

TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

February 10, 2022 7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

**Members Present:** Patrick Reynolds (Chair), Melissa Sharples (Vice Chair), David Bell, Cris Blackstone, Jeffrey Goldknopf (Planning Board Rep), Sam Kenney, Melissa Brogle (Alternate), Julianna Tyson (Alternate), and Megan Brabec (Town Council Rep-Ex Officio).

**Members Absent:** Ellen Snyder (Treasurer)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments this evening.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**January 13, 2022**

**Action**

**Motion:** Sam Kenney moved to approve the January 13, 2022 draft minutes as written.

**Second:** David Bell

**Comments:** Melissa Sharples asked that a change be made to the bottom of page 1 into page 2.

The recording secretary read the changes to the members.

**Motion:** Patrick Reynolds moved to approve the minutes are amended.

**Second:** Melissa Sharples

**Approved:** Approved 4-0-2 (J. Goldknopf and C. Blackstone abstained)

**4./5. Treasurer's Report & Chairman's Report**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ellen Snyder, Treasurer, is absent this evening, but she sent the financial reports to the Chair to report to the Commission. The Conservation Fund has a current balance of \$163,683.95 and this includes the Schanda Park Fund. We have had some expenditures totaling \$1,601.84 for the SELT monitoring and other contracted services. We have \$75,000 waiting for the SELT to claim for the Gaziano property. The General Fund balance is \$798.16. There were no new revenues aside from interest in the balance.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Mail Received:**

a. The Commission received the annual report on the Dodds Property from SELT. This property runs partially along Grant Road and partially along Neal Mill Road.

b. There was also a postcard received from SELT about the new addition to the Greenway by the purchase of the Gaziano property. This postcard was sent a while back to everyone in town when

SELT was engaged in dedicated fund raising.

c. The winter edition of the Great Bay Matters Newsletter arrived and may be found online here:  
<https://greatbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/GBM-Winter-2022-F-Lo-res.pdf>

The Chair discussed the finalized outcome of the site plan review by the Planning Board for the sand pit located at 421 Wadleigh Falls Road. The property will be reviewed every five years instead of three years.

Just a reminder that the Town Elections will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium on March 8, 2022.

## 6. Committee and Subcommittee Reports

**Riverfront Advisory Committee:** **Sam Kenney** reported that the committee met January 21 and they were briefly joined by the Town Manager. The purpose of the meeting was to get ready for the meeting on February 28 at 4:00 PM. Six to eight representatives of the UNH/State team are putting together the ‘almost’ final report for Schanda Park to Department Heads. There is hope that this will give everyone a time to share all ideas, suggestions, and concerns. All ConCom members are welcome to attend.

**Town Council:** **Megan Brabec** reported that there will be two readings of the new plan for the Tucker Well. The readings will include a discussion of accepting the bid and the funding for dredging and filling. They have secured the NHDES permit for the work to access the well location. The Chair asked if the Town Council has discussed the changing of the Class VI Road portion of Neal Mill Road to a Class A Trail. It has not, but she will ask again about this issue.

**Planning Board:** **Jeff Goldknopf** reported that the Neal Mill Road change came up at the recent PB meeting and the Town Council Rep, Scott Blackstone, reported that the Town Manager is still looking into the issue. The Planning Board is looking at two big projects right now. The first is the required upgrade to the MS4 Stormwater Management Program (with the help of Bill Arcieri, Senior Water Resource Specialist from VHB Consultants). The regulations have been through a TRC with Bill Arcieri. The second major project is to look at the proposed changes to the zoning at the northern area of Town. There will be a special workshop on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. This is a workshop for the Planning Board, but all are encouraged to attend. The Planning Board also is continuing to review the latest changes to the site plan of Seacoast Pool Plastering LLC/Robert MacInnis for a pool/storage facility located at 446 & 451 Wadleigh Falls Road, Tax Map R6, Lots 50-7 & 50-8, B3 Zone.

## 7. Old/New Business

**Wiggin Farm Invasive Control Estimate:** The Chair reported that we have received an estimate for the invasive control at Wiggin Farm from the Rockingham County Conservation Commission. They propose to treat approximately 3 acres with a low impact herbicide and a low impact foliate to begin the control of the many invasives found at Wiggin. The flat fee for this would be \$3,190. This fee may only be paid for by the Conservation Fund and we would likely need to consider a second application at a later date. **Cris Blackstone** asked about when they would do this based on plant growth. The Chair will clarify if this is to be one ‘visit’ or one ‘treatment’ with **Ellen Snyder**. The Chair believes that, to keep up with the growth, best practices would involve

additional treatments. A copy of the proposal from RCCC is attached as an addendum.

### **Action**

**Motion:** Patrick Reynolds made a motion to approve the expenditure of funds up to \$3,200 from the Conservation Fund for herbicide application at Wiggin Farm performed the Rockingham Country Conservation Commission.

**Second:** Melissa Sharples

**Comments:** Jeff Goldknopf asked which herbicide would be used. The Chair will clarify for the members as soon as possible.

**Approved:** Approved 5-1-0 (J. Goldknopf voted nay)

### **Heron Point Kiosk-LRAC Grant:**

Ellen Snyder sent information to the Chair indicating that the application for the LRAC grant to pay for the new kiosk has been submitted. She will attend the next meeting to present the project for a vote at that time. LRAC asked if we have a QR code. If not, LRAC would like to have their code on the kiosk which would send people directly to their web site. We do not have a Conservation Commission QR code. Members did not feel comfortable with this idea, but don't mind if LRAC wishes to put their web site on the kiosk. They have a very beautiful new web site!

### **Wiggin Farm Invasives:**

The Chair wanted to speak about the possibility of a work day/workshop to manually attack some areas of invasive plants. He would like to invite the community. Saturday April 30 might be a good day, but it depends on school vacation week. It was decided not to choose a day too late into May. The Chair suggests that we visit Wiggin Farm the week before the selected date and flag some areas for work. A fixed date will be determined at the next meeting.

### **Guest Speakers for 2022:**

#### **Suggestions:**

\*ReVision Energy [ReVision Energy | Brentwood, NH Solar Showroom](#)

\*On the Wing – Jane Kelly [On The Wing NH](#)

\*NH Fish & Game – Josh Megyesy

\*Carnivorous Plants in the Wetlands of NH– Natch Greyes

There were several other great ideas suggested!

The Chair mentioned the Coastal Adaptation Workshop training program [Workshop Series | New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup \(nhcaw.org\)](#) . They have some very interesting workshops which members might be interested in taking. You can sign up for their email list at: [Contact Us | New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup \(nhcaw.org\)](#) .

The Chair wanted to remind everyone who might have a term expiring to please consider signing up again. He will be signing up as a regular member again, but will not serve for another term as Chair. New officers will be elected by the ConCom at the April meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

**Action**

**Motion:** **Melissa Sharples** moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Vote:** Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.  
The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary

Addendum:



**Rockingham County  
Conservation District**

Tel: (603) 679-2790  
Brentwood, NH 03833-6614  
110 North Road

## Estimate

Date	Estimate #
1/31/2022	10063
Terms	

Name / Address
Newmarket Cons Comm 186 Main Street Newmarket, NH 03857

			T/C Code
Project No./Name	Client Ref#	Street	Town
Description			Total
ESTIMATE FOR 2022 INVASIVE CONTROL - WIGGIN FARM, NEWMARKET			
Wiggin Farm Priority Invasive control on 3 +/- acres - signage will be placed along trails while on site			
Invasive control: Watershed Special Permit application 2022. This includes NHB review and required effectiveness reporting.			450.00
Invasive control: LVF- Closely directed applications of low impact herbicide using low volume foliar techniques to 3 +/- med density acres.			1,650.00
Invasive control: Cut Stem/Basal Bark - mainly along stone wall - 1 +/- acre			400.00
Covers mixing, travel, mileage, herbicide, and cleanup			690.00
SCOPE: This estimate is to perform invasive species control utilizing low impact herbicides. Primary targets include Japanese knotweed, glossy buckthorn, Oriental bittersweet, burning bush, Japanese barberry and any other state listed invasive species. Care will be taken to minimize damage to non-target plants.			
TERMS: This estimate is a flat fee estimate for a single treatment. Treatments over multiple years are often required for good control. No additional work will be conducted that exceeds the scope without prior authorization.			
ACCEPTANCE/SCHEDULE: Please provide an authorized signature below to indicate acceptance of these terms. Special permit application should begin immediately as approval may take several months.			
Please sign to authorize the estimated work. This estimate is good for 90 days.			
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,190.00</b>

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_