

Town of Edgecomb
Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
7 p.m. Town Hall

Present: Andy Abello, Laura Lubelczyk, Chair Lisa McSwain, Rick Nelson, David Nutt, and Rebecca Schaffner

Absent: Mike Smith

1. Call to Order

Chair Lisa McSwain called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

- a. Review of Minutes of March 16, 2022. Laura Lubelczyk moved to approve the minutes. Vote 6-0-0.
- b. Next meeting – May 18, 2022
- c. Selectman’s Report – Mike Smith was absent.

2. Update on management plan and continued discussion of future objectives for the preserve

Lisa McSwain said there was no update as plan was not finished, and discussion was postponed until the plan was complete. Andy Abello recommended looking into future income from carbon sequestration.

3. Trails

a. Current Trail conditions and discussion of preventing four wheelers from accessing preserve. Concerns about bikes on River~Link from CRCT and placement of signage prohibiting bikes on portions of trails both on Schmid and River~Link: Lisa McSwain reported that she and Joe had replaced a post in the field and for the Orange Trail and cut trees on the Purple and Orange Trail Trails. She said the trails looked great although that was before the storm.

Joan Ray from Coastal Rivers had contacted Lisa complaining about people biking from the Red trail to the River~Link trail on Dodge Point because of erosion, muddy conditions, and carelessness on the part of the bikers; she asked that bikers be prohibited. Lisa said it was not on Schmid property and not up to Schmid to put up a sign. Biking on Schmid trails was discussed as well as putting up signs temporarily closing some trails to bikes until conditions improve. Rick reported he and his daughter will be finishing the ramps soon. Improving wet trails by ditching and using gravel was discussed. Closing off Old County Road with chains and PVC to keep four-wheelers out was suggested as well as using rocks on the Dodge Road side.

b. Work day date schedule and needs, update on recent maintenance: The next work day will be Sunday, May 22, from 9 to 12. Lisa will send out an email to volunteers.

c. Hemlock wooly adelgid mitigation by Coastal Rivers in conjunction with Schmid: A request has been received from Coastal Rivers to do mitigation on the Schmid Preserve. They will be using bugs and pesticides. There was no objection and Lisa will contact CRCT.

d. Midcoast Conservancy will be doing hemlock wooly adelgid monitoring training and asked permission to use the Schmid Preserve. Lisa will let them know there is no objection to the use of the preserve for that purpose.

4. Endowment Fundraising Plan – No fundraising will be done until after the management plan is complete. Becky, Lisa and Laura agreed to get together and write something up for prospective donors.

5. Other Business

a. The current budget balance is \$795.58.

b. Savings Account: Lisa was informed that the Schmid Preserve has \$1600 in its savings account, which together with the \$400 interest check from Maine Community Foundation totals \$2,000. Lisa said that because the board had \$800 to use before July 1st the \$1600 could be added to the endowment and \$400 left in savings.

c. Update on Abbott property/Doug Beck email: Mrs. Abbott has refused Coastal Rivers offer for her property over terms of the transfer. Lisa McSwain will attempt to contact her.

d. Volunteer hours: Andy Abello and Lisa McSwain submitted hours to Laura. Rebecca is putting together a digital survey for trail users.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.