

Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:02 PM

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

Excused: Michael Hoffman, Gretchen Kast.

Guest: Bart McDonough (Town Planning Director), Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer)

Public Comment opened at 4:02 pm, no members of the public were present.

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Lyndsay Butler, as the new town engineer, introduced herself to the committee and discussed her background.

Mr. Kenney described the projects the Advisory Committee is involved in and the fact that they have been basically split into separate tracks for Schanda Park Improvements and Moonlight Brook.

The group agreed Moonlight Brook is a priority, it does not make sense to address Schanda Park improvements without addressing the Moonlight Brook Culvert. There was discussion about the need to fund and undertaker a study of Moonlight Brook and what should be the next steps. Mr. Pike stated there had been previous studies of Moonlight Brook in particular, one related to flooding done in the 2015-2016 timeframe. Ms. Ahlberg stated a study of water runoffs had also been done with the School Facilities Study. It was agreed Ms. Butler would look into what has been done to date and then identify what the next steps should be.

There was a discussion about funding. The current, in progress, budget planning process is for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Any monies included in this budget would not be available until July 2023. The Newmarket Town Council has a budget workshop scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29. Councilor Lamattina will work to get monies included in the budget for culvert work at Moonlight Brook.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Next Meeting – November 14, 4PM Town Hall Council Room.