



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission

September 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

AGENDA

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
- **Public Comment**
- **Prime Wetlands Mapping -- Mark West**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
- **Financial Summary**
- **Committee/Board Reports**
 - **Town Council**
 - **Planning Board/Town Planner**
 - **Tuttle Swamp and Lita Lane lot line mergers**
 - **Riverfront Advisory Committee/Schanda Park**
 - **Permit Application Jerry Collins**
 - **Energy & Environment**
 - **School Liaison**
- **Easement Monitoring Assignments and SELT contract**
- **Projects**
 - **Heron Point Sanctuary: hazard tree removal and boundary survey**
 - **Piscassic River Loiselle: fence rails and mowing**
 - **Old Lee Class A Trail improvements**
 - **Wiggin Farm: boardwalk replacement**
 - **Ash Swamp Road turtle crossing/aquatic passage grant application**
 - **Mitchell Land Conservation Project**
- **Events, Outreach, and Education**
 - **TurtleFest 2025 May 10th: planning efforts**
 - **Bookmarks**
- **Adjourn**

Jerry Collins
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Newmarket, N.H. 03857

APPLICATION FOR USAGE OF
SCHANDA WATERFRONT PARK

This agreement is between the Newmarket Conservation Commission, who manages and regulates usage of conservation properties in the Town of Newmarket and Jerry Collins (Organization), who is requesting usage. The Newmarket Conservation Commission grants usage privileges for Schanda Park, subject to the property's restrictions, provisions and stipulations of usage. (Ordinance #2004-07)

Organization Name and Address

"Child's Weir"
Water Street, Newmarket, N.H.

Contact Name, phone number and email address

Jerry Collins 603 918 6098
jerrycollins 26 98 @ g mail . com

Date of usage:

Oct. 2024 - June 2025

Purpose:

Storage of the "Pocket" of "Child's Weir"

Said organization agrees to comply with these regulations and stipulations of said property and agrees to leave said property in the state that it was found before usage occurred.

Jerry Collins
Signed and approved by organization on all stipulations, restrictions and provisions therein.

Date

July 19, 2024

Approved by Newmarket Conservation Commission

Date:

Cc: Newmarket Police Dept.

Newmarket Conservation Commission -- Conservation Fund FY25					
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - 12 August 2024					
Items (date of motion)	Date of CC Approval -- Discussion	Date of Debit, Revenue, or Balance	Conservation Commission Fund	Richard Schanda Fund	TOTAL
		8/12/24	\$138,484.79	\$4,621.11	\$143,105.90
CREDITS					
Interest		7/31/24	\$213.70		
Land Use Change Tax (LUCT)					
Other Contributions					
LRAC Old Lee Trail grant - first payment		7/16/24	\$2,800.00		
LCHIP easement monitoring (Piscassic River-Loiselle)					
DEBITS THIS FISCAL YEAR					
APPROVED TO BE SPENT					
Wiggin Farm bridge replacement -- wetlands permit application	5/8/24		\$520.00		
Mitchell land acquisition -- approx based on Bond Balance for a total of \$100,000	6/13/24		\$13,500.00		
NEW REQUESTS					
PR-L replacement rails	9/12/24		\$200.00		
Heron Point Sanctuary - partial boundary survey	9/12/24				
PR-L easement monitoring - SELT	9/12/24		\$500.00		

Newmarket Conservation Commission Funds						
FY25		General Fund: 014611				
General Fund Budget 12 Aug 2024		\$5,343.00				
	Date of motion or debit	Part-Time Salary	Contracted	Dues/ Subscriptions	General Supplies	Postage
BUDGETED		\$3,643.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
EXPENDED		\$154.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE		\$3,488.64	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
General Fund total balance		\$5,188.64				
DEBITS THIS FISCAL YEAR						
Part-time salaries - minute taking	7/11/24	\$126.29				
Part-time salaries - minute taking	7/25/24	\$42.10				
Part-time salaries - minute taking - correction	7/1/24	-\$14.03				
APPROVED -- TO BE PAID						
NEW REQUESTS						



TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date: September 12, 2024

To: Bart McDonough, Director of Planning and Community Development
Eric Botterman, Planning Board Chair

From: Ellen Snyder, Conservation Commission Chair

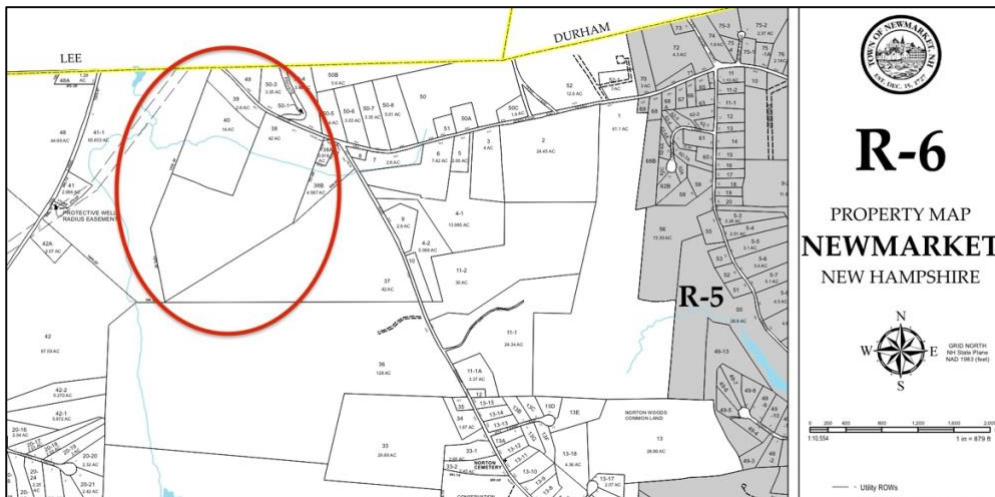
Re: Tuttle Swamp Lot Mergers

The Town of Newmarket owns three abutting parcels in Tuttle Swamp that were conveyed to the Town in 1990 and 1996, as follows: (see map below).

- R6 Lot 38, 417 Wadleigh Falls Rd, 42 acres
Growth Mortgage Co., Inc to Town 6/11/1990 BK 2840 PG 2061
For conservation purposes
- R6 Lot 39, 481 Wadleigh Falls Rd, 2.8 acres
Walker and Currier to Town 4/18/1996 BK 3150 PG 661
For conservation purposes
- R6 Lot 40, 479 Wadleigh Falls Rd, 14.0 acres
Currier to Town 4/18/1996 BK 3150 PG 663
For conservation purposes

These lots are collectively known as the Tuttle Swamp Conservation Area and are stewarded by the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town.

To simplify the documentation of these parcels as the Tuttle Swamp Conservation Area, the Conservation Commission requests that the Planning Board approve the merger of these three lots into one lot of record.





TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date: September 12, 2024

To: Bart McDonough, Director of Planning and Community Development
Steve Fournier, Town Manager
Eric Botterman, Planning Board Chair

From: Ellen Snyder, Conservation Commission Chair

Re: Lita Lane Lot Mergers

In 1984, a 19.5-acre parcel was conveyed to the Town of Newmarket from Gouchberg for “open space as part of the ‘Old Newmarket Village’ subdivision” as noted on Plan D-7938.

- R3 Lot 30-47, 1 Pembroke Drive
Gouchberg to Town 1/23/1984 BK 2477 Page 20
D-7938 (5/1/1978) and D-7939 (9/1/1977)
For conservation purposes

In 1999, 20 lots totaling approximately 8.5 acres were conveyed to the Town via a Tax Collector Deed

- R3, Lots 30-9, 30-10, 30-19, 30-20, 30-21, 30-22, 30-23, 30-24, 30-25, 30-26, 30-27, 30-28, 30-29, 30-30, 30-31, 30-32, 30-33, 30-34, 30-35, 30-36
Gouchberg to Town 11/4/1999 BK 3435 PG 1587

These lots are shown on the attached map. It is important to note that Pembroke Drive was never built (perhaps because the proposed location is mostly wetland); Lita Lane turns at Brandon Drive. Therefore, most of the lots conveyed by the Collector’s Deed do not have road access and many are also connected to the large wetland system that is designated as a Prime Wetland in Newmarket. In addition, the land drops off from Lita Lane/Brandon Drive and behind the houses on Hersey Lane. This makes this area most suited to conservation.

The Conservation Commission recommends that 19 lots be merged into one lot of record and Lots 9 and 10 be merged into one lot, and that collectively this new 27.5-acre property be named the Lita Lane Conservation Area, with stewardship coordinated by the Conservation Commission. This lot merger would clarify and simplify the Town Tax Map for this area, by removing Pembroke Drive and the 20 individual lots.

Although there are extensive wetlands in this area, the central area Lot R3 30-47 is higher and drier and there is the potential for a modest trail loop with foot bridges, as needed. This would provide an open space and trail in an underserved region of Newmarket.





TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission

April 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Snyder (Chair), Melissa Sharples (Vice-Chair), David Bell, Jeffrey Goldknopf (Planning Board Rep.), Tom Jones, Julianna Tyson, and Brian Ward (Town Council Rep. ex officio)

Members Absent: Cris Blackstone, Jessica Cann (Alternate), and Colin Lawson (Alternate)

Town Staff Present: Bart McDonough, Director, Planning and Community Development

Guests: Autumn Scott and Nadege Masumbuka from SRPC.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

[time on DCAT 3:42]

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

The Chair announced that **Tom Jones** is now a full member on the Commission and

Julianna Tyson has renewed her membership for another three years. Thank you!

The six voting members this evening include **Ellen Snyder, David Bell, Jeff Goldknopf,**

Tom Jones, Melissa Sharples, and Julianna Tyson.

3. Public Comment

There was no one present for public comment.

4. Elect Officers & Committee Appointments

Chair and Vice-Chair 2024-2025:

Ellen Snyder is currently serving as Chair and **Melissa Sharples** is currently serving as Vice-Chair. They are both willing to continue in these roles.

Action

Motion: **Tom Jones** nominated **Ellen Snyder** as Chair and **Melissa Sharples** as Vice-Chair for 2024-2025.

Second: **David Bell**

Discussion: none

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

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee 2024-2025:

Action

Motion: **Melissa Sharples** nominated **Julianna Tyson** to continue as Conservation Commission Representative to the EEAC for 2024-2025.

Second: **Tom Jones**

Discussion: none

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

Riverfront Advisory Committee:

The Chair spoke with **Sam Kenney** and he wishes to continue to be the ConCom representative with the Riverfront Advisory Committee for 2024-2025.

Action

Motion: **Ellen Snyder** nominated **Sam Kenney** to continue as Conservation Commission Representative to the RFAC for 2024-2025.

Second: **Julianna Tyson**

Discussion: none

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

The Chair announced that **Brian Ward** will continue as the **Town Council Rep** and **Jeff Goldknopf** will continue as the **Planning Board Rep.**

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

There are no minutes to approve this evening.

6. Financial Summary

[time on DCAT 7:41]

The Chair reported that the Conservation Fund has a balance of \$134,811.31. The Richard Schanda Fund has \$4,621.11. Together the fund totals: \$139,432.42. There was some interest earned and several expenses previously approved. The General Fund has a balance of \$1,861.71.

7. Master Plan Update

[time on DCAT 9:37]

Land and Water Conservation Chapter

Present this evening to make a presentation are **Bart McDonough**, Town Planner, and **Autumn Scott**, Regional Planner with SRPC, and **Nadege Masumbuka** from SRPC. This week is part of the ongoing Visioning Week. Between the workshop on March 16, community survey responses, and feedback from meetings earlier this week, the outreach and community participation has been wonderful. A “word cloud”, asking the question ‘What is your one wish for Newmarket?’, has been created combining input from all these events and, tonight, **Bart** asked the members to select their top 5 words in the cloud.

The Master Plan Chapters will be: 1) Vision, 2) Housing, 3) Land and Water Conservation, 4) Energy, 5) Arts, Culture, and Historic Resources, 6) Community Facilities & Utilities, 7) Economic Development, 8) Transportation, 9) Existing and Future Land Use, 10) Downtown Riverfront Design, 11) Recreation, and 12) Implementation

1 Guide.

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3 **Bart** discussed the expected growth in Town. There are approximately 100 units as yet
4 unbuilt. He then read the 2015 Newmarket Vision Statement to the members. **Please see**
5 **Addendum Page 1.** Members were asked for their suggestions for changes to be
6 considered – or did they like what was written. The members continued to brainstorm with
7 the themes from the workshop and five major themes rose to the fore as aspirational
8 goals: 1) connectivity, 2) affordability, 3) resilience, 4) age/friendliness, and 5) health
9 ecology - to be included in the Land and Water Conservation chapter. In terms of the
10 future: **Tom** would like an open space plan be considered in every new development;
11 **Julianna** would like to see biodiversity prioritized; **Ellen** would like to see aquatic
12 passages be restored.

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14 The Open Space draft should be completed in May and **Ellen** has offered to assist with
15 the draft. The members all agreed that she should participate. Thank you Ellen! Please
16 feel free to contact Autumn (ascott@strafford.org) or Kerrie Diers (kdiers@strafford.org)
17 with any other comments or concerns. Kerrie Diers is replacing Angela Cleveland on the
18 team from SRPC.

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20 The Chair has updated the Land Acquisition Criteria Evaluation Form with Autumn. The
21 form was included in the meeting packet. She asks that the members take the time to
22 review the final form and send any changes/corrections/questions to her in email so that
23 the form can be completed as quickly as possible. We may have a land conservation
24 project coming forward to the ConCom in May and we could use the form to evaluate the
25 project. We are expecting a funding request for this project. The Chair spoke about the
26 old Open Space Bond for ~\$1 million. There is approximately \$89,000 remaining in the
27 bond and the ConCom could apply for the funds from the Town Council to use toward a
28 conservation project if we approve.

29 **8. Committee/Board Reports**

[time on DCAT 1:23:56]

30 **Town Council:** **Brian** reported on the election of Chair and Vice-Chair. There was also a
31 first reading to establish a “Public Transportation Advisory Committee”. The second
32 reading will be at the next meeting.

33 **Planning Board/Town Planner: Prime Wetlands – PREPA Grant**

34 **Jeff** reported about the recent meetings. The PB is making their way through the 3-5
35 Railroad Street project. The only concern was possible impacts on Moonlight Brook and
36 how water would traverse the property. He is pleased to have been reappointed to be the
37 PB Rep to the ConCom. He also noted that Patrick Reynolds has been reappointed to the
38 Energy & Environment Advisory Committee.

39 **Bart** noted that there will be a community event on proposed zoning changes at the Mill
40 Space. The folks invited will be from the N. Main Street area. He is working with Ivy Vann
41 and Kerrie Diers on the agenda for the multiple meetings scheduled for April 17 and 18.

42 **Melissa** plans to attend. The PB expects to develop the new zoning ordinances in
43 May/June. **Jeff** indicated that he would like to see the area to be rezoned in order to
44 make a recommendation.

45 **Ellen** said that Mark West, West Environmental Inc., is available to remap the Prime
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Wetlands Map for Newmarket. The current map, which he prepared many years ago, needs to be updated. He said that he can provide a proposal so that we can go forward and seek a grant from PREPA (Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership). The grant would be due April 26. She asked for permission to pursue. Members agreed.

Ellen mentioned the New Hampshire Municipal Association workshop on May 9 from 9 – 1:30. The talk is entitled: A Hard Road to Travel. Join NHMA Legal Services Counsel Stephen Buckley and Municipal Services Counsel Jonathan Cowal for this year's workshop. Not only will this workshop delve into the details of how roads are formed, classified and maintained, but how weight limits are established, and the basics of development on Class VI roads. **Bart** has money for admission if anyone would like to attend – just let him know if you would like to go. You can attend in person or virtually.

Riverfront Advisory Committee/Schanda Park: Rec Dept permit Appl.; New Signage

We have received a Recreation Department request for the use of Schanda Park for the annual 'Arts in the Park' concerts this summer.

Action

Motion: **Melissa Sharples** made a motion to approve the use of Schanda Park by the Recreation Department for the Annual Arts in the Park concerts on Tuesday nights from July 2 to August 20, 2024 from 5-8 PM.

Second: **Tom Jones**

Discussion: none

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

Bart recently attended the Riverfront Advisory meeting where they discussed signage. They are still working on the wildlife sign. However, the approved "Caution- water quality sign" for Moonlight Brook was handed out to members. The QR code will take you to the ConCom web page. **Ellen** spoke about where the signs would be placed and the requirement for hardware funds. They will be changed to 'portrait' oriented signs on metal posts.

Action

Motion: **Melissa Sharples** made a motion to approve the printing and hardware for the signs to be funded from the Richard Schanda Fund.

Second: **Julianna Tyson**

Discussion: **Bart** mentioned that we have the support from the Town Manager, LRAC, and the Riverfront Advisory Committee.

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

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee: **Julianna** had no report.

Newmarket 300th Birthday Committee: **Melissa** reported that the Committee is still pulling things together. All are welcome to attend the meetings to help with the planning!

9. Trails

[time on DCAT 1:46:59]

Old Lee Class A Trail: trail improvement proposal and grant applications

Ellen invited Greg DiSanto, Martin Forestry Consulting LLC, to review the damage to the trail. The very serious erosion issues persist. Greg would like to make a rock dip by adding material and then crowning the road. She plans to make an application to LRAC for approximately \$7,000 and seeks ConCom permission. No work could be undertaken

until the road dries up. The bridge on Old Lee is kittywampus! Lindsay Butler will be helping to get the engineer who is doing the work on the Ash Swamp Road bridge to take a look and offer some suggestions on possible repairs. The ConCom would like her to pursue funding.

10. Projects

Ash Swamp Road: turtle crossing/aquatic passage

Lindsay Butler is currently working on some big grants for Ash Swamp Road. **Ellen** and **Jeff** will meet with DPW to discuss additional measures which could be done while waiting for a grant to be funded. The Neal Mill Culvert: **Ellen** would like to ask SRPC to install a traffic counter to determine road use – this would be helpful. The DPW has to frequently work on the two, side-by-side perched culverts – which are totally useless.

11. Land Stewardship

[time on DCAT 1:51:24]

Heron Point Boundaries and Trees

One abutter, Jon Steer, is getting a new boundary survey done to recheck his line for tree removal. **Ellen** met with the HOA recently and they have plans to remove trees and the boundary lines are a little confusing.

Piscassic River-Loiselle: parking area fence

Melissa reported that the parking lot fence has approximately 6-8 broken rails once again this spring. There could be a more long-term solution? Maybe cedar posts, granite posts, boulders, chains between the posts... She will look at the costs of chains between the posts and report back. She will also send out an email for a “trail work day” for tree cutting along the trails. **Dave** has agreed to help.

Wiggin Farm: bridge re-build

Ellen reported on the repairs completed on the footbridge. Unfortunately, the bridge needs to be replaced. Greg DiSanto will be meeting with **Ellen** tomorrow to look at the bridge and make a proposal for a wider and less steep replacement – making the bridge more accessible. She would also like to apply to LRAC for financial assistance.

12. Events

[time on DCAT 1:59:07]

Wiggin Farm kiosk raising and other tasks: Earth Day April 20th 9:00 – Noon

Ellen will post this on Nature Groupie. Projects: replace the kiosk, place some new interpretive signs, clean-up in the parking lot, and possibly get to brush work along the stone wall.

Roadside Cleanup: April 21

Thank you Toni Weinstein for coordinating this annual event! **Ellen** had some blue trash bags to hand out this evening.

Heron Point Clean-Up: Newmarket Cares Day-May 3

The High School students are ready to go!

13. Outreach and Education

Backyard Bash: August 2 5-8:00 PM

We plan to have a table this year – so come prepared to discuss ideas in May.

With \$200 remaining in the budget for supplies, **Ellen** would like to create a ConCom Handbook (smallish 3 ring binder) for every member which would include maps, rules,

1 guidelines, etc. The members were very receptive! Thank you Ellen!

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3 **14. Adjourn**

[time on DCAT 2:03:15]

4 **Action**

5 **Motion:** Tom Jones made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 PM.

6 **Second:** Melissa Sharples

7 **Discussion:** none

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

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11 Respectfully submitted,

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13 Sue Frick, Recording Secretary

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1 **ADDENDUM Page 1**

Master Plan: Vision Chapter
Town of Newmarket, New Hampshire



Newmarket's Vision Statement

In 2025, Newmarket continues to encompass the characteristics of a traditional New England coastal town that offers residents a high quality of life. The historic downtown is in the heart of the community and supports a diverse business mix that helps sustain the local economy. A multi-modal transportation system provides residents with a variety of options. Public transit routes, improved sidewalks, and an extensive bike network are strategically connected to allow for access between downtown and adjacent neighborhoods.

Newmarket offers attractive and affordable housing opportunities that are compatible with the town's existing development and character. New development is focused in areas that already have infrastructure and is intelligently designed to reduce negative environmental impacts to the Great Bay and surrounding watershed. The community is more resilient against coastal and riverine flooding in large part due to local land use policies and regulations that reduce risk and vulnerability.

Newmarket's valuable natural resources and open spaces are well protected and offer outdoor enthusiasts a variety of water and land-based recreational opportunities. Residents and visitors benefit from small agricultural activities that offer access to fresh, local foods year-round.

A strong sense of place is maintained through an active and engaged citizenry. Public involvement during civic activities generates enthusiasm and promotes innovative planning for the future of the town.

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TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission

July 11, 2024, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Snyder (Chair), David Bell, Cris Blackstone, Jessica Cann Alternate), Jeffrey Goldknopf (Planning Board Rep.), Tom Jones, Colin Lawson (Alternate), Julianna Tyson, Brian Ward (Town Council Rep. ex officio), and Emma Fortin (School Liaison)

Members Absent: Melissa Sharples (Vice-Chair)

Guest: Katrie Hillman, The Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

The Chair appointed Alternate **Colin Lawson** as a voting member this evening. The seven voting members include **Ellen Snyder, David Bell, Cris Blackstone, Jeff Goldknopf, Tom Jones, Colin Lawson, and Julianna Tyson.**

3. Public Comment

Zachary Angelini introduced himself to the members. He has a background in environmental engineering. **Zach** has just completed the required paperwork with the Town for an Alternate position with the ConCom. We are so pleased he could join us!

4. Guest Speaker

Katrie Hillman, Great Bay Changemaker Program, GBNERR

<https://greatbay.org/great-bay-changemakers/> Katrie started with the Changemaker program two months ago as the new program director. The goals of the program are to educate, train, and inspire individuals to become healthy water champions. In 2024, the Changemaker program is excited to offer a four-session Bootcamp focusing on communities connected to the Lamprey River. You will learn about the threats facing the Lamprey and other rivers flowing into Great Bay and how you can help influence community decisions to address these challenges. These sessions will be held in the evening and include a mix of activities. You'll hear from guest speakers from local governments and environmental organizations, practice advocacy skills through fun

skill-building exercises, and enjoy optional watershed walks. Each session will be hosted in a town within the Lamprey's watershed and will begin with a complimentary dinner. The four sessions are:

- September 19th, 5 – 7:30 pm, Epping Library
- October 3rd, 5 – 7:30 pm, Newmarket Town Hall, optional walk prior
- October 17th, 5 – 7:30 pm, Epping Library, optional walk prior
- November 7, 5 – 7:30 pm, Great Bay Discovery Center, optional walk prior

She is working as team along with Lynn Vaccaro and Melissa Brogle. Please apply by August 25, 2024 for priority consideration. Applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis until the program is filled. We anticipate recruiting a diverse group of 15 – 25 people for the 2024 program.

Participants joining at least 3 of the 4 sessions will be offered a \$150 stipend at the end of the program to offset the cost of participation and transportation.

Thank you Katrie!

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Action

Motion: Colin Lawson made a motion to approved the Minutes of March 14, 2024 as drafted.

Second: Tom Jones

Discussion: none

Vote: Unanimously Approved 7-0-0

6. Financial Summary & FY26 Budget Request

No financial summary available from the Finance Office because of the end-of-the-fiscal year work load. To review, the 2023 budget was \$4,520 and the proposed 2024 budget is \$5,343. The 2024 budget includes the contracted services from SELT for \$1,000.

Action

Motion: Tom Jones made a motion to forward this 2024 budget to Bart who will forward it to the Town Manager in a memo.

Second: Cris Blackstone

Discussion: Cris would like the ConCom budget to include honorariums for our speakers or 'treats' for planned events or property walks. Cris agreed to seek clarification from the Town Manager if the line items are fixed or is there some flexibility.

Vote: Unanimously Approved 7-0-0

7. Committee/Board Reports

Town Council: Brian reported on the recent meeting of June 26, [06262024 approved minutes.pdf \(newmarketnh.gov\)](#). The Mitchell Land Conservation project (with the ConCom) had a first reading. Second reading is set for the next meeting.

Planning Board/Town Planner: Jeff reported about the recent meeting.

Town Hall, 186 Main Street, Newmarket, NH 7/11/2024 Conservation Commission

[approved minutes pb july 09 2024.pdf \(newmarketnh.gov\)](#). They had their first ADU application to consider! **Ellen** reported for **Bart** this evening about the Master Plan Subcommittee progress. The Open Space Plan is currently with SRPC staff for minor edits to some maps and wording. The Housing Chapter is still in process. They would like to put these up online to get further comments, The MPSubCom is working on a build-out plan for Newmarket.

Riverfront Advisory Committee/Schanda Park: The Chair did not receive any update from **Sam**. She reported, however, that the Moonlight Brook caution sign is up, but the duck feeding warning sign is still being evaluated.

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee: **Julianna** received an email from Joe Lamattina, Chair of EEAC. The EEAC is tasked with finding qualified vendors, while DPW is looking into three Town well sites to determine suitable spaces for solar (Sewell, Tucker, & Bennett wells). Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) just released their price for kw/hour for August 2024-January 25...they have come in well below Eversource!

School Liaison: **Emma** is out! The trees in front of the school have been straightened up and are being watered for the summer. **Cris** would like to discuss TurtleFest at the next meeting so that **Emma** can get some volunteers to help and determine how the HS clubs might participate.

8. Easement Monitoring – SELT Contract

Tom reported that the easement monitoring performed by contract with SELT last year was perfect and he would like to see this continue for 2024.

Action

Motion: **Tom Jones** made a motion to approved the expenditure of \$1,000 for the contract with SELT for easement monitoring in 2024.

Second: **Julianna Tyson**

Discussion: none

Vote: **Unanimously Approved 7-0-0**

The Chair will send the contract to Wendy for the Town Manager's signature before being returned to SELT.

Boulder Creek Trail: **Colin** reported on his recent interactions with the Boulder Creek HOA. Ten yards of wood chips were provided by the HOA and they have been spread along 50 yards of the trail. He will bring pictures to the next meeting. Everyone seems happy with the outcome so far. **Colin** would like a confirmation on potential liability issues. Thank you **Colin**!

9. Projects

Mitchell Land Conservation Project: The Town Council has completed the first public hearing with the second hearing set for next week. Duane Hyde is expected to give a presentation to the TC. This project is a collaborative effort between amongst SELT, F&G, and the Town of Newmarket to purchase and conserve the property on Bald Hill Road.

Prime Wetlands Mapping Update: PREPA Grant: The grant submitted was approved! **Bart** is overseeing the project. Mark West is doing the mapping for us and he will attend

the September meeting to discuss his process. He will likely begin the project very soon.

Old Lee Class A Trail: LRAC Grant: The Chair announced that the LRAC grant was approved! DPW put a second railing on the bridge – which is still kittywampus! Thank you DPW! The cost for materials will be paid from the grant. She is working on an informational sign for the bridge about the Piscassic River with Cathy Arkelian at Independent Graphic Design. The trail work will be done in the fall by Greg DiSanto. DPW plans to mow the trail edge for us.

The Chair is a volunteer for SELT and she informed the members that SELT is nearly done with the update to the Piscassic Greenway Management Plan. She will ask Drew Kiefaber back in September to provide an update. SELT does plan to do some logging pretty soon. **Jeff** is concerned about the large American Elm on the property. We will ask Drew!!

Wiggin Farm: Boardwalk Replacement LRAC Grant: Mark West is still working on the permits for the project. Work will be done with volunteers from a design by Greg DiSanto.

Ash Swamp Road Turtle Crossing/Aquatic Passage Grant Application: Lindsay submitted a proposed grant for consideration from the TC. They approved the application. A letter of support from the TC along with our letter of support have gone forward to Fish & Game.

ConCom Member Notebooks: The Conservation Commission Member Notebooks were passed out by the Chair! She went through all the sections and she suggested that everyone bring them along to the meetings! Thank you so much **Ellen**!

10. Events, Outreach, and Education

Newmarket Backyard Bash: Aug 2 5-8 PM; CC Display Table: **Bart** is providing the tent. **Ellen** bought some pinwheels for use on the display rather than balloons. She will be in touch to get member help with the event.

Watershed Walks and Fall Bootcamp: Fall Bootcamp was discussed previously by Katrie. The Chair gave the links to members in her first email about the watershed walks. The first walk is set for next Wednesday at Heron Point from 4-6 PM.

TurtleFest 2025, May 10; Fundraising Ideas: Date set! The TurtleFest Committee will be: **Cris Blackstone (Chair), Tom Jones, Emma Fortin, and Jeff Goldknopf.**

Lots of great ideas from Chair Cris! Thank you!

Bookmarks and Postcards for Backyard Bash: **Jess**, along with **Cris** and **Ellen** have created 4 bookmarks covering agreed upon topics. **Cris** reported that Staples is up for the printing challenge – for sure, dude!

Given there are no pressing concerns, the Chair suggested that the ConCom take the month of August off...all members agreed!

11. Adjourn

Action

Motion: **Julianna Tyson** made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Second: **David Bell**

Discussion: none

Vote: **Unanimously Approved 7-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Frick, Recording Secretary

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