

Town of Edgecomb

Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Minutes February 7, 2024

In attendance: Chair Lisa McSwain, Andy Abello, Rick Nelson, Becky Schaffner, Cindy Nickerson, Laura Lubelczyk, and Selectman Mike Smith.

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

A. Review of the minutes of 11/15/23. Laura Lubelczyk moved to accept the minutes.

Cindy Nickerson seconded. Passed 6-0.

B. The next meeting will be on March 20, 2024, starting at 7:00, at the Town Hall.

C. Selectman's Report by Mike Smith: The Town of Edgecomb now owns all four of Barry Hathorne's properties due to non-Schmid Preserve Minutes payment of property taxes. Mike and Lisa met in a continuing effort to resolve the issue of the federal lien on the tennis court at the old Eddy School. We are hoping to replace the tennis court with an ADA compliant trail which will be built in the future on 60 acres on the Middle road which abuts the Schmid Preserve. Both the Middle Road Trask House and the garage/apartment next to it will be given to the Edgecomb Historical Society. The America Recovery Act funds are possibly still enough to cover the audit and transfer. Chair Lisa McSwain will reach out to the Yellow Book Appraisers who can give an appraisal of such properties as required by federal law.

2. Trail Maintenance

A. Becky has the survey cards all ready to print. Lisa McSwain will have them printed.

B. There are several trails with large trees down notably on the Green Trail, which can be dealt with in the spring.

3. Boundary Marking

A. Lisa has bought the paint. She has also sent an exploratory email to Mid-Maine Forestry for an estimate to do this big job. After hearing from them, applying to a Project Canopy grant may be possible to fund for this big job. Project Canopy does require a match. Again, the American Recovery Act funds could be used for those matching funds needed. The Canopy Project information has been forwarded to Cindy.

B. Burning the pile of invasive in the Haggett Field will take place on February 24 (Saturday) at 9:00. Meet at the Old County Road Gate.

4. ENDOWMENT FUND/BUDGET

A. The endowment Fund is at \$83,347 with new donations still dribbling in.

B. Schmid's Balance is approximately \$2104 with another \$2800 to be added in July (upon approval).

5. Other Business

A. Email Laura any volunteer hours or fill them out yourself on the GOOGLE doc. Which was once again sent out to each member of the Advisory Board.

B. . For the 250th celebration:

- Becky will contact a man she knows as a Master Builder of Stone walls and foundation. Laura will contact Tom Wessels about his costs for a walking talk.
- Cindy is interested in giving an oxen demonstration.
- Rick is very interested in a Schmid Trail run. Parking is an issue, but the Middle Road field could have a temporary curb cut installed. Andy Abello will call Eric Wood after talking with Scott Griffin about having a used culvert to place under the fill.

- There is a possible bike event called Maine Maple Sunday Road Ride that could be tied in to the celebration.
- Signage and brochures are being developed for an on-line self-guided tour of the Schmid Preserve.

Rick Nelson said he will explore insurance costs/needs for both run and ride. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.