



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Transportation Advisory Committee

July 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Town Council Chambers

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Present: Sönke Dornblut (Town Council Rep), Carol Gulla, Austin Johnson, Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer)

Absent: Madeleine Faust, Mike Hoffman

Sönke Dornblut opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes

a. Review of Minutes: June 11, 2025

Action

Motion: Carol Gulla motioned to approve the minutes of June 11, 2025.

Second: Austin Johnson

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved 3-0

3. Regular Business

a. Discussion relative to the July 7, 2025, Site Walk in New Village

Sönke reported on the site walk, summarizing that the members met at the intersection of Cedar Street and Elm Street, walking through the neighborhood to observe the street conditions and to visualize concerns in the neighborhood, such as people driving too fast and driving the wrong way on one-way streets.

Carol noted her observation that there is signage in the neighborhood but that it is confusing, that some road marking need to be repainted, and that some of the sidewalks could use repair.

Sönke added that there could be more discussion for possibly changing the current one-way character for some of the streets. The suggestion is to have a broader neighborhood discussion with the area to hear concerns directly from the residents.

Carol also noted the possibility for some type of pocket park in the neighborhood as well.

Lyndsay agreed that the signage and streetscape is not clear enough to help people understand which roads are one-way, as the one-way and two-way streets are the same width. It was added that there is no marking or designation for where people can park on the street as well.

It was agreed that identifying key people in the neighborhood and having a broader neighborhood discussion are the best next steps to learn more and share ideas.

b. Revolving Discussion Items

Sönke asked if the parking study results and report have been received; **Lyndsay** replied that it was just received and that they met with the SRPC team to review the draft. They need to go over the draft in more depth still, but SRPC did offer to present the findings and discuss recommendations at a future meeting. The report will be shared with the committee ahead of them coming to present.

[1] Public Transportation

Sönke noted that the new COAST Route 7 On Demand will most likely have the whole town eligible for ride requests, raising the idea of using the existing bus shelters as a place where people can wait for rides as they are safely accessible. This would make it easier for the COAST drivers while promoting public transportation options. It was clarified that COAST is currently available 3 days a week.

It was suggested to continue discussing this more as a committee in September, and to meet with COAST to learn and discuss more with them to see what they are envisioning, as well as involving other towns involved with COAST and the Recreation Department.

[2] Road Typology/Complete Streets

Lyndsay noted that the next step for the draft document is to further define the streetscape features that were discussed, and compile a library of pictures to visualize those features. This pertains to the neighborhood streets more so than the state roads. **Sönke** noted that the goal would be to present to Town Council by the end of the year; **Lyndsay** agreed that late fall will be good timing to coincide with the Master Plan and the rezoning project throughout town.

[3] Parking Infrastructure

[4] Signing/Wayfinding

4. Other Business

a. Items to discuss at the next meeting (August 13, 2025)

It was discussed to dedicate the August meeting to the parking study discussion. For the New Village discussions, the plan is to invite a neighborhood representative to the September meeting, with a neighborhood gathering to be planned for late September, before the October meeting. The September meeting will also discuss COAST more as well. Continued discussion of complete streets policy is expected for October.

5. Adjourn

Action

Motion: Carol Gulla motioned to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Second: Austin Johnson

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Grotheer
Land Use Administrator

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