's budget was spent. There is \$2,000 in the savings account.
- e. LMF annual report filing: The report has been filed.

3. Mapping Update – Becky Schaffner

Becky Schaffner said she is updating the printed map for brochures showing new trails. In addition, she will produce an inventory online of publicly accessible trails. Her work will include checking boundaries, incorporating GPS on trails, and locating streams, wetlands, parking areas, cellar holes, foundations, and stone walls. She will also digitize the 1857 Lincoln County Map. Schaffner will email drafts of the map and poster to members.

4. Selectmen's Report

- a. Mike Smith said the selectmen were meeting with Holly Stover via Zoom and heard from Chloe Maxmim, both of whom hope to be able to address the town's concerns.
- b. The Town has sold three acres of the Lallis property; the buyer would like to purchase more, but before additional acreage is sold, the board wants to make sure a sale suits all parties. He said two parcels could be sold (28 acres and 8.6 acres), but that may involve reconfiguring the River~Link trail. The board wants to make sure the River~Link trail is protected forever. Boothbay Region Land Trust will assist if needed.

5. Land Acquisition, Boundaries, Roads

- a. Winter Plowing: Lisa McSwain reported that Joe McSwain had been plowing and it was under control. Andy Abello will plow the Bob Brown parking lot. Lisa asked those plowing to keep records of hours spent plowing, information that will be needed for grant applications.
- b. Acquisition of Abbott property: David Nutt and Andy Abello had walked the property on Middle Road last year. Lisa McSwain walked the property with Joan Ray, Land Conservation Manager of Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust to delineate the area which might be donated. A survey of the property will be necessary, but the Town does not have funds for that purpose. David Nutt said the seller will be getting a tax deduction from the sale and it is common for the seller to pick up legal fees and cost of a survey. Mike Smith said a town vote would be needed to accept the property. He will check if the selectmen could accept the property if it is beneficial to the town although taking the property off the tax rolls would be a concern.

6. Trails

- a. Fall maintenance workday wrap up.
- b. Meadow Brook Bridge construction completed.

- c. Continuation of Scout's Trail and new biking trails. David Nutt said the trails are being used. Charlotte Nutt is helping David in the work on the Mt. Hunger loop.
- d. Continued maintenance over the winter: Joe and Lisa McSwain cleared downed trees. Rick Nelson said there are five or six trees down which need to be taken care of.

7. Other Business

a. Discussion of 2021 priorities:

1. Rick Nelson said there are wet places on the Blue trail that could be bridged over and he has wood that can be used. Andy Abello has some pressure-treated wood that could also be used.
2. Laura Lubelczyk suggested establishing a non-profit organization to investigate grants.
3. David Nutt said bridges need completing, several need ramps. A list of what is needed for bridging and trail improvement should be made.
4. Invasives, management plan, historical aspect, and signs are subjects that should be addressed.

b. Endowment: Lisa McSwain said Maine Community Foundation will manage endowments for non-profit organizations and every year will give the organization 4% of the endowment or will roll it over. Minimum endowment is \$10,000.

c. Volunteer Hours: Lisa asked members to keep track of their volunteer hours. A google spreadsheet was suggested that could be shared by all volunteers so they could record their hours.

d. Management plan update/grants: Lisa said the board should develop a list of priorities; a grant for updating the management plan was suggested.

e. Mike Smith will check on members' expired terms.

8. Public Input and Comment – none

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.