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TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**May 14, 2015
7:00 PM Council Chambers

Members Present: Jeff Goldknopf (Chair), Drew Kiefaber (Vice Chair), Bruce Fecteau, Andrea Frey,
Fred Pearson, Amy Burns (Town Council Rep - Ex-Officio), and Ezra Temko (Planning Board Rep)

Member Absent: Bob Gazda (Alternate) *excused*

Called to Order: 7:02 PM

Agenda Items:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
The Chair welcomed **Ezra** **Temko** as the new Planning Board Representative to the Conservation Commission.
3. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

With a speaker present in the audience, the Chair asked the members to approve moving to item one under Old/New Business. There was no objection.

8. Old/New Business
*Schanda Park Usage Permit – Newmarket Solutions Post Roadside Clean-up Picnic:* Nicole Benson came to seek approval for a permit to use of Schanda Park by Newmarket Solutions for a post clean-up picnic to thank all the hard workers. The event will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 16 at Crackskull’s for coffee and bagels. Route assignments will be decided for the clean-up beginning at 9 and going until 12 noon. The picnic will begin approximately at noon. Everyone is welcome to join in!

**ACTION**

Motion: **Drew Kiefaber** moved to authorize the use of Schanda Park by Newmarket Solutions for the post-roadside clean-up picnic on May 16th.

 Second: **Andrea Frey**

 Vote: Approved unanimously 6-0-0

More information on the clean-up may be found at: <http://newmarketsolutions.org/> The Chair signed the permit application and Nicole Benson will deliver it to the Police Department.

The Chair returned to the original agenda.

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1. Approval of Minutes

 *April 9, 2015*:

**ACTION**

Motion: **Drew Kiefaber** moved that the minutes of April 9, 2015 be approved as drafted.

 Second: **Bruce Fecteau**

Discussion: **Andrea** **Frey** emailed some changes to the Recording Secretary and they are now

 corrected in the minutes.

 Vote: Approved 5-0-1

1. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer **Andrea** **Frey** sent the monthly financial reports around to members by email. Money was deposited into the account from a ‘change in current use’ tax for $6,500. This was for a minor subdivision on Gonet Drive. We have not yet received any monies from the golf course project. **Fred** **Pearson** presented a check to the Treasurer for deposit of $226.00 from the sale of two rain barrels and two compost turners. We currently have seven rain barrels remaining in inventory.

1. Committee and Subcommittee Reports

*Planning Board:* **Ezra** **Temko** reported that 1) the second Newmarket LIVE Visioning session for the town will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Town Auditorium. 2) The housing chapter of the master plan is moving along. 3) The application to develop two lots on Moody Point has been withdrawn.

*Town Council:* **Amy** **Burns** reported that the first reading of the ordinance on feeding aquatic animals on town property was passed. She will ask the TA about the change in the signage to include the ordinance number and the fine. It is important to help these animals find their own appropriate food sources, so that they remain healthy and will not starve when people supplied food evaporates.

*Piscassic-Loiselle*: **Jeff** **Goldknopf** visited the property and found a large (16” diameter) oak that had fallen across the path. People have been jumping the stone wall to cut around the log. He visited the vernal pool and it was leaping with activity. As he walked, the Chair also noticed that someone had nicked multiple trees along the path and sap was running from the wounds.

1. Chairman’s Report

*Children’s Miracle Network – Thank You Letter:*  Donna Chick wrote a thank you letter to the CC for the use of Schanda Park for the event on April 18th. She appreciated our quick action on the permit request. The event was very successful.

*Loco Sports Great Bay Half Marathon- Thank You Letter*: The CC received a thank you letter and a donation for $250.00 for the use of Schanda Park on April 12 for the post-race celebration. The event was very successful and the food pantry received many good donations of food items. The Chair passed the check along to the Treasurer for deposit to the CC account.

*Newmarket Wastewater Treatment Facility Alteration of Terrain Permit Update*: The Town received a letter from DES indicating that the AOT permit from Wright-Pierce Engineering was approved and the date of completion was determined to be 4/1/2020.

*Update on Turtle Signage:*  The turtle signs have been placed for the spring. The CC would like to thank Steve Fournier, Rick Malasky and his crew for their efforts. **Bruce** **Fecteau** still has two new folding signs at

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home. He will drop the signs off at the town barn. The Chair will speak with the TA and Rick about placement of these extra signs.

*Newsletter from DES*: The quarterly newsletter (Spring 2015) from DES about drinking and ground water was received by the Chair. The newsletter may be viewed at:<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/dwgb/documents/2015-spring-supply-lines.pdf>

*NHSELT Flyer:* The Annual Conservation Celebration & National Trails Day will be held on June 6, 2015 at the Madbury Town Hall. It is a great event and more information may be found at: <http://seltnh.org/event/save-the-date-annual-conservation-celebration/> A reservation is required by June 3.

*National Trails Day:* The Chair wanted make sure that all knew that June 6th is National Trails Day this year. More information is available at: <http://www.nationaltrailsday.org/>

1. Old/New Business

*2015 Newmarket Fishing Derby Sponsorship Request*: The CC has been an annual sponsor for many years. This is the 26th year and it will be held on Saturday, June 20 at **Amanda DeBlauw’s pond on Langs Lane. More information is available at:** <http://www.newmarketrec.org/newmarket-annual-fishing-derby/>

**ACTION**

Motion: **Bruce** **Fecteau** moved that the CC make a $1500 donation to help fund the annual

 Newmarket fishing derby.

Second: **Drew Kiefaber**

 Vote: Approved unanimously 6-0-0

The Chair will make a check request.

*Chinburg/NHSELT Bald Hill Open Space Land Stewardship Plan*: The plan was approved by the Planning Board for specific management of the Bald Hill project. The plan still requires final approval by the Board of the SELT.

*Conservation Commission Scholarship*: The CC has received applications for the annual scholarship and the sub-committee has reviewed the applicants. A decision has been made and the award will be presented by **Drew Kiefaber.** Hewill be attending the awards night on June 11 and will make the presentation on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

*New Date Set for Invasive Species Work Detail*: Because of the downed oak tree previously mentioned, the CC “team” will attack Piscassic River-Loiselle Conservation Area on Sunday, May 31st. There are also some pieces of split rail fencing missing (possibly as many as nine). **Drew** **Kiefaber** will look into getting some help from high school students. All are welcome to come and help!

1. Adjournment

**ACTION**

Motion: **Drew Kiefaber** moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: **Fred Pearson**

 Vote: Approved unanimously 6-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording SecretaryAttendance at the Conservation Celebration is $10 per adult, $5 per child 7 and over (children under 6 are free). Includes lunch. Please reserve your spot by Wednesday, June 3th by calling 603-778-6088, emailing register@seltnh.org or completing [**this online form**](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2015annualmeeting)**.** Please specify which field trips you will attend and whether you would like a vegetarian meal.