

Town of Edgecomb
Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 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 Becky Schaffner, Rick Nelson, Laura Lubelczyk and Selectman Mike Smith. Andy Abello was absent.

a. Review minutes from February 15, 2023: Becky Schaffner moved to accept the minutes as written. Rick Nelson seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0

b. Next Meeting: May 17, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. In-person at the town hall.

c. Selectman's Report by Mike Smith:

*He reported that the Select Board is now full.

*He suggested that the Schmid Advisory Board invite Lyn Norgang to a meeting to familiarize her with the committee's work.

*The next warrant will include the Schmid budget.

*The Planning Board needs an Alternate Member.

d. David Nutt has resigned. Chair Lisa McSwain will ask both Cindy Knickerson and Lauren Stockwell to join the Board. In addition, the tenure of Andy Abello and Lisa McSwain is up in 2025; Becky Schaffner and Laura Lubelczyk end in June 2023; Rick Nelson has been nominated by the Selectmen's Board but needs to be sworn in.

2. Agenda items

a. **BUDGET**

There is \$2,046.83 in the Schmid account. Recent purchases include a new picnic table, trail paint, sealer for the picnic tables, printed inserts for the Town Report. The inserts are printed and folded and at Lisa McSwain's house. They need to be inserted into the reports prior to the town report distribution. Several board members offered their assistance in doing this. The endowment now stands at \$60,288.27, and donations are still coming in.

b. **SPRING WORK Day: 9:00 start – Lisa will send out an email about crews and meeting places.**

The spring workday is Sunday, April 23rd. Hopefully the rain will hold off, because there are 18 volunteers scheduled to attend and rescheduling is always difficult.

Jobs + Work Crews may include the following but may change with final details:

*Andy and Rick, plus 1 or 2 volunteers, will clear trails starting from the Bob Brown Parking Lot. They will be using chain saws. In addition, on the Friday before (April 21) Rick and a college biker/volunteer will do some trail work on Allen's Trail. It was discussed that the cut-off trail from Allen's Trail could be green+orange as Allen's is green and that cutoff trail comes off the Orange Trail.

*Lisa and Joe will start from the Old County Road.

*Another crew may start from the McKay Road.

*Although one post needs to be re-erected at the Purple Trail, the crews will now start to convert to marking nearby trees to designate starts of specific trails.

*Haggett Field needs edging work.

*All trails need clearing, some of which have big trees to be cut.

*Bridge from Haggett Field to Purple Trail needs to be installed. A bridge past Haggett Field on Old County Road heading east could be installed.

*Clearing out around some of the foundations could be started if there's time, but the invasives work is another job to be tackled in full. The I-map Invasives app and the new Management Plan will be very useful for that job.

* Becky will email the volunteers who are interested in learning about I-map Invasives and will teach them about it as they work together on April 23's Spring Work Day.

c. BOUNDARY BLAZING

Rick Nelson inquired about the boundary line that connects Coastal Piver Pointowski property to the preserve and how it might include the Alice Abbott property. Rick wants to tour the properties/lines with Coastal Rivers who are potentially interested in formal bike trails there.

a. Lisa has made contact with Alice Abbott and she definitely wants to deed the discussed lot to the Schmid Preserve. Lisa has contacted Leighton Associates to survey that lot. This won't happen until at least July (2023).

d. POLICIES on PRESERVE USAGE

As previously discussed, there is a fine line of policy implementation regarding rock-hounding/mining that involves both discouraging regular usage and enforcement of policy. "Leave No Trace" doesn't reflect the intent to removing minerals/rocks (mostly mica in the case of the Preserve) or removing artifacts at foundations. Interpretive language that includes history of any site may precede "Please do not remove..." language in order to soften the anticipated blowback felt by the public from such a policy.

e. SURVEYS

The surveys, data and cards and collection boxes are still in the making.

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 8:00.