



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:01 PM

Attending: Samuel Kenney, Dale Pike, Betsy Wolfe,

Excused: Joe Lamattina, Ingrid Ahlberg

Guests: Bart McDonough – Director Planning and Development, Lyndsay Butler – Town Engineer

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

Public Comment opened at 4:03 pm

No members of the public spoke.

Public comment closed at 4:03.

Minutes from 2025-06-09 – Committee agreed to table until next meeting. :

Bart gave an update on Coastal Resilience Program and proposed buildings and areas that would be impacted.

Bart gave an overview of what the statute would allow for –

- Building Elevations
- Elevate Mechanics
- Construction and Resilient Natural Features
- Enhancement, Creation of Marshes
- Elevation of Private Driveways and Sidewalks
- Construction and enhancement of private culverts and structures to enable increased waterflow and storm surges.

There was discussion on whether to expand the scope of the proposed statute to allow for private property owners to improve their land or should we limit the scope to structures and areas that are at risk. Town funds are not at risk but the tax benefits afforded the private

landowner would have to be potentially absorbed by other taxpayers. The Town Council would have the final say on a case-by-case basis, and it would be based on public benefit.

The proposal would include:

- 1.) Creation of Coastal Resilience Incentive Zone.
- 2.) Creation of a Capital Reserve Fund geared for the downtown area.

The group agreed in principal to support the expanded scope of the proposal. Bart to write up formal recommendations/wording and develop some bullet points for the committee to formally approve at the next meeting when more members are present.

Betsy asked if there was any updates on what Rye might be doing as they have approved a Coastal Resilience Zone. Bart has not heard anything.

There was discussion about The Rivermoor Walkway and recent signage posted by the HOA, social media comments and other signage posted on town property. Committee to discuss more at our next meeting. It was suggested town staff should attend a future Rivermoor HOA meeting to start a dialog.

There was discussion about a date for the committees next meeting.

Next meeting Monday, August 18, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.