



TOWN OF NEWMARKET NEW HAMPSHIRE

PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall, Downstairs Auditorium

DRAFT WORKSHOP MINUTES

Present: Val Shelton (Chair), Jane Ford, Jamie Bruton, Scott Blackstone (Town Council – Ex officio), Jeff Goldknopf, Michael Scully, Eric Botterman (Alternate), David Evans (Zoning Administrator)

Absent: Zachary Shollar (Vice Chair), Bill Arcieri (Alternate)

The Chair opened the workshop at 6:00 PM.

The voting members will be: **Val Shelton, Jane Ford, Jamie Bruton, Scott Blackstone, Jeff Goldknopf, Michael Scully, and Eric Botterman** (*in the place of Zach Shollar*).

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Master Plan Chapter Review

a. Review and approval of minutes - July 8, 2025

Action

Motion: **Eric Botterman** moved to accept the workshop meeting minutes for July 8, 2025.

Second: **Jane Ford**

Discussion: None

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

b. Review of Transportation Chapter

Colin Lentz, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, introduced the chapter as included in the meeting materials: <https://newmarketnh.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1550/files/attachment/6358>. It was drafted with **Mark Davie** (also from SRPC), and the Public Transportation Advisory Committee.

The presentation (<https://newmarketnh.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1550/files/agenda/6375>) highlighted: the community engagement strategies with surveys and community events; the priorities from survey results being pedestrian safety and parking solutions; updating commuter origin and destination graphs; review of the themes (vibrancy, connectivity, affordability, accessibility, and resiliency). The themes included highlighting the importance of maintaining multimodal access, creating more connectivity to local trails network, expanding public transit, creating complete streets, and investing in infrastructure to increase resiliency as a coastal community. Implementation and next steps were also reviewed as in the presentation.

The board continued to review the draft chapter language for suggestions:

- On page 4, **Val** suggested having the last paragraph regarding electric microbility be clearer on why it is important to address it. **Val** also suggested that the Vibrancy section would also be a good spot to speak to parking as addressing parking will increase the vibrancy of the downtown. **Colin** agreed that they can incorporate the parking study results in the chapter language more as well.

- On page 5, **Jeff** raised that the visual needs more context; **Colin** explained that the acronym stands for “Annual Average Daily Traffic,” and agreed that this can be spelled out.
- On page 6, for the first graph **Val** suggested adding that it is a comparison to 2017 for the 5-year change to make it clear to the reader. For the last paragraph above the second table, it was suggested to add the number of how many survey respondents there were.
- On page 9, it was suggested to reword the third sentence (“Sadly, since 2012...”) to fix awkward wording for clarity, or to add a footnote that it refers to vehicle and pedestrian.
- On page 10, it was suggested to move all of the information on the page to the appendix, and reference the appendix with relevance to Newmarket.
- On page 11, to update the language regarding the parking study to state that it was completed.
- On page 12, it was suggested to have the colors by more distinctly different.
- On page 14, it was asked to add a footnote for where the suggestions in the map came from, as it was noted it was from a survey.
- On page 15, it was suggested to move the chart to the appendix and replace it with a short paragraph about the public transit options available.
- Also on page 15, to add the destinations of the public transit options listed to add more context.
- On page 16, at the end of the first paragraph to rephrase it to not be a question and to be a statement instead that the areas of town have been identified.
- On page 17, to rephrase or adjust goal #3 to be more related to transportation and the rest of the Resiliency section, and remove goal #4.
- For the appendices, to add information underneath the graphs and charts to help explain the data to the general public; for appendix B figure 1, to break the data up by towns for comparison; and for appendix c figure 5, to add the data in numbers instead of percent for the 2023 data.

3. Adjourn

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM, with a five-minute recess until the regular meeting was called to order.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Grotheer
Land Use Administrator

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