

# *The Town of New Market*



**Town Council Minutes**  
**40 South Alley, New Market, MD. 21774**  
**General Session**  
**September 28, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market met via Zoom on Thursday, September 28, 2023, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Council members present were Dennis Kimble, Matt Chance, Chris Weatherly, and Michael Wright. Also in attendance was Pat Faux, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator. Councilman Rossman was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on Zoom.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Permit #1890 – Adventure Park Tap Allocation Request**

Mayor Burhans thanked the attending Council members for calling in and presented the water tap allocation request from Adventure Park. He advised the Council that the application had been filed with the Town unexpectedly after this month's second Town Council meeting. Still, timely action was needed by the Council to allow the expanded daycare space to open for business. Pat Faux concurred. Councilman Wright indicated that Councilman Kimble had questions for the applicants, and as the applicants were absent, the questions could not be answered. After discussion, three out of the four attending Council members indicated they would choose not to vote on this issue if the applicant was unavailable. However, they would be prepared to consider the matter at the October Town Council meeting. The Mayor noted that this type of approval was a perfunctory task.

The applicant, Erik Stottlemeyer, and his contractor, Anthony Chmelik, joined the Zoom call. They apologized for their late appearance. Mr Stottlemeyer stated he had experienced technical difficulties calling in. The Council asked why the application was submitted at the last minute. Mr. Chmelik explained this was an oversight, but the County now required Town approval before final inspections of the largely completed construction. He further explained that some family issues had caused a delay in his filing the necessary permit. The Council expressed their displeasure towards the applicants for late filing, attending, and asking for another special Council meeting rather than waiting. Members stated their displeasure at being asked to take their time away from their families for a third meeting this month to approve an application for an applicant who was not there to explain their request. Councilman Kimble stated his opinion that this should not happen again.

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*Motion:* Councilman Kimble made a Motion for the Town to endorse the allocation from Adventure Park for 1.3 water and 1.3 sewer taps.  
*Second:* Councilman Wright  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 4 (Kimble, Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 1 (Rossman)

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Decision:* Councilman Kimble made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting  
*Second:* Councilman Wright  
*Vote:* For – 4 (Kimble, Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 1 (Rossman)  
**The Motion passed.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mitchell  
Clerk to Mayor and Town Council

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