

Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

February 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:02 PM

Attending: Samuel Kenney, Joe Lamattina, Ingrid Ahlberg, Dale Pike,

Excused: Michael Hoffman

Absent: Gretchen Kast.

Guest(s): Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer), Bart McDonough (Town Planner), Todd Maxwell (NH

Regional Planning Commission), Lisa Wise (NH Cooperative Extension)

Public Comment opened at 4:02 pm

No members of the public commented.

Public Comment closed at 4:03 pm

Meeting minutes from 2023-01-09 were approved with a minor edit change. Motion Joe Lamattina, Second Sam Kenney. All were in favor as amended. Dale Pike abstained.

Todd Maxwell – Principal Regional Planner, NH Regional Planning Commission joined by Lisa Wise gave an overview of the Planning Commission and how they could help out.

Talked about grant options that may be available to Newmarket as a costal community and what may/may not be applicable for grants. Previous grant application that was not successful did contain good information that will be helpful for grant applications going forward.

Todd stated he expects the grant applications to be very competitive this year.

Bart gave an overview of what the town side has been doing and where he felt support would be helpful. Talked about the proposed plan to survey people related to how they would like to use the riverfront area and what is important to people.

There was discussion about pre work that has been done to date, Schanda Park Plan, Living Shoreline. There was agreement that the Moonlight Brook Culvert is a significant issue that needs to be addressed.

Sam talked about the fact there are several different initiatives in progress and asked how they could be coordinated. Planning Commission may be able to help. Todd stated that one goal they have is to tie each initiative/project to a funding source.

Next steps Planning Commission to continue working with Bart. Todd will let town know when Costal Resilience group will meet. Committee should get letters of support together asap and Todd can help with any applications and provide draft letters.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm

Next Meeting – March 13, 4PM Town Hall Council Room