



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission

February 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

AGENDA

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Acceptance of Minutes, January 12, 2023**
- 5. Finance Report**
- 6. Committee/Board Reports**
 - 1. Planning Board/Town Planner**
 - Connect to Protect Initiative
 - 2. Riverfront Advisory/ Schanda Park**
 - SRPC Coastal Resiliency Grant; February 13, 4 pm, joint meeting
 - 3. Town Council**
 - 4. Energy and Environment Committee**
- 7. Conservation Easement Monitoring**
- 8. Land Stewardship/Conservation**
 - 1. Sliding Rock Recreation and Conservation Area – LRAC grant**
 - 2. Wiggin Farm – 2023: kiosk, bridge, sign posts, invasives**
 - 3. Dearborn – Driveway ROW easement**
 - 4. SELT's Piscassic Greenway Management Plan**
 - 5. UNH Extension Summer Stewardship Interns application**
- 9. Adjourn**



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January 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Snyder (Chair), Melissa Sharples (Vice-Chair), David Bell, Jeffrey Goldknopf (Planning Board Rep.), Tom Jones (Alternate), Sam Kenney, and Colin Lawson (Alternate), and Colin White (Town Council Rep- *ex officio*)

Members Absent: Cris Blackstone and Julianna Tyson.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. [time on DCAT 0:54]

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

The Chair appointed alternates Tom Jones and Colin Lawson as voting members this evening.

3. Public Comment

There were no members of the public to make comments this evening.

4. Approval of Minutes

November 10, 2022: [time on DCAT 1:54]

Action

Motion: Ellen Snyder moved to approve the draft minutes of 11/10/2022.

Second: Colin Lawson

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved Unanimously 7-0-0

December 8, 2022:

Action

Motion: Ellen Snyder moved to approve the draft minutes of 12/8/2022.

1 **Second:** Melissa Sharples
 2 **Discussion:** None
 3 **Vote:** Approved 6-0-1 (Sam Kenney abstained)
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6 **5. Guest Speaker: Lyndsay Butler, Newmarket Town Engineer**

[time on DCAT 4:25]

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 8 Lyndsay Butler, P.E., the Newmarket Town Engineer, introduced herself to the
 9 members. She began working for the Town toward the end of August 2022 in a newly
 10 created position. Before being hired by the Town, she held a variety of positions giving
 11 her both municipal and consulting experiences. Previous positions included: a Project
 12 Engineer for the Town of Salem NH, a Project Manager for Wright-Pierce Environmental
 13 Services, a Civil Engineer for Tetra Tech Rizzo, and a Project Engineer for Ducharme &
 14 Dillis Civil Design Group, Inc. Her expertise is primarily in stormwater management,
 15 hydrology, hydraulics, and a general infrastructure with a definite emphasis on the
 16 stormwater management aspects. She also has some experience in water and waste
 17 water. She is the MS4 Project Manager for the Town for both the program side and
 18 regulations. Projects she is currently involved with include supporting the DPW in
 19 various projects, working with the Environmental Services Department, working with the
 20 Planning Department and site plan reviews.. She hopes to become proactive in the
 21 future and less reactive to issues as they arise. She will be involved in the Master Plan
 22 preparations coming along shortly. **Ellen** asked about culvert issues in the Town -
 23 primarily around our many turtle crossings. Lyndsay mentioned that the Town is mostly
 24 reactive to culvert issues – i.e. if they wash out or become damaged. While at Wright-
 25 Pierce, she was the project manager and designer for the team that replaced the culvert
 26 on Bay Road. Mapping of all culverts in Town would be an important beginning. NHDES
 27 plans to evaluate culverts state-wide and put them in a database ranking their priorities.
 28 **Colin Lawson** mentioned the SADES (New Hampshire Statewide Asset Data
 29 Exchange System) program which has approximately 10,000 culverts in NH in their
 30 database so far. [NH SADES, Statewide Asset Data Exchange System](#) He will look in
 31 the SADES database to see if Newmarket has been inventoried yet and will keep in
 32 touch with Lyndsay. The members are excited to work with her on future projects.
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35 **6. Finance Report**

[time on DCAT 1819]

36 The Chair reported that the current balance of the Conservation Fund is \$133,635.29
 37 which include the \$4,764.46 of the special Richard Schanda Fund. The Piscassic River/
 38 Loiselle sign is still to be paid for and the 1st payment of the LRAC grant for the Sliding
 39 Rock projects has been deposited along with some interest. Available funds in the CF
 40 are \$128,888.83. The current balance in the General Fund is \$2,475.58. The SELT has
 41 completed the monitoring report of the Hilton Easement and they have submitted an
 42 invoice of \$365.88 for their services. The cost has gone up a little this year and will most
 43 likely go up next year also.

44 **Action**

45 **Motion:** **Colin Lawson** moved to approve the expenditure of funds to pay SELT
 46 \$365.88 for the annual monitoring of the Hilton Easement.

1 **Second:** **Melissa Sharples**
 2 **Discussion:** None
 3 **Vote:** **Approved Unanimously 7-0-0**

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 5 The Chair asked for reimbursement of \$24.84 for purchasing a ¼ sheet of pressure
 6 treated plywood for the signs at the PR/L property. The signs are ready to be placed
 7 shortly when the weather permits.

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 9 **Motion:** **Colin Lawson** moved to approve the expenditure of funds to reimburse
 10 **Ellen Snyder** in the amount of \$24.84 for supplies for the signage for PR/L.

11 **Second:** **Melissa Sharples**
 12 **Discussion:** None
 13 **Vote:** **Approved Unanimously 7-0-0**

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 15 **7. _____ Committee** [time on DCAT 21:29]

16 **Planning Board/Town Planner:**

17 **Jeff Goldknopf** reported that the ADU proposal is moving forward now with one new
 18 change: that the bedroom limit will be two per ADU or DADU. The PB received a
 19 request from the Town Manager to look into establishing an Historical District
 20 Committee. Currently, the Town has an Historical Overlay District. **Bart** has agreed to
 21 put together some research on this topic for a discussion at the next Planning Board
 22 meeting in February.

a. Connect to Protect Initiative

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 24 The Chair discussed the origins of the Connect to Protect, New Hampshire Coastal
 25 Watershed Conservation Plan program. Information may be found at : [New Hampshire
 26 Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan - Connect to Protect \(connect-protect.org\)](https://connect-protect.org). **Bart**
 27 submitted a Technical Assistance Request and provided a copy for the meeting packet:

*Connect to Protect Technical Assistance Request Submitted by Planning Director **Bart McDonough***

31 *The Town of Newmarket is in the nascent stages of planning a municipal and regional*
 32 *wide effort to consolidate, expand, and interconnect conservation easements. This*
 33 *initiative, currently called, "Connectivity for Nature and People", has two primary goals*
 34 *designed not to be mutually exclusive: (1) to preserve critical natural resources and the*
 35 *lands they reside on, and (2) to create regional terrestrial and aquatic trail networks for*
 36 *recreation purposes. The Town of Newmarket is seeking guidance and technical*
 37 *assistance from the Connect to Protect Program to create a management plan of its*
 38 *conservation easements and fee own lands; identify properties that would bridge the*
 39 *gap between the Town's conservation easements and fee own lands, creating an*
 40 *interconnected conservation network within and beyond the Town's boundaries; and the*
 41 *identification of resources and strategies to assist in creating a coalition with an*
 42 *assigned charge to create a regional trail network. The Town of Newmarket is of the*
 43 *opinion that an increase in investments into such a recreation trail network will yield a*
 44 *higher user base thereof, thereby, theoretically, increasing the community's willingness*
 45 *to allocate more funding towards future land preservation and conservation efforts.*

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1 The request was approved and **Bart, Sam,** and **Ellen** were appointed to meet with the
 2 team several times and they will help define our ideas about connectivity. The first
 3 meeting will be January 26 (or 25) from 3-4 PM in the Town Auditorium. Several people
 4 from UNH Extension and the Great Bay Estuary Research Preserve will also be
 5 present. **Tom** and **Melissa** are also interested in participating. **Bart** and Mike Hoffman
 6 have discussed interest in adding trails to the Boulder Drive subdivision and
 7 connections between Dame and Bay Roads. **Bart, Ellen, Melissa,** and **Colin White** will
 8 meet to discuss options on January 17.

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 10 Ad-hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee / Schanda Park:

11 **Sam Kenney** reported on the two recent meetings of the Ad-hoc Riverfront Advisory
 12 Committee. He mentioned that having the new Town Engineer on board is wonderful,
 13 especially with the Moonlight Brook culvert issue. The Town feels that there is a lot of
 14 grant money available for this culvert work, especially through the Clean Water SRF
 15 program. So the RFC has tabled the idea of asking for a warrant article to fund this right
 16 now. The priority has turned to a Plan NH Grant ([Home page - PLAN NH](#))which **Bart**
 17 has been working on for some time. The grant has not been submitted yet. They feel
 18 that a charrette dealing with the water front area would be extremely beneficial and he
 19 hopes to get funding to hold this meeting in June. The committee also invited the Rec.
 20 Director Aimee Gigandet, and two members from the Arts, Culture, and Tourism
 21 Commission to ,join in the exchange of ideas. **Sam** reviewed the back history of the
 22 original Great Bay Living Shoreline grant. The final report may be found here: [Great Bay
 23 Living Shorelines – Schanda Park | New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup
 24 \(nhcaw.org\)](#) . Both **Bart** and Lyndsay are the Town Staff who work closely with the RFC.
 25 **Sam** mentioned that there is always discussion at the meetings about just who is
 26 responsible for Schanda Park...the ConCom, Rec, DPW? More research on the
 27 original management plan for the park will be done and further conversations will be
 28 helpful.

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 30 Town Council:

31 **Colin White** reported on recent discussions about the Historic Overlay District. The TC
 32 would like to identify the current areas in the Overlay District. There was also discussion
 33 about whether or not that they should create an Historic District Commission. He also
 34 mentioned that there are concerns at the TC about exactly who is responsible for
 35 Schanda Park. The next meeting of the TC will be on Wednesday and he will bring
 36 these topics up for discussion and report back at our next meeting.

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 38 Energy and Environment Advisory Committee:

39 No reported was submitted by **Julianna** for this meeting. The recent meeting may be
 40 viewed at:

41 [https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/XSekdEeRsk0JHQVHAvKJVka7_5VjxKP/media/
 42 772334?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true](https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/XSekdEeRsk0JHQVHAvKJVka7_5VjxKP/media/772334?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true)

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 44 **8. Conservation Easement Monitoring** [time on DCAT 54:24]

45 *Hilton Easement:* SELT has completed the monitoring, and submitted the report. The
 46 Chair mentioned again that the price of monitoring went up this year and is expected to

1 increase next year. ConCom will discuss at another time.
 2 *Smith Sisters (Audubon)*: Completed by **David** – thank you!
 3 *Nostrum Farm*: **Melissa** and **Jeff** walked for four hours and are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done.
 4 They will be returning soon to finish. They were looking for exclusionary markers and
 5 found three of four. They posted +/- 20 signs on the property covering most of the south
 6 and east portions. They took pictures of the found pins for the report.
 7 *Bald Hill Reservation*: **Jeff** and **Julianna** completed the monitoring– thank you Jeff and
 8 Julianna!
 9 *Gaziano, Schneer, and Silverman*: **Ellen** completed – thank you Ellen!
 10 Three Town-Owned Properties:
 11 * *Piscassic River/Loiselle*: **Sam** complete – thank you Sam!
 12 * *Wiggin Farm*: Monitored by NHDES – NHDES, LCIP, and Fish & Game hold the
 13 easement
 14 * *Dearborn*: Monitored by NHDES – Fish & Game holds the easement
 15 The Chair went on the monitoring with the State this year and there were a few third
 16 party abutter issues. She wrote a letter to an abutter to the Wiggin Farm and one letter
 17 to the abutter of the Dearborn property. A copy was sent to the State and **Bart** with a
 18 copy to our files. The issue of the driveway 50' easement is still unresolved. The Chair
 19 is currently working with F&G to draft a new deed. We currently perform monitoring of
 20 seven properties and three are done by the State. We will continue the discussion of the
 21 PR/L monitoring at another meeting. **Colin Lawson** would like to join **Melissa** and **Jeff**
 22 on the west side of Nostrum Farm when they return to finish the monitoring in the
 23 coming weeks. We receive reports on four properties each year because the Town
 24 holds an executory interest: *Clark Farm III* owned by SELT, *Dodds* owned by SELT,
 25 *Tucker* owned by SELT (we hold no conservation easement for Tucker), and *Richmond*
 26 on Langs Lane owned by SELT.

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 28 **9. Land Stewardship/Conservation** [time on DCAT1:22:44]
 29 *Sliding Rock Recreation and Conservation Area – LRAC grant:*
 30 The Chair reported that projects are being completed as discussed at the last meeting.
 31 The grant included:
 32 - Hazard trees remove/drop ~ 8 hazard trees near boat launch/trailhead \$2,000 Orion
 33 Tree Service **DONE IN DECEMBER 2022**
 34 - Kiosk and trailhead create new interpretive panels for a kiosk and trailhead with
 35 watershed map, trail map, etc. \$2,000 Cathy Arekalian-design; Portsmouth Sign
 36 Printing **STILL WORKING ON THIS**
 37 - Trail Assess the existing 1/4 mile trail for accessibility/improvements \$500 Snowhawk,
 38 LLC, Lew Shelley **HE HAS VISITED THE SITE W/ ELLEN AND WILL WRITE A**
 39 **REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**
 40 - Kayak space Add one more kayak rack for 6 kayaks and cable locks. Rec Dept says
 41 this is one of their most popular boat sites, and signage \$1,300 Logkayack.com
 42 (quote from Aimee Gigandet, Director of the Rec Dept) **IN AIMEE'S HANDS NOW**
 43 - NH DES permits included in case we need permits for some of the tasks \$425
 44 - Stakes and fencing to place around eroded area near shore where people have been
 45 storing and dragging boats \$100
 46 *Wiggin Farm – 2023: kiosk, bridge, invasives:*

1 The Chair reported that the kiosk at Wiggin Farm fell over in the last big wind event. The
 2 8x8 poles just snapped. She met a Wiggin Farm neighbor named Vic who is a retired
 3 mechanical engineer and would be happy to do some brush cutting and keep the kiosk
 4 clear. He also took a look at the footbridge. He found that the footings are still sturdy but
 5 the Chair mentioned that the decking and rails are a little kittywampus. A wetlands
 6 permit to extend the boardwalk and the footbridge may be required. **Sam** is willing to
 7 help with the permitting if it becomes necessary. The members discussed a design for
 8 the kiosk and further discussions will follow. The Chair received a request from Becky
 9 Franks of Newmarket who would like to install a Geocache at Wiggin Farm. She has
 10 been working with SELT to place geocaches and would like to hang a very small (1")
 11 tube in a tree by the entrance to the parking area at Wiggin. It will not disturb the habitat
 12 in any way. There is more information on Geocache at : [Geocaching](#) There was
 13 consensus among members to approve her request and the Chair will let her know.

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15 **Colin White** was excused from the meeting at 8:31 PM

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17 **10. 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Priorities** [time on DCAT 1:33:10]

18 The Chair provided the members with a copy of her Conservation Commission Annual
 19 Report to the Town in the meeting packet material. She highlighted the many partners
 20 who work with the Commission on projects – DPW, Recreation Department, LRAC, etc.
 21 Members all felt that she did a terrific job and the report really informs the Town of the
 22 many projects that the ConCom has been involved with this year. The report will be
 23 published in the Town’s Annual Report. Thank you Ellen!

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25 The Chair provided the members with a draft list of the 2023 Project Priorities in the
 26 meeting packet. There are a few leaders still needed to spearhead several projects and
 27 the Chair sought volunteers.

28 **Tom Jones** will lead the erosion control/fencing at Sliding Rock.

29 **Sam Kenney** will lead the rebuild and extension of the pedestrian bridge at Wiggin.

30 Vic will lead the re-set of two signposts near the pond at Wiggin.

31 Vic will lead the weed trimming around the interpretive signs at Wiggin.

32 **Sam Kenney** will coordinate the Community Oyster Garden at Schanda Park.

33 **Colin Lawson** agreed to work with **Ellen** on creating a baseline documentation report
 34 on the Follet’s Brook Region: PR/L, Carolyn Drive, Follet’s Brook, Leary, Rousseau.

35 **Colin Lawson** will work with Lyndsay Butler on the culverts/stream crossings.

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37 The Chair included the email sent to Richard Heidt, a coordinator of the Annual
 38 Newmarket Fishing Derby, on Dec. 29, 2022 in the meeting packet. She described the
 39 financial commitments and constraints on our current funding especially for duties we
 40 are statutorily required to complete every year. She wanted them to know that we are
 41 unable to continue to contribute funds and hoped that they would find other sources to
 42 help fund the event. A copy was also sent to Aimee Gigandet at Recreation. She has
 43 not received any feedback on the email.

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1 11. Adjourn [time on DCAT 1:55:34]

2 Action

3 Motion: **Melissa Sharples** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.

4 Second: **David Bell**

5 Discussion: None

6 Vote: **Approved Unanimously 6-0-0**

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 Sue Frick, Recording Secretary

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Town of Newmarket, New Hampshire					
Conservation Commission -- Conservation Fund (3Feb23)					
Items (date of motion)	Date of CC Approval -- Discussion	Date of Debit, Revenue, or Balance	Conservation Commission Fund	Richard Schanda Fund	TOTAL
		8/1/22	\$129,846.64	\$4,764.46	\$134,611.10
		10/5/22	\$129,084.24	\$4,764.46	\$133,848.70
		11/3/22	\$129,233.55	\$4,764.46	\$133,998.01
		12/2/22	\$129,226.83	\$4,764.46	\$133,991.29
		1/5/23	\$128,888.83	\$4,764.46	\$133,653.29
		2/3/23	\$126,041.00	\$4,764.46	\$130,805.46
CREDITS					
Interest		7/31/22	\$18.04		
Interest		8/31/22	\$44.56		
Interest		9/30/22	\$80.61		
Interest		10/31/22	\$139.29		
Interest corrections		10/31/22	\$8.80		
Interest corrections		10/31/22	\$29.73		
Interest		11/30/22	\$135.15		
Interest		12/31/22	\$118.46		
Interest		1/31/23	\$364.51		
Land Use Change Tax (LUCT)					
LUCT - 17A Cushing Rd balance		9/12/22	\$443.84		
Other Contributions					
LRAC Heron Pt Community Grant - final payment		10/18/22	\$639.12		
LRAC Sliding Rock Comm Grant- 1st payment		11/30/22	\$3,162.50		
DEBITS this FY					
Heron Point kiosk trail map (Martin Forestry) LRAC grant	3/10/22	7/21/22	\$690.00		
Heron Point kiosk panel design (Cathy Arakelian) LRAC grant	3/10/22	8/9/22	\$825.00		
Heron Point kiosk panels printing (Portsmouth Sign) LRAC grant	3/10/22	9/14/22	\$581.00		
NHACC annual subscription (\$300 from general fund)	10/13/22	10/20/22	\$150.00		
Oct 15th Conservation Connections event - PR-L workday	9/8/22	11/8/22	\$131.61		

Town of Newmarket, New Hampshire					
Conservation Commission -- Conservation Fund (3Feb23)					
Items (date of motion)	Date of CC Approval -- Discussion	Date of Debit, Revenue, or Balance	Conservation Commission Fund	Richard Schanda Fund	TOTAL
Wiggin Farm invasive plant control RCCD	2/10/22	11/8/22	\$3,190.00		
Piscassic River - Loiselle - bridge materials	11/10/22	11/30/22	\$220.46		
Piscassic River-Loiselle trail signs	11/10/22	12/20/22	\$236.00		
Sliding Rock Consr Area--hazard tree removal	12/8/22	1/4/23	\$2,000.00		
Piscassic River-Loiselle entrance sign--down payment, 1/2	11/10/22	1/11/23	\$1,187.50		
Piscassic River-Loiselle PT wood for trail signs	1/12/23	1/24/23	\$24.84		
Approved to be spent:					
Piscassic River-Loiselle entrance sign (added \$300 12/8/22)	11/10/22	1/11/23	\$1,187.50		
LRAC Sliding Rock Community Grant - \$6,325:					
Sliding Rock Consr Area - -- kayak rack and lock	12/8/22		\$1,300.00		
Sliding Rock Consr Area - -- assessment of trail	12/8/22		\$500.00		
Sliding Rock Consr Area - -- kiosk panels/other signs	12/8/22		\$2,000.00		
Sliding Rock Consr Area - -- fencing	12/8/22		\$100.00		
To be Considered					
Wiggin Farm entrance sign -- clean and repaint	2/9/23		\$875.00		

Newmarket Conservation Commission Funds						
FY23		General Fund: 014611				
General Fund Budget		\$4,185.00				
	Date of motion or debit	Part-Time Salary	Contracted	Dues/ Subscriptions	General Supplies	Postage
BUDGETED		\$3,335.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
EXPENDED		\$1,574.90	\$360.00	\$350.00	\$76.67	\$0.00
BALANCE (3Feb2023)		\$1,760.10	-\$60.00	\$0.00	\$123.33	\$0.00
General Fund total balance (2Dec2022)		\$1,823.43				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	7/14/22	\$137.04				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	7/28/22	\$162.74				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	8/11/22	\$9.87				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	8/25/22	\$218.30				
Recording Secretary - supplies (10/14/21)	8/31/22				\$52.41	
Part-time salary, recording secretary	9/22/22	\$66.83				
Supplies - notebook, files	9/20/22				\$17.24	
NHACC dues	10/20/22			\$350.00		
Part-time salary, recording secretary	10/6/22	\$4.46				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	10/20/22	\$26.73				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	11/3/22	\$427.68				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	11/17/22	\$57.92				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	12/1/22	\$178.20				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	1/12/23	\$111.38				
Part-time salary, recording secretary	1/26/23	\$173.75				
SELT - Hilton Easement monitoring	1/31/23		\$360.00		\$5.88	
Postage - monitoring letters	1/31/23				\$1.14	



TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DRAFT PROPOSAL – FOR DISCUSSION AT LEE AND NEWMARKET CC MEETINGS

Date: February 2023

To: Malin Clyde, UNHCE

From: Ellen Snyder, Newmarket Conservation Commission
Anne Tappan, Lee Conservation Commission

Re: Seacoast Stewardship Summer Interns – Proposal from Towns of Lee and Newmarket

Sponsoring Organizations

Newmarket Conservation Commission
186 Main St, Newmarket, NH 03857
c/o Ellen Snyder, ellensnyder1@gmail.com, 603-583-0039

Lee Conservation Commission
Lee Town Office, 249 Calef Highway, Lee, NH 03861
c/o Anne Tappan, Anne.Tappan@comcast.net

Description

The Intern(s) will assist the Newmarket and Lee Conservation Commissions with stewardship projects on our respective Town conservation lands and trails. We anticipate three days in Newmarket and two days in Lee. The following projects are anticipated, although may be adjusted if site conditions warrant:

Newmarket – Wiggan Farm Conservation Area

- Hand pull invasive yellow rattle from the meadow
- Hand cut and pull invasive bittersweet vines from old field and along stone wall
- Re-set two interpretive signposts and dig out three unneeded posts in the meadow

Newmarket -- Dearborn Conservation Area

- Assist with the creation of a baseline documentation report for the property
- Add conservation area signs along the boundaries

Newmarket -- Heron Point Sanctuary

- Bench and brush out trails
- Add gravel to trails as needed
- Invasive plant removal

Lee

The Lee Conservation Commission has a suite of properties at which they are working on invasive plant control using mechanical methods: hand pulling, cutting, digging, smothering. In June, we anticipate working at the following conservation areas:

- Maud Jones Memorial Forest: hand pull or smother (buckthorn baggies) glossy buckthorn
- Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary: cut and pull Japanese knotweed along Laynes Brook
- Little River Park: hand pull and dig invasive plants, including bittersweet, buckthorn, and barberry

Location

Town Conservation Areas in Lee and Newmarket. Outdoors.

Timeframe

One week, preferably in mid-June

Training and Supervision.

Conservation Commission members (Ellen Snyder-Newmarket and Anne Tappan-Lee, or other members with similar experience) will work together with the interns on all projects during week and train them in all skills needed for these projects. Interns will need their own transportation.

Interns will learn:

- How to identify and control invasive plants using various mechanical/hand tools
- Identification of some New Hampshire native plant species and plant communities
- How to improve and maintain trails
- About stewardship issues such as dogs, signage, rogue trails, wetland crossings, sustainability, land management
- About NH Conservation Commissions