



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:03 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, Lyndsay Butler – Town Engineer

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm

Public Comment opened at 4:03 pm

Jerry Collins, PO Box 195 Newmarket (currently a Lee NH resident) stated NH Fish and Game has approved reinstalling the nets on for this upcoming season. The Weir to be set up sometime in April.

Susan Sullivan, Crieghton Street, talked about Colonial Drive and potential access by the public to the area behind Colonial Drive and a bridge to Heron Point. The neighborhood is a small area would be impacted by increased public access.

John Bentley, 14 Grant Road, former town councilor, talked about potential financial impact on taxes and increased police, public works requirements if Heron Point were opened up further. Talked about access to area off of Youngs Lane, town should keep in mind that Fire/Rescue and Public Works require access, there could be conflicts if public is encouraged to use that area.

Lynn Rogers, Prescott Street, increased traffic would adversely impact the neighborhood.

Public comment closed at 4:20.

Minutes from 2024-12-09

Minor spelling edit.

Motion To Approve as amended – Joe

Second – Ingrid

Committee approved 5-0 minutes as amended.

Bart gave an overview of the goals for today's meeting, review themes and goals. And gave a brief update on the Master Plan status.

Liz Durfee walked thru the 5 themes and associated goals as they currently exist for the Riverfront Chapter. The group reviewed and discussed the primary goals, minor changes were suggested.

There was discussion about when that the final Charrette Report will be available and whether that would be necessary to complete the Riverfront Master Plan Chapter. Bart felt it would not be ready before the end of February but he would check. Liz was at the Charrette and felt it was not necessary.

There was discussion about next steps, the plan is to review a draft of the Riverfront Master Plan chapter.

Sam reviewed the Riverfront Advisory Committee annual report.

Sam updated the committee on the recent joint meeting with the Conservation Commission.

Next meeting Feb. 10th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.