

Town of Edgecomb
Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Minutes
OCTOBER 18, 2023

In attendance: Chair Lisa McSwain, Andy Abello, Rick Nelson, Becky Schaffner, Cindy Nickerson. Selectman Mike Smith was absent.

1. Lisa McSwain called the meeting to order at 7:00.

- A. Rick Nelson moved to accept the minutes from September 20, 2023. Becky Schaffner seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously with the small correction where the in Sept. 20 minutes The Dark Sky Discussed. Becky corrected the minutes to say that she talked to them about a Dark Sky Party rather than a formal designation.

B. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 15, starting at 7:00, at the Town Hall.

C. There was no Selectman's Report as Mike Smith was absent.

2. Field Mowing/ ATV Issues

A. Allen Hersom has mowed the fields..

B. ATV's don't seem to be in the Haggett Field. On the Old County Road end, some rocks were moved to deter them from entering, and it seems to be working.

3. On-going Projects

- A. Boundary Mapping: Joe McSwain offered to conduct a workshop. We will solicit people who are interested in helping on the November 5th workday.
- B. Invasive Mitigation: Chuck Lubelczyk has offered to begin the preserve's invasive mitigation program. In coordination with the University of Southern Maine's Department of Environmental Science and Policy (DESP) the Schmid Preserve will be hosting a student organization from the DESP with invasive removal on October 22. The primary area that will be targeted that day will be centered around the Haggett Field and its existing foundations. Asiatic bittersweet and Eurasian honeysuckle will be the primary focus and will result in heavy cutting. There will be approximately 12 students assisting. Roy Potter, Edgecomb Fire Chief, suggested piling up the debris in the field and waiting for the snow to fly to burn it in place.
- C. Bridges/Work Day on November 5, 2023

TEAM #1 TREES

- 1. Cutting the trees that are downed and which need to be cut removed from the trails.

TEAM #2 TRAIL PAINTING

- 1. White Trail, Blue Trail, and Orange Trail need to be repainted, including attention to getting rid of posts/blazing a nearby tree or rock and using a double blaze to designation a junction with another trail. Rick and Andy will coordinate the volunteers on the Middle road side and Lisa will coordinate those on the Old County Rd. side..
- 2. Fixing the blazes on the Brown/Green Trails is a priority as they are incorrectly blazed.

TEAM #3

- 1. Cut bittersweet around the benches and picnic tables in the Haggett Field

TEAM #4

- 1. Out of the field on the Purple Trail needs 2 planks for crossing the small brook area.
- 2. In the Haggett Loop Trail, the brook after the ravine needs a plank crossing.
- 3. The White Trail needs a bridge built at the stream crossing.
- 4. From the Bob Brown Parking Lot, the first wet area at the intersection of the Brown/Yellow trails needs a geotech/gravel crossing to be laid on the road. Another 200 feet down is another stretch that needs the same geotech/gravel crossing. After that, there are several places on the main road (Yellow Trail) that

eventually will need plank crossings. Andy Abello will work with Joe and Lisa McSwain on the requirements and execution. This will not happen on November 5th but will be done before the ground freezes. .

5. ENDOWMENT FUND/BUDGET

A. The endowment Fund is at approximately \$80,000 with new donations of \$11,500.

B. Cindy Nickerson looked into grant possibilities for projects, rather than endowment growth. Creating a pitch for funders needs to be articulated in order to query. For the next meeting, bring your ideas about projects to ask for funding.

C. The Gravel Ride brought in \$1810, and the Knickerbocker Group donated \$350 for the Schmid preserve, both of which will be put into the checking account.

D. Balance as of October 17 is \$2777. The Savings Balance as of September 30 is \$1621.68.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Becky has the boxes for the surveys. Lisa will get the cards printed.

B. It was decided that there will be 3 No Smoking signs, one at each of the kiosks. There will be metal signs that say "Please do not disturb, remove, excavate, or disrupt at this Historical site" at the 2 Mica mines, the Haggett Field foundation, and the Riverlink foundation.

C. Email Laura any volunteer hours or fill them out yourself on the GOOGLE doc..

D. Rick reported that Coastal Rivers has a November 19 Work Day on the new Middle Road land.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.