

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
 July 14, 2016

7:00 PM Council Chambers

Members Present: Jeff Goldknopf (Chair), Drew Kiefaber (Vice Chair), Andrea Sellers (Treasurer), Marianne Hannagan, Patrick Reynolds, Bob Gazda (Alternate), Julia Sinclair (Alternate), Ezra Temko (Planning Board Rep), and Phil Nazzaro (Town Council Rep - Ex-Officio).

Members Absent: Andrea Sellers (Treasurer) excused.

Called to Order: 7:08 PM

Agenda Items:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

The Chair appointed **Julia Sinclair** as a voting member for this meeting.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

June 9, 2016:

**Action**

**Motion:** **Drew Kiefaber** moved that the minutes of June 9, 2016 be approved as drafted.

**Second:** **Patrick Reynolds**

**Vote:** Approved 6-0-1

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, **Andrea Sellers**, has been excused for this meeting. She did leave the report for the members to review and comment. There were no comments.

6. **Committee and Subcommittee Reports**

Town Council: **Phil Nazzaro** reported on the last meeting of the Town Council. There is a proposal to designate part of Rt. 108 as an "economic recovery area". The proposal was tabled until the Master Plan is completed. The upcoming meeting has no ordinances in the first or second reading for comments.

Planning Board: **Ezra Temko** reported on two items of interest: 1) there is an 11-unit subdivision proposal out by Dame Road and Bay Road including open space. He shared the documents with the members. The proposal will now move to the application stage to go forward. They need to submit trail plans and to address conservation issues which should be discussed with the CC before going forward. **Jeff Goldknopf** went on the site walk and he expects several issues to arise with the application and they will be seeking comment from the Conservation Commission. Diane Hardy will keep the CC up to date on the progress of this plan and when/if a technical review plan committee is established. More information may be seen at the PB meeting at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mwPnvW4i7o&list=PLxhxaL7aMSZMi6ui4g7kpNZDtaAqrTr-w>

2) the Planning Board has approved the Future Land Use Chapter for the Master Plan. He brought information for the members to review. More information may be found in the minutes of the meeting: <http://www.newmarketnh.gov/planning-board/minutes/draft-minutes-33>

**Other Committee Reports:** **Jeff Goldknopf** reported on the Chris Schoppmeyer Land Selection Committee. They are still seeking an appropriate parcel of land. The CC will be receiving the check for the initial deposit. Richard Shelton will be speaking with the Town Finance Officer to set up the appropriate account for the funds. **Jeff Goldknopf** visited the Wiggan Farm and the DPW has mowed the trails. Thank you DPW!

## 7. Chairman's Report

**Climate Resilience in Newmarket (June 28, 2016):** **Jeff Goldknopf** attended and has the materials from the meeting. He suggests that people watch the meeting because there were many items of interest. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUUIANvdL7Y> The Town has plans to put a rain garden behind the high school to prevent runoff into Moonlight Brook. **Drew Kiefaber** has volunteered to be on the Technical Committee for a UNH doctoral student project on Ground Water Modeling for Ground Water Intrusion. The essential concern is that if/when sea water rises that there may be salt water intrusion into fresh water wells near the shore. Current residents were present at the meeting who have higher salt content in their wells right now.

**Dearborn Estate Settled:** The deed is currently being reviewed by the Town attorney and the CC will be speaking about the property in the future and preparing to have the boundaries marked.

**Replacement of the Sign at Herron Point:** The Chair received an email from the Town Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Hoffman, indicating that he would like to replace the small sign at the entrance for Herron Point Nature Walk at the entrance to the mobile home park. He would be willing to have a new sign designed and prepared. The members had good discussions about other new signage, walk ways, and GPS/GIS possibilities and will continue this discussion in the future. In particular, the CC is interested in ways to make the trails in Newmarket more accessible and visible to the public. **Patrick Reynolds** will follow up on some of the ideas.

### Action

**Motion:** **Drew Kiefaber** moved that the CC support Mike Hoffman's pursuit of an improved and appropriate sign to be located at the intersection of Bay Road and Lamprey River Trailer Park to help indicate how to get to the trails at Herron Point.

**Second:** **Marianne Hannagan**

**Vote:** Approved 6-0-0

## 8. Old/New Business

**Wiggan Farm Management Plan Update – Ellen Snyder of Ibis Wildlife:** Ellen was unable to attend this meeting. She has completed the draft plan and has submitted it to Fish and Game for review. She has provided the draft plan for review by the members.

**Dame/Bay Roads Open Space Subdivision Discussion:** Discussed in the Planning Board report above.

**Chris Schoppmeyer Committee:** Discussed in the Other Committee reports above.

**Piscassic-Loiselle & Schanda Park Kiosks:** The Chair would like to extend special thanks to Preston Samuel and Dick Lord from LRAC who volunteered for several days to assist Kevin Martin complete the kiosk at Schanda Park. The CC truly appreciates that LRAC covered the complete cost for the kiosk. We also want to thank the DPW for their special effort to prepare the holes for the posts which took some time to dig because of the rocky soil.

**Wiggan Farm Boundary Maintenance:** Rick Malasky, from DPW, and Steve Walker, from Fish & Game, located the boundary lines that were marked by Scott Boudreau. Mr. Boudreau placed three iron rods and

grade sticks along the line. Rick Malasky and Mr. Russell (the direct abutter) had a meeting later in the evening to discuss placement of a few small posts along the line and to discuss the maintenance of the area in the apple orchard. Mr. Russell has agreed to maintain/mow the grassy area in the orchard for the town. The CC is pleased to have this issue resolved. Fish and Game has sent several conservation signs that need to be attached to the posts and along several other abutter areas. The Chair would like to have this agreement formalized with the Town attorney and Steve Fournier. **Drew Kiefaber** will draft a letter. The posts will likely be 4 x 4 cedar posts. Ellen Snyder has discovered many invasive plants in the area of the orchard and the old farm house cellar which require mowing to keep them under control. These conditions are mentioned in the new management plan draft. Thanks to all involved in making this a successful process!

**Rain Barrels:** Bill & Liz Arcieri are having a party to celebrate the SOAK installation of a rain garden at their home at 36 Briallia Circle on Saturday July 16 from 10:00-11:30 am. Laura Byego, from SOAK, asked the CC for the donation of a rain barrel to raffle at the event. Unfortunately, we do not have any more barrels.

#### Action

**Motion:** **Ezra Temko** moved that the CC donate the funding for a rain barrel to be raffled at the SOAK event on July 16, 2016.

**Second:** **Julia Sinclair**

**Friendly Amendment:** **Jeff Goldknopf** added that the funding not exceed \$200.00.

**Second:** **Julia Sinclair**

**Vote:** Approved 6-0-0

Everyone is invited to attend the celebration. The Chair will inform Laura Byego immediately following this meeting.

## 9. Adjournment

#### Action

**Motion:** **Drew Kiefaber** moved that the meeting be adjourned.

**Second:** **Jeff Goldknopf**

**Vote:** Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary