

**Town of Edgecomb**  
**Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Interim Chair for the meeting, Laura Lubelczyk, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Andy Abello, David Nutt, Mike Smith were present.

- a. Review minutes from September 20, 2022: Andy Abello moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded Laura Lubelczyk seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-0
- b. Next Meeting: November 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the town hall.
- c. Selectman Mike Smith reported that about the first meeting regarding the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday for the Town of Edgecomb, which Chair Lisa McSwain and Becky Shaffner attended. Ideas to include the Schmid Preserve in the celebration included tours of the preserve by volunteers and historical overlay maps of its history. David Nutt has aerial maps that can also be used. Bringing the Edgecomb Historical Society and the Schmid Advisory Board together to tell the preserve's history will be planned.

**Blazing the boundaries on the Schmid Preserve – New paint needs to be purchased**

This important task may very well be done in the winter. David Nutt informed the Board that he understands the the process and a workshop for volunteers should be organized so it is methodically executed. The Board should review Barrie's email. Repeated in these minutes are the following pertinent minutes from September 20: "Plastic tags on trees of the boundaries is not an efficient way to mark the boundaries. Blazing with paint is a more standard and easier-to-see method. There is a diagram in the plan on how to blaze and paint. Mid-Maine Forestry will send the advisory board the fact sheet on how to do this. It entails following the survey lines to flag first and then on a second walk to blaze with paint. This is a multi-year project, performed over several years."

**Invasive Mitigation Plan**

This is a task that must be carefully implemented. It is important that Board members carefully review the information that Chair Lisa McSwain sent the Advisory Board from Maren Granstrom. Repeated in these minutes are the following pertinent minutes from September 20: "The Maine State Program VCOR funding for an invasive control plan and potentially monies to assist with invasive control is an upfront cost with a reimbursement amount coming later. The invasive control plan can use the recent work of the Management Plan to map the "hot spots," making it a bit cheaper. There is no guarantee that the money would be awarded, so more discussion is needed. Any work to control invasives must be repeated; it is not a one-shot deal. "You have to keep at it." Containment may be a more realistic goal than eradication. This would prevent spreading."

**Fall Workshop Day-November 6, 9am-12:00 Noon (Rain date November 13)**

**Advisory Board Members should commit to the day. Contact Chair Lisa McSwain.**

a. Trails

Yellow Moose Trail – tree down

Green Allen's Trail – Bridge repair, needs blazes, bench placement

The New Trail with no name or markers is a connector trail that connects Green Allen's Trail and Yellow Moose Trail and needs to be marked.

Sign post at White/Yellow Trails needs replacement

Brown Hilltop Trail at the intersection of Yellow Moose Trail needs a sign post.

North of the Orange Trail on the Blue Trail - tree down

Purple Trail – tree down

Haggett Field- place bench

Bob Brown Parking Lot team will be led by Andy Abello and Rick Nelson. Andy will have his chain saw and safety gear. Laura will contact Rick about the bridge work and the materials that he has.

McKay Road team needs a leader.

Old County Road team will be led by Chair Lisa McSwain.

Other Misc. Business

a. Hunting Season starts October 31. The signs are up.

b. Rick Nelson is organizing the October 23 “FonSol Bike Ride.” The Board needs to decide how the proceeds of the event will be used (project or endowment or both).

c. Mowing has been completed.

d. \$53,247 has been raised for the endowment. Chair Lisa McSwain has been writing personal thank-you notes.

e. Survey – Would a QR code or a hard-copy physical survey or both be most efficient in collecting people's opinion about the Schmid Preserve? Another media article may be helpful in asking for the public's thoughts.

f. Chair Lisa McSwain has purchased a Sarah's gift certificate for Jackie. If you have not contributed \$10, please do so by giving \$10 to Chair Lisa McSwain.

g. Send Laura Lubelczyk all volunteer hours.

**Budget**

\$2200.00 appropriated

\$1621.23 inn savings account

\$2034.43 balance as of 8/31/22

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.**