



Newmarket Ad hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee

November 17, 2025

Meeting Minutes – Approved January 12, 2026

Meeting called to order 4:00 PM

Attending: Samuel Kenney, Joe Lamattina, Ingrid Ahlberg, Dale Pike, Betsy Wolfe

Excused: None

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

Public Comment opened at 4:02 pm

No members of the public present.

Public comment closed at 4:02pm.

Minutes from October 20, 2025

Motion To Approve with Minor Spelling Edits - Betsy

Second – Dale

All voted in favor.

Sam gave an update on a November 12th meeting with the town dept heads.

- Discussed moving Schanda Park responsibility from Conservation Commission to town. No formal decision was made, will be discussed at next Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for December 11th.
- General discussion about the Creighton Street property. Town will seek to rezone property and sell the house.
- They discussed the possibility for developing an RFP for encompassing improvements to Schanda Park, infrastructure, adjacent areas, storm water, other improvements.
- Discussed short term projects such as warrant article for further evaluation of Moonlight Brook.

There was discussion about the proposed RFP, what skill set would be required by the respondents, Lyndsay stated it will likely be more directed to an engineering type group. Bart stated this would also be a good opportunity to open discussion with area residents. Bart can bring some ideas as to how to make the public aware of what we are trying to accomplish.

Sam stated the Newmarket Elementary PTA, Outdoor Advocacy Group is looking to have an environmental engagement day at Schanda Park. It is currently planned for Saturday March 7th. It is all preliminary at this point. Sam wanted the committee to be aware as he was approached by the PTA group. This might be a good opportunity to talk with people about Schanda Park if something does happen. As Sam learns more he will keep the committee informed.

Bart gave an update on the Master Plan, still in the hands of the Planning Board. Looking for a March 2026 release. Sam asked for an Excel version of the plan schedule, Bart will get one to Sam.

Bart talked about the status of the Coastal Resilience Zone resolution, he and Lyndsay are developing criteria for what will be eligible for potential tax reductions. Bart hopes to have a draft for our January meeting.

Meeting for December 8th will be cancelled, Sam will inform Wendy.

Next meeting Monday, January 12th, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.