

The Town of New Market



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New Market Historic District Update and Reminder

Dear friends and neighbors,

We are thrilled to see the many repairs, renovations, and expansion projects going on around the New Market Historic District in recent years! It is great to see our new and old neighbors investing in their historic structures and the district. The number of new businesses opening up on Main Street is exciting!

In all these efforts and enthusiasm, we want to remind everyone that all construction in the District, other than simple in-kind repairs, requires special Town permitting. Since 1975 when the Historic District was formed, the Town has had in place guidelines for construction, repairs, etc., for both older and new buildings to protect the unique character and value of the District. On the Town's recently refreshed website: www.townofnewmarket.org, you can find the most recently updated guidelines and a history of the District. Forms for permit applications are available on the website.

As appointed members of the Historic District Commission, we are charged with issuing Certificates of Appropriateness for work in the District. We are here to help, advise, and enforce the guidelines to make sure that approvals occur smoothly. If you are considering a project, please give staff a call, send an email to michelletownofnewmarket@gmail.com, or participate in an HDC/ARC meeting for a pre-submittal conversation. The Commission Members and Town staff are here to help you with your next project. It is far better to ask for early input than to ask forgiveness later and need to make costly corrections after the fact.

We would also like to remind folks that many of the more minor improvements you see in Town have benefited from matching grant funds. We want to thank the Town Council and the New Market Civic Partnership for their work setting up and running the now 4th annual Façade Grant program in our Main Street District. To date, this program has helped 21 properties.

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Resources that may be of help:

1975 Historic District Inventory

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v-cVMGAwoT66g6_o7REgb4X11QzTm7YZ/view

2021 Historic District Guidelines

https://www.townofnewmarket.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf6386/f/uploads/final_hdc_guidelines_with_resolution_2021-01.pdf

Certificate of Appropriateness Application

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1miAhBzx-CO4rJlNq2lgiAlCcp7R7UI-/view>

General Permit Application

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sgze-z_KCw2RJT-6dPv9IVNqRS72W0fD/view

Town Hall Contact information:

Permit Filing Assistance – Town Clerk: Michelle Mitchell

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Staff Guidance on District Guidelines – Town Planner/Zoning Administrator: Pat Faux

pfaux@fauxgroup.com

Façade Grant Program information – Steven Pippin nmcpinc@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Kevin Witmer, Chair – Historical District Commission/Architectural Review Commission

Larry Wrinn, Vice Chair

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Steven Pippin, Commission Member

Howard Wilson, Commission Member

Michael Wright, Town Council Liaison