

Newmarket Riverfront Advisory Committee

January 10, 2022 Meeting / @ Town Hall Council Chambers

Sam Kenney, Chair - present

Megan Brabec, TC ex-officio – present

Peter Sawtell, member at large - present

Dale Pike, member at large - present

Gretchen Kast, member at large – present

No members of the public in attendance.

Meeting convened at 4pm

December 7, 2021 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Business:

1. Committee's annual town report writeup drafted by Sam. Would appreciate feedback from other members.
2. What are the committee's goals? Members' initial thoughts:

Sam 1. Enhance public access to waterfront 2. Be consistent with Newmarket's overall aesthetic. 3. Build support and collaboration for what we do 4. Heron Point is underutilized, so in scope

Steve 1. Enhance Schanda Park & access 2. Environmental restoration of shoreline

Dale agrees with these goals. Suggest strategy be more detailed within the committee re: what's been given to us already, and go beyond the Conservation Commission. Looking to first half of year.

Megan agrees with these same goals as well.

Gretchen 1. High level goals are already in the committee's charter from Town Council, which is two parts, Schanda Park enhancement and Heron Point access. Suggest more ideas around Heron Point be developed. Members discussed an approach/strategy for that, such as brainstorm more options for access. Dale suggested a charrette approach, for public input.

Next tasks/steps for committee, in order suggested (follow up dates for each to be determined):

1. Brainstorm more ideas for Heron Point access

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2. Move forward with Schanda Park project
 - Moonlight brook – a multifaceted issue – Dale suggested this be a topic submitted for an All Boards meeting.
3. Noting Town's Contamination report+MS4+Schanda Park – likely all related together.
 - Dale believes some work ahead of time – such as take report and go through and identify the issues, like what to do with parking, or if we think we should do what report suggests.
 - Sam will talk to DES Design Team about what their end point is and what the product will include.
4. Megan will follow up on confirming approved funding for 2022. Sam noted everything ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) must be allocated by end of 2024.

Next meeting: Jan 31, 4pm.

Also, meeting planned for Feb 21, 2022, 4pm, to review with Town Administrator & staff.