



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

February 10, 2025

Meeting Minutes Approved April 14, 2025

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, Lyndsay Butler – Town Engineer

Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm

Public Comment opened at 4:01 pm

No public comment.

Public comment closed at 4:01.

Minutes from 2025-01-13

Motion To Approve – Joe

Second – Dale

Committee approved 5-0

Bart gave an introduction to the initial draft of the Riverfront chapter of the Newmarket Master plan and an overall timeframe for completion. It was agreed, in addition to tonight, the committee should make comments before the next Riverfront Advisory meeting.

Bart walked through the various sections and allowed the committee to comment on each.

There was a general discussion on “goals”. Joe thought all the goals were very general and questioned whether they needed to be made more specific. Liz stated there would in fact be sub-goals for each theme that would be more specific. For the next meeting we can look at subgoals.

Vision – The group was ok with the Vision section.

Executive Summary – There was discussion about the intent of this section. Page 3 is the intent to offer a high-level summary of the chapter or include an overview of actionable items that happened. There was a discussion that Bart would be meeting with the other authors to ensure consistency. Perhaps this section should be titled something different than Executive Summary.

Bart and Liz walked through the theme pages. Talked about how links will be included in the actual document.

Vibrancy – There was discussion about Schanda Park Parking, State Property, Mural Space and Historical Signage. Betsy stated that the chapter should make clear what's public vs private parking and property.

Connectivity – There was discussion about the map on page 17, there are 4 points on the map that are discussed, Liz asked if these 4 areas warranted being pointed out. Joe stated that Section B was more Schanda Park and perhaps the area behind the Water Treatment Plant should be a separate point. There was a discussion about the town area behind the Water Treatment Plant.

The committee chair allowed public comment:

Susan Sullivan, Creighton Street, talked about the trails behind the Water Treatment Plant, there are no formal trails, residents in the area maintain limited trails, dead trees would need to be cleared.

The title of map on page 17 needs to be updated. Letters for vantage points should be in legend.

There was discussion about the name Dam Park, it's actually Fillion Park.

Accessibility – There was discussion about Bryant Rock parking and Schanda Park parking.

Jerry Collins, Lee NH, stated that the Schanda Park Boat Trailer Parking was paid for by Trout Unlimited or a similar organization and there should be a barrier that prevents anyone from getting into Moonlight Brook from the parking lot.

The Schanda Park parking will be addressed when the more comprehensive design of Schanda Park/Moonlight Brook is undertaken.

Parking will be covered in more detail in the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan.

Affordability – No significant discussion.

Resiliency – There was discussion about contamination standards, living shoreline.

Next step Bart will send out sub goals, committee should get Bart questions/comments before next meeting.

Sam stated he received a letter from Newmarket Main Street Corp. that he will forward to the rest of the committee, related to historical signage.

There was discussion about the timing of the next meeting.

Next meeting March 3rd, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.