



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

October 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:00 PM

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

Guest: Lyndsay Butler

Public Comment opened at 4:00 pm

No members of the public present.

Public Comment closed at 4:00 pm

Meeting minutes from 2023-08-21 were approved.

Motion Sam Kenney,

Second Joe Lamattina.

Vote – 4 Approve, 1 - Abstain

Motion to approve passed.

The committee welcomed new member Betsy Wolfe.

There was discussion about Riverwalk/Community Trail. Using the Riverwalk to start the community trail and connect Schanda Park to Heron Point. There is a path that exists but there is no real signage. There was also discussion about connections to other town trails and Durham.

There was discussion about the footbridge near the damn. The town has determined the footbridge will need to be replaced in the not to distance future, perhaps within the next 10 years. Lyndsay brought the committee up to date on the status of the bridge and what options may be available. Sam asked Lyndsay to keep the committee informed.

There was discussion about the proposed Charrette, Sam suggested we start discussion on scope starting at our next meeting in November.

There was discussion about the existing easement from Schanda Park going towards the Creighton street Pumping Station. There is the ability to extend the riverwalk further south. Lyndsay stated this would also be a good option/area for developing the "Living Shoreline". This could be looked at in conjunction with upcoming potential upgrades of the pumping station.

Sam talked about the fact that all the committee chairs met with the Town Manager and discussed Right To Know law. It is recommended all committee members create a dedicated email id specifically for committee communication. This will protect personal email from Right To Know requests. Sam will make a sample GMAIL Id.

There was discussion about Moonlight Brook and Signage at Schanda Park. Lyndsay reported monitoring of water quality and potential pollution sources is still ongoing. Bacterial counts were high everywhere this past summer because of the large amount of rainfall. Lyndsay talked about grants, DES recently approved a grant for infrastructure outflow into Moonlight Brook not Moonlight Brook itself. She is also working on grants for LRAC to continue water quality testing. Sam will look into inviting Living Shoreline Teams to future meetings.

Sam gave an update on the Master Plan rewrite. Sam stated they are potentially looking to include Riverfront sections with Open Space and Recreation and Community Space Sections. Sam asked if anyone is interested in supplying input to let him know.

Next Meeting November 11th. 4PM

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm