

**Town of Edgecomb**  
**Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Lisa McSwain called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Andy Abello, Becky Schaffner, Rick Nelson, Laura Lubelczyk. Mike Smith was absent due to his trip to Alaska. David Nutt was absent.

- a. Review minutes from January 18, 2023: Becky Schaffner moved to accept the minutes as written. Andy Abello seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0
- b. Next Meeting: March 15, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. In-person at the town hall.
- c. Doug Beck will be attending the April or May meeting to update the Advisory Board on The Abbott property on Middle Road.

**2. Agenda items**

**a. BUDGET**

Chair Lisa McSwain passed out an updated 2023 budget draft for the Schmid Preserve. By June 30<sup>th</sup>, the end of the current budget cycle, there will be approximately \$2,000 in the Schmid account. 4% of the endowment will also be available should the board decide we need to use additional funds. Otherwise, the money from the endowment will be reinvested into the endowment. The endowment now stands at \$60, 415.27.

**b. ON-GOING FUNDRAISING**

Letters asking for endowment donations will be printed and inserted as part of May's Town Report. In addition, the cover of the Town Report will feature the Schmid Preserve! Send any pictures you have to Lisa – the picnic table under the apple trees or Joe's benches or some of the signage are all ideas that would be appropriate and inspiring.

There are still some excellent endowment prospects that Advisory Board members plan to contact. These on-going asks are still very important to grow the endowment.

**c. BOUNDARY BLAZING**

Chair Lisa McSwain handed out a flier from Maine Forest Service titled “Boundary Line Information.” The Advisory Board will decide who marks and where the tasks will occur. Lisa has the physical maps. She also read the email from Sean Flanagan, a volunteer who wants to help head the effort. He will be invited to the next meeting.

**d. INVASIVE MITIGATION CONTROL**

Laura Lubelczyk's husband ( Chuck) may be able to help with executing the plan to control the invasives around the “Riverlink foundation’ as he is being certified in herbicide and pesticide application. Becky Schaffner said that measuring and flagging off a targeted area to pinpoint the work will help get the ball rolling. Assessment and a plan on how to start still needs to be accomplished.

**e. SPRING WORK DAY**

April 22 is Earth Day, and the tentative date for the spring workday is April 23rd. The rain date would be the following Sunday, April 30. Possible work for that day may include: boundary marking, trail remarking, tree cutting, especially around the field perimeters, and invasive management.

**f. POLICIES on PRESERVE USAGE**

Lisa will ask Boothbay Region Land Trust and Rick will ask Coastal Rivers Land Trust about metal-detecting

and mineral mining (and the implied removal of items that are non-renewable). There is a fine line of policy implementation that involves both discouraging usage and enforcement.

**f. SURVEYS**

Becky Shaffner has created a draft survey card which was reviewed. The survey focuses on usage, and asks for suggestions for use besides gathering usage information. It is on-line and may also be accessed using a QR code in the kiosks, and cards will be put into the kiosks for collection. Collection boxes will need to be built for the kiosks, including a holder for the 3" x 8" cards and pencils.

**g. VOLUNTEER HOURS**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45**