

The Town of New Market



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Town Council Minutes
40 South Alley, New Market, MD 21774
General Session
February 13, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market met in person and virtually via Zoom on Thursday, February 13, 2025, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Council members present were Dennis Kimble, Shane Rossman (via Zoom), Chris Weatherly, and Michael Wright. Councilman Chance was absent. Tim Rye, Town Engineer, and Steve Pippin, President of NMCP, were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Motion: Councilman Kimble made a Motion to approve the January 9, 2025, minutes

Second: Councilman Weatherly

Public Comment: None

Vote: For – 4 (Kimble, Rossman, Weatherly, Wright)

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 1 (Chance)

The Motion passed.

Mayor Burhans welcomed Boy Scout Troop 628 and its leaders. The troop needed to attend a local government meeting to receive their Citizenship in Community merit badge.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Traffic Calming Concept at Main Street/Prospect Pantry

Tim Rye, Town Engineer, presented options for speed bumps and rubber curbs to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Main Street and 8th Alley/Prospect Street. By unanimous consent, the council agreed to collect more data before implementing further solutions. Mayor Burhans will work with Tim Rye and Shawn Burnett to find an independent contractor and determine the best location to collect data. For more information, please refer to the Staff Report dated February 6, 2025.

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Public Comment: Katie Russell, Howard Wilson, Steve Pippin

Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) Letter

Councilman Weatherly presented a letter for the Town to send to the Maryland Public Service Commission in opposition to the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP), a proposed 70-mile-high-voltage power line. He thanked Councilman Rossman for his input.

Motion: Councilman Wright made a Motion to sign the letter as drafted with the amendments as stated
Second: Councilman Kimble
Vote: For –4 (Kimble, Rossman, Weatherly, Wright)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 1 (Chance)
The Motion passed.

Public Comment: Howard Wilson, Kevin Delaney, Katie Russell

NEW BUSINESS

Informational Presentation – Parking Lot Option at 40 South Alley

Tim Rye, Town Engineer, presented parking lot options at Town Hall. For more information, please refer to the Staff Report dated February 7, 2025.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Weatherly reported that the Green Team president, Kelly Jarvis, has stepped down and that future Green Team activities will be strained until the Green Team can find a new president.

Councilman Weatherly contacted local realtor Val Vinson for information regarding real estate figures to refute the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Ms. Vinson mentioned that a posted Town of New Market position did not mention benefits as part of the position. Councilman Weatherly shared with Ms. Vinson that he would bring this up at the next council session and propose that the town consider benefits for existing and future town employees.

Councilman Kimble received a letter from Renewal Anderson Windows. He will follow up with a price for the windows at Town Hall.

Councilman Wright reported that there was a tree down in front of 3 W Main during the ice storm. He reached out to Frederick Landscaping. Katie Russell informed him about vandalism at LOUYAA. Tom Welch, President of LOUYAA, is aware of this. Mayor Burhans met with a

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deputy, Tom Welch, and Katie Russell, and it appears that there was no vandalism. It was found that kids drove around the gate to go sledding. LOUYAA decided not to make an issue out of it since there was no damage.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Kimble made a Motion to Adjourn
Second: Councilman Wright
Public Comment: None
Vote: For –4 (Kimble, Rossman, Weatherly, Wright)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 1 (Chance)
The Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mitchell
Clerk to Mayor and Town Council

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