

Town of Edgecomb
Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lisa McSwain called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present: Andy Abello, Becky Schaffner, David Nutt, Mike Smith.

- a. Review minutes from October 19, 2022: Andy Abello moved to accept the minutes as written. David Nutt seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0
- b. Next Meeting will be a ZOOM MTG on January 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. Chair Lisa McSwain will send out all the information and the reminders for the meeting.
- c. Selectman Mike Smith reported that the next meeting on Edgecomb's 250th anniversary will be Saturday, November 19, at the Town Hall at 9:00-11:00 pm.

2. Invasives Program

- a. If we concentrate on one very small area at the foundation on the River Link connector to the red trail, it will be a realistic and doable start, because to tackle the entire project is overwhelming. Small steps at a time...
- b. Advisory Board members may want to hike out to the foundation to begin creating a plan of attack.
- c. Chair Lisa McSwain suggested that each Advisory Board member read Maren's report, research the issue, create a to-do/how-to plan on that one limited area. It's a matter of control rather than 100% eradication.
- d. Andy Abello reported that even if an herbicide is used, you still need to come back and renew efforts.
- e. David Nutt says he has had success with eradicating the honey suckle on his land by removing it mechanically. The Advisory Board has access to a back hoe (Lisa and Joe) as well as a tool (David) that manually rips it out of the ground.

3. Hunting on the Schmid Preserve

- a. Chair Lisa McSwain contacted the lands manager at Boothbay Region Land Trust because she was contacted by an Edgecomb resident about a sign on the kiosk saying "Hunting by Permission Only" on the Church property which is owned by BRLT but is the access to the Schmid Preserve from McKay Rd. Hunting is allowed on the Schmid Preserve. We all use the preserve in many different ways.
- b. At the same time, 4-wheelers are still not allowed.
- c. Lisa will meet with the BRLT lands manager in the spring about helping to build bridging on River Link between McKay Road and the Zak preserve.

4. Boundary Marker Plan

- a. Blazing the boundaries is an important task to accomplish. This could be a spring or winter project. A systematic and limited plan makes this big job more doable. Picking a line and marking a few hundred yards at a time, then going back and blazing with paint, makes it more manageable. As discussed in prior meetings, blazing with paint is a more standard and easier-to-see method. There is a diagram in the Management Plan on how to blaze and paint.
- b. Chair Lisa McSwain has the boundary maps and can copy it for anyone to use to begin marking.

5. Work Day Wrap-Up

- a. Andy Abello reported that it went very well. White and yellow paint is needed to mark the intersection of the white and yellow trail. The post is down, but a tree can be painted.
- b. Chair Lisa McSwain has done preliminary research and found some standards for marking trails that do not use posts, which rot and fall down and are problematic to maintain. For instance, 3 marks at a trail beginning and 2 marks at a trail intersection are standardized markers. These can be painted on a tree or a rock. It was agreed that the goal is to eventually replace posts, unless a post is the only way to mark a trail.
- c. Doggie bags have been placed at the Bob Brown Parking Lot. This is not a part of the preserve's plans! These doggie bags will be removed.
- d. Kiosks at both Old Cty Road and Bob Brown Parking Lots will need repair at some point.

6. Endowment Report

a. The endowment currently has \$54,106.82 with \$3,100 to be deposited. Chair Lisa McSwain continues to write thank you notes. It was agreed that she will also draft a letter/article of thank you and endowment report for the papers. She will send out the draft to the board before submitting it to the newspapers.

7. Survey

a. Becky Shaffner reports that the online survey can include endowment donation information. Becky will see if the survey can be condensed to index-card size for future boxes that will be placed at the kiosks. Becky will be the data collector of the surveys.

8. Laura Lubelczyk needs volunteer hours.

a. Board Members submitted volunteer hours. If you were not present, please email Laura soon.

9. Budget

\$2200.00 appropriated in 2022 budget
-\$185.57 (expense for endowment mailing printing and postage)
\$1821.43 as of 9/31/22
\$1621.33 in Schmid savings account

10. MISC.

a. Jackie has received her gift certificate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.