



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

December 09, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:01 PM

Attending: Samuel Kenney, Dale Pike, Joe Lamattina, Betsy Wolfe, Ingrid Ahlberg

Excused: None

Guest(s): Bart McDonough – Director Planning and Development, Liz Durfee – EF Design and Planning LLC

Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm

Public Comment opened at 4:01 pm

Jerry Collins, PO Box 195 Newmarket (currently a Lee NH resident) offered his services should the committee have any questions about The Weir or Newmarkets riverfront. He suggested there should be no parking on Main St. by the church, parked cars make it difficult to see on-coming traffic as you exit Water Street.

Steve Teatindo, 125 Main Street, Rivermoor Landings. Mr. Teatindo stated the area behind 125 Main Street, Rivermoor Landing, to the river, is private property owned by the residents of Rivermoor Landing and should not be part of any design or proposed riverfront improvements as referenced in Charrette Design Documents.

Sam responded we are currently looking at the riverfront at a high level from Bay Road down to the water treatment plant, we are gathering information as to what's there and getting public input as to how it's utilized and what people would want to see. There is nothing at this point that is a design or proposal. We are aware of issues relating to access rights and the town is currently looking into what easements may or may not exist.

Debbie Teatindo, 125 Main Street. Ms. Teatindo stated it's becoming more frequent that people sit at her table by the river and assume it's public property. People have even argued with her that it's a public area.

Betsy stated that as a resident of Rivermoor, she has also seen an increase in public access since the Charrette was posted on the Town website, and there have been members of the public that challenged owners stating that the private dumpster is available for public use.

Claudia Marstin Minor, Creighton Street, talked about The Weir and its importance to Newmarkets cultural history. Talked about the commercial traffic to the pumping station having impact on the area and talked about excessive lighting and its impact on area wildlife.

Public comment closed at 4:11.

Minutes from 2024-11-18.

Edit requested by Dale to clarify Mr. Collins who spoke at that meeting during public comment is a Lee resident.

Motion To Approve as amended – Ingrid

Second – Betsy

Committee approved 4-0 minutes as amended.

Bart gave an overview of The Master Plan development process that is currently in progress.

Liz Durfee, EF Design and Planning LLC, walked thru an outline for the Riverfront Chapter, themes, topics and goals.

Vibrancy - There was discussions about retail spaces.

Connectivity - There was discussion about signage and areas of coverage.

Accessibility - There was discussion about parking and boat ramp improvements.

Affordability - There was discussion about town dock space,

Resiliency – There was discussion about lighting and safety.

There will be a joint meeting of The Riverfront Advisory and Conservation Commission Committees on Thursday, January 9th, 7PM Town Hall.

Next meeting January 13th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.