

# The Town of New Market



**Town Council Minutes**  
**40 South Alley, New Market, MD. 21774**  
**General Session**  
**November 9, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held in person and virtually via Zoom on Thursday, November 9, 2023, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Council members present were Dennis Kimble, Matt Chance (via Zoom), Chris Weatherly, and Michael Wright. Council members absent: Shane Rossman. Also in attendance were Pat Faux, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator, and Shawn Burnett, Town Engineer.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The October 12, 2023, meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

On October 12, 2023, Ms. Faux introduced Ordinance No. 2023-010: *An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map*. The Public Hearing Notice was posted in the Frederick News Post on October 19 and 26, 2023. Additionally, the hearing notice was posted on the website, emailed Town-wide, and posted on Facebook on October 23, 2023.

*Motion:* Councilman Wright made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-010: *An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map*  
*Second:* Councilman Weatherly  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 4 (Kimble, Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 1 (Rossman)  
**The Motion passed.**

**Mayoral Initials:** 

## NEW BUSINESS

### Presentation: Glo Fiber Franchise in New Market

Bud Zirkle, Centaurus Communications, LLC, made a presentation regarding a franchise agreement for New Market. Please refer to the attached presentation for further information.

## LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Burhans sent a letter to residents regarding the Town's FY23 audit and provided highlights and explanations on how the Town manages the money. The message was emailed and posted on the Town's website and Facebook page. He also reported the lines were removed from the south side of East Wainscot from MD 874 to Marley Street. There was concern that the lines were still visible. It was noted that the lines will blend over time with weather and traffic.

Councilman Kimble is still working on a plan for Messanelle Park. He also reported that the Rotary Club is having a flag-raising ceremony at Town Hall on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Councilman Wright said decorating the lamp poles will start in the next few weeks. They will be decorated in red and green ribbons. He also wanted to remind everyone of the Christmas in New Market event on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Councilman Weatherly reported on the Frederick County meeting held at New Market Middle School on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The county sought input on the Frederick to New Market to Mt. Airy Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection. He said about 50 interested people came to inquire and provide input on the proposed bike project from Mt. Airy, New Market, and downtown Frederick. The attendees' average age was around 60, which was quite surprising, given the area's demographics. Frederick County planning representatives and consultant JMT answered constituents' questions with relative clarity. The big takeaway from the event was five such projects throughout Frederick County going through feasibility studies. However, only one will be selected for construction. The criteria used to determine which project moves on the construction are cost, complexity, environmental impact, study, and project length. Given this criterion, it is doubtful this path will get selected for construction.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayoral Initials 

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mitchell  
Clerk to Mayor and Town Council

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