



TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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TOWN COUNCIL NON-PUBLIC MEETING

November 2, 2016 6:30 PM

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**NON-PUBLIC – PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3.II.(d) – CONSIDERATION OF
THE ACQUISITION, SALE, OR LEASE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY**

APPROVED NOVEMBER 16, 2016

PRESENT: Council Chairman Gary Levy, Councilor Dale Pike, Councilor Amy Thompson, Councilor Toni Weinstein, Councilor Kyle Bowden, Councilor Amy Burns

EXCUSED: Council Vice Chairman Phil Nazzaro

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Steve Fournier, Conservation Commission Chairman Jeff Goldknopf, Schoppmeyer Park Chairman Richard Shelton, Schoppmeyer Park Committee Member Valerie Shelton

AGENDA

Chairman Gary Levy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Councilor Weinstein made a motion to move into Non-Public Session which was seconded by Councilor Bowden.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the motion to move into Non-Public Session was approved by a vote of 6-0.

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CHRISTIAN SCHOPPMAYER PARK

Mr. Richard Shelton, Chairman of the Schoppmeyer Park Committee, said the park had come a long way and that Conservation Commission Chairman Jeff Goldknopf and Schoppmeyer Park Committee Member Valerie Shelton would do the presentation.

Mr. Jeff Goldknopf, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, stated that they had found a site for the Christian Schoppmeyer Park. He said the property was located at 101 North Main Street and was owned by the Newmarket Community Church. He said the front was a commercial lot with one building and would be used for easement and access. He said the property was approximately 4 acres and the conservation area would be set back off the road and extend beyond the crest of the hill down to the river. A question was asked about the cost of the property, and Mr. Goldknopf said that the Newmarket Community Church had agreed to \$60,000.

Ms. Valerie Shelton explained that there had been a licensed appraisal of \$59,580 based on the square footage of the area, but that the developable value of the property would be \$75,000. She said there were currently 2 buildings on the property, but that the Community Church planned to build a garage-type structure and would move their services to that building. She stated that no buildings would be constructed, just trails, recreation areas, and the development of the riverfront. She said they were thinking of doing memorial benches. A question was asked about maintenance of the park, and Ms. Shelton said they were trying to raise enough funds to develop the land and have some left over for maintenance. She said the park would become part of the Conservation Commission.

A question was raised about a schedule of costs to the Town. Town Administrator Fournier said they would just be mowing the property and it would not be substantial. Mr. Goldknopf said they could also spend out of the Conservation Commission. Town Administrator Fournier said there would be a sidewalk from downtown past the property on the other side of the street. It was questioned whether there would be enough money to cover the park long-term, and Ms. Shelton said it would all be paths and recreation. Mr. Goldknopf said they planned to put up a split-rail fence between the park and the property next door. Town Administrator Fournier added that traditionally the Conservation Commission used volunteers to help with large projects.

Mr. Shelton said that they had done a lot of research and felt this was the best spot for the Town. He said that once they had gotten permission to move ahead with the purchase of the property they would be meeting with the Town Attorney. A request was made for the total funds collected so far. Mr. Shelton said \$50,000 had already been paid to the Conservation Commission and if they matched this revenue, the original donor would contribute another \$50,000. Town Administrator Fournier said he would meet with the Town Attorney to review the easement.

The Town Council unanimously supported the idea to move ahead with the purchase of the property for the establishment of the Christian Schoppmeyer Park.

Councilor Weinstein made a motion to move out of Non-Public Session which was seconded by Councilor Pike.

Town Administrator Fournier polled the Council and the motion to move out of Non-Public Session was approved by a vote of 6-0. The Non-Public Session was concluded at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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