

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
 August 16, 2018

7:00 PM Council Chambers

Members Present: Patrick Reynolds (Chair), Ann LaFortune (Treasurer), Cris Blackstone, Sarah Finch (Planning Board Rep), and Casey Finch (Town Council Rep - Ex-Officio)

Member Absent: Marianne Hannagan (Vice Chair), Andrea Sellers, and Drew Kiefaber (Alternate),

Called to Order: 7:05 PM

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Public Comments**

No public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

July 12, 2018

**Action**

**Motion:** Ann LaFortune moved that the minutes of July 12, 2018 be approved as drafted.

**Second:** Patrick Reynolds

**Vote:** Approved 4-0-0

5. **Treasurer's Report**

**Ann LaFortune** had nothing new to report for July as the Town office is performing a computer software update.

6. **Committee and Subcommittee Reports**

**Town Council:** Casey Finch had nothing new to report for this meeting. The TC only meets once per month during the summer and the next meeting will be August 15.

**Planning Board:** Sarah Finch reported that the PB received a boundary line adjustment from the Rockingham Golf course impacting two homes in the development.

**Schoppmeyer Park Committee:** Patrick Reynolds about the celebration to open Schoppmeyer Park.

[https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/XSekdEeRsk0JHQVHAvKJVka7\\_5VjxKP/media/372697?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true](https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/XSekdEeRsk0JHQVHAvKJVka7_5VjxKP/media/372697?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true) . The park committee is still seeking a representative from the CC. They are planning to prepare a required management plan in the near future. The Chair has agreed to serve. **Casey Finch** mentioned that the Town would like to be part of the management of this property. The Chair would like to suggest a sub-committee to address both Schanda and Schoppmeyer Parks. Membership may include people from the Town Administration, LRAC, CC, and members of the public. The topics would include discussions of the soil erosion issues at Schanda and the new goals from the TC about the downtown walking plan with regards to the Shoreline Protection Act.

7. **Chairman's Report**

**Shoreline Permit:** The Chair received a cc: from NHDES approving a shoreline permit for 7 Bay View Drive.

**Applicant for Vacant Board Membership:** The Chair received notification that an application has been

received by the TA and will be voted on at the next TC meeting.

## 8. Old/New Business

**Dearborn Property – Survey:** The Chair would like to suggest that we consider putting this surveying out to bid or consider the other bidders to get the job done as quickly as possible. He will review the former bids from last November and report back to the CC.

**Heron Point Sanctuary –Gate:** **Casey Finch** reported that all the parts have been ordered and measurements have made for the gate! The supplies are in hand and just waiting for the electric hook-up. Thank you Greg! **Casey Finch** pointed out that the sign at the gate should be considered for replacement as it has seriously deteriorated. **Patrick Reynolds** will speak with Mike Hoffman about getting a sign to match the looks of the sign at the entrance off of Bay Road.

**Schanda Park Permit:** The CC received two requests for the use of Schanda Park.

- A request for Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 1:45-2:30 pm for a private wedding from Candice Jarosz.

### Action

**Motion:** **Patrick Reynolds** moves that we approve the permit request from Candice Jarosz for the use of Schanda Park from 1:45-2:30 pm on Saturday, October 6, 2018 for a wedding.

**Second:** **Ann LaFortune**

**Vote:** 4-0-0

- A request for Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 11:15-1:00 pm for the Newmarket Community Church 'Community Lobster Bake'. If they have in climate weather, they would move into the church.

### Action

**Motion:** **Patrick Reynolds** moves that we approve the permit request (pending receipt of the formal application) from the Newmarket Community Church for the use of Schanda Park from 11:15-1:00 pm on Sunday, October 16, 2018 for a 'Community Lobster Bake'.

**Second:** **Ann LaFortune**

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Cris Blackstone** mentioned the Saturday November 3, 2018 NH Conservation Commission Annual Meeting to be held at Pembroke Academy. More information may be found at: <http://www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting47/>.

**Patrick Reynolds** will bring information for the properties the CC must monitor this year to the next meeting. The CC Easement Monitoring Process is attached at the end of the minutes for your information and records. The Chair will also check on the mowing at Wiggin Farm to be sure that they wait until after the butterfly season.

## 9. Adjourn

### Action

**Motion:** **Cris Blackstone** moved that the meeting be adjourned.

**Second:** **Patrick Reynolds**

**Vote:** 4-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary

**NEWMARKET CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Easement Monitoring Process**

The Conservation Commission is responsible for annual monitoring of conserved properties in Newmarket that the town holds an interest in. The easement monitoring process is to evaluate the condition of conserved properties and ensure that the terms of the conservation easement are not being violated. Violations of a conservation easement must be addressed to bring the property back into compliance. Monitoring reports must be forwarded to funding partners from the property acquisition. Below is a listing of the properties and important information for each easement.

**Property: Piscassic River/Loiselle**

Owner: Town of Newmarket

Address: 270 Wadleigh Falls Road

When: Fall - Monitoring report must be submitted by Dec. 31 of the current year.

Who: LCHIP LCHIP, 13 West Street, Suite 3, Concord, 03301 [jcharpentier@lchip.org](mailto:jcharpentier@lchip.org)

NHDES NH Dept. of Environmental Services, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302

Holly Green, DES [Holly.Green@des.nh.gov](mailto:Holly.Green@des.nh.gov)

Tom Loiselle, abutter, [jmlbear@aol.com](mailto:jmlbear@aol.com)

**Property: Wiggin Farm**

Owner: Town of Newmarket

Address: 280 Grant Road

When: Fall/Winter - Monitoring report must be submitted by Dec. 31 of the current year.

Who: LCHIP LCHIP, 13 West Street, Suite 3, Concord, 03301 [jcharpentier@lchip.org](mailto:jcharpentier@lchip.org)

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Holly Green, DES [Holly.Green@des.nh.gov](mailto:Holly.Green@des.nh.gov)

NH Fish and Game: Steve Walker or Tracey Boisvert

**Property: Audubon/Smith Sisters – Easement**

Owner: NH Audubon

Address: 356 Wadleigh Falls Road

When: Fall - Monitoring report must be submitted by Jan. 30 of the next year.

Who: Audubon Phil Brown [pBrown@nhaudubon.org](mailto:pBrown@nhaudubon.org)

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Todd Rissel, owner of abutting house, [trissel@e2value.com](mailto:trissel@e2value.com),

**Property: Nostrum Farm – Easement New Roots Farm**

Owner: Renee and Jeff Cantara

Address: 31 Doe Farm Lane

When: Late Summer - Monitoring report must be submitted by Jan. 30 of the next year.

Who: NRCS State Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service,

Federal Building, 2 Madbury Road, Durham, NH 03825

email report to: [nhnracs.easements@nh.usda.gov](mailto:nhnracs.easements@nh.usda.gov) Ryan Dubois 868-9931 x124

Renee and Jeff Cantara, 31 Doe Farm Lane, Newmarket, NH 03857 [farmers@newrootsfarm.com](mailto:farmers@newrootsfarm.com)

**Property: Silverman-Schneer – Easement**

Owner: Jean Silverman 659-2632

Address: 41 Neal Mill Road

When: Late Summer or Fall

Who: Town of Newmarket, Monitoring report filed in town file.

**Property: Hilton Farm – Easement**

Owner: George Win Hilton

Address: 233 Grant Road

When: Fall - Monitoring is done by SELTNH, and the CC is billed.

Who: SELTNH 2011 cost \$290.77

Respectively submitted,

Drew Kiefaber

Other Town owned properties that should be periodically walked and evaluated but that do not have specific easement monitoring responsibilities.

**Heron Point**

**Follett's Brook Properties**

**Lita Lane Properties and Wetland**

**Items to bring on an easement monitoring visit:**

Survey/map of property

Camera

Blank easement monitoring form and pen

Boundary signs and nails

Saw and hand clippers

Blank paper and Ziploc bags for notes

Bag for trash

Surveyor's flagging

Backpack

Water and snack

Bright colored clothes