



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

**January 09, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order 4:00 PM

Attending: Samuel Kenney, Joe Lamattina, Ingrid Ahlberg, Michael Hoffman

Excused: Dale Pike

Absent: Gretchen Kast.

Guest(s): Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer), Bart McDonald (Town Planner), Aimee Gigandet (Recreation Director), Pam Myers-Morgan (Arts, Culture and Tourism Commission), Morgan Santor (Arts and Tourism Commission)

Public Comment opened at 4:01 pm, no members of the public were present.

Public Comment closed at 4:01 pm

Meeting minutes from 2022-12-12 were reviewed. Sam suggested minor edit changes. Motion to approve as amended Joe Lamattina, Second, Sam Kenney. All were in favor as amended.

Sam distributed a copy of the 2022 Year End Committee Report for the group to review, needs to be turned in by January 17th.

Sam stated the purpose of tonight's meeting was to start getting input from key groups related to Schanda Park/Waterfront Improvements.

Bart talked about potential NH Grant Funding under The Clean Water Planning Program. Aimee mentioned there is a potential for grant funding from the NH Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Pam Myers-Morgan and Morgan Santos discussed the idea of Public Art for Schanda Park.

Aimee discussed her thoughts; parking issues, need for porta-potties. There was discussion perhaps public toilets could be added to the pumping station that is next to Schanda Park thus eliminating the need for Porta-Potties. Boat launch needs to be enhanced as well as creating a viable kayak boat launch. Aimee also stressed any work should not reduce green areas.

There was discussion of a dog walking park. Mike Hoffman stated there is access to a 4 acre parcel from Schanda Park but access would require an easement from a property owner.

Sam gave an overview of the Riverfront Improvement plan that was created in 2020 and talked about the concept of a living shoreline that uses natural features and vegetation to help reduce erosion and runoff into the Lamprey River.

Sam to send a copy of the Waterfront Improvement Plan to Pam and Morgan.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm

Next Meeting – February 13, 4PM Town Hall Council Room