

Town of Edgecomb
Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lisa McSwain called the ZOOM meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Andy Abello, Lisa McSwain, Becky Schaffner, Rick Nelson, Laura Lubelczyk, Mike Smith, and David Nutt were present.

- a. Review minutes from November 16, 2022: Becky Schaffner moved to accept the minutes as written. Andy Abello seconded the motion. Vote 7-0-0
- b. Next Meeting: February 15, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. In-person at the town hall.
- c. The Selectman's Report by Mike Smith included information about the preserve's field mowing could possibly be paid for out of a different budget.

2. Review of current goals for the Preserve

a. BOUNDARY BLAZING

Mark Warren who did the last boundary marking has volunteered to help review the boundaries in areas which are confusing. Chair Lisa McSwain will contact the Old County Road person who has also volunteered to help with this project. Blazing the boundaries is an important task to accomplish. Blazing with paint is a standard and easier-to-see method. There is a diagram in the Management Plan on how to blaze and paint. 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. A plan will be formulated in the next several months.

b. INVASIVE MITIGATION CONTROL

The March (2023) meeting will be dedicated to tackling this critical project.

c. TRAILS

There are trees down on the RED TRAIL and on ALLEN'S TRAIL. Andy and/or Rick will take care of the downed tree on Allens. Joe and Lisa will take care of the trees down on the red trail.

d. ENDOWMENT & BUDGET

\$58,805 has been raised for the endowment. Chair Lisa McSwain can be contacted for the amount of money in the Schmid Preserve endowment account. Schmid board has permission from the selectboard to include the endowment fundraising letter in each town report. Fundraising for the endowment will continue.

Lisa presented the budget to the budget committee for review. There is an increase of about \$400 to cover increased costs for mowing, secretarial, map printing and paint for boundary marking. She will email the revised budget to board members.

e. EDGECOMB'S 250th BIRTHDAY

Planned is a separate tour(s) about our town history and the importance of Edgecomb's history in the midcoast, including that of the Schmid Preserve. We need to start planning at our March meeting. Becky will help with creating an historical map for the preserve for a walking history tour of the preserve.

f. SIGNS

The Advisory Board shall begin discussions on some needed policy on mining, mushrooming, removing artifacts, hunting, so that appropriate signage can be installed.

g. MISC.

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Alice Abbott is still interested in pursuing her land donation to the town. Doug Beck, state representative from the Bureau of Parks and Lands will meet with the Schmid committee at our next meeting in February to discuss how we might move forward to accept the land donation and remove the federal lien on the old tennis court which will allow us to apply for federal grants.

People need to submit their volunteer hours to Laura so she can close out 2022 and start a new spreadsheet for 2023.

Schmid Board has permission

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45