

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
MINUTES FOR SCHMID PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022
7 P.M., TOWN HALL

1. Call to Order

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

- a. Review minutes from April 20, 2022: David Nutt moved to accept the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-0.
- b. Next Meeting June 15 (last meeting before summer hiatus) 6:30 at the McSwains
- c. Selectman's report: none

2. Bob Brown spoke at length on his history with the Town and on the history of the Schmid Preserve relating how the land for the preserve was originally acquired by Charles Schmid. He outlined the conditions which were put on the preserve originally by Schmid and many anecdotes about the original owner.

3. Update on Management plan and continued discussion of future objectives for the preserve:

Lisa McSwain said the management plan was complete and a hard copy of the management plan will be printed and available online. As soon as she receives a copy, she will be able to send it to Project Canopy for the grant. Grants are available for invasive mitigation and control which will be applied for next year. Lisa will attend HWA monitoring training put on by Mid-Coast Conservancy on May 21 at 10 a.m.

4. Trails

- a. Current trail conditions: Lisa will install cable where the ATVs are entering the preserve around the gate. There is a tree down on the Red trail.
- b. Workday May 22: Work will begin at 9 a.m. Boundaries need marking with a slash and paint. The Management Plan recommends doing a section at a time. The picnic table has been replaced and a thank you note will be sent to Ames Hardware. David Nutt asked that those working on the preserve on May 22 make note of any invasive species seen. Whoever has extra time will trim back along the trails.

5. Endowment Fundraising Plan

Lisa distributed copies of the draft Schmid Preserve Endowment press release for comment by the members by the next meeting.

6. Other Business

Gravel will be purchased before the end of the fiscal year using the balance in the account. The money in the savings account will be put in the endowment account.

Update on Abbott property: Lisa has tried several times to contact Mrs. Abbott with no success.

Lisa complimented Becky and Laura on the survey for the kiosks.

Rick is planning a gravel ride in October for up to 150 riders, which will raise funds for the preserve. The Fire Chief will be notified before the event.

An ice cream social was suggested as a future fundraiser.

8. Adjourn

Rebecca moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.