

1 **Minutes of the New Market**  
2 **Town Council Meeting**  
3 **May 17, 2010**  
4 **7:30 pm**  
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6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.  
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday May 17, 2010 with the following members  
8 present: Larry Smith, Mayor, John Blosser, Vice Mayor, Harry Durrett, Eddie Litten,  
9 Gary Comer, and Troy Fadeley. Ripley Click was absent.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham  
12 Town Manager – Chris Boies  
13 Town Clerk – Jeanne Rinker  
14 Visitors and Press – See attached sheet  
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16 Mayor Smith called the meeting into session and established that a quorum was  
17 present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.  
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19 **Approval of the Agenda**  
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21 **Mr. Comer moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Litten seconded the motion**  
22 **which carried unanimously on a voice vote.**  
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24 **Consent Agenda**  
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26 Mayor Smith presented the consent agenda which included the minutes of the  
27 April 19, 2010 Council meeting and the Financial Statements for April. **Mr. Fadeley**  
28 **made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Durrett seconded. The**  
29 **motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**  
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31 **Public Hearing**  
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33 Next on the agenda was a public hearing regarding the proposed issuance by the  
34 Town of its general obligation bond in the amount of \$2,980,000. A portion of the  
35 proposed indebtedness will be used to refund the remaining balance on a \$2,000,000  
36 bond issued on January 11, 2010 (the "Prior Bond"). Such Prior Bond was issued in  
37 order to provide funds to finance improvements to the Town's water and sewer system.  
38 The remainder of such proposed indebtedness will be used for the rehabilitation of sewer  
39 lines, the construction of a pump station and force main, including engineering expenses,  
40 costs of issuance of the bond and other related expenses.  
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42 Mr. Boies opened the public hearing by saying, "This is a 0% interest, 20 year  
43 loan that will basically be used to pay for the I&I project which is about to be completed.  
44 The Town had done a short term loan with SunTrust in order to pay for that project as  
45 we've moved along. It will also pay for the engineering and inspection services on the  
46 force main project. As everyone knows, we received stimulus funds for that project.

47 Those funds do not have to be paid back, but engineering and inspection fees were not  
48 eligible to be paid from that grant we received, so we will use this money to pay for that.  
49 We were very fortunate to receive that 20 year interest- free loan from the State.”  
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51 There were no public comments so Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 7:34  
52 pm.  
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#### 54 **Citizen Comments and Petitions** 55

56 The mayor called on Chief Peery to make a presentation. Chief Peery stated,  
57 “One of the things we work on really hard throughout the year is occupant safety. At this  
58 time I would like to call on Sgt. Rinker, who was the investigating officer at a crash here  
59 on the south end of Town which could have been very tragic. I will let him explain it to  
60 you and the value of wearing a seat belt.”  
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62 Sgt. Rinker related, “On April 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 1:22 pm we were dispatched  
63 to the area of the fire station on south Congress Street for a motor vehicle crash. Mr.  
64 William Foltz was operating his 2008 Ford Taurus southbound on Congress Street when  
65 another vehicle traveling northbound came over in his lane, hitting him on the driver’s  
66 side door. Mr. Foltz and his wife, Betty Foltz, both were wearing their seat belts. If they  
67 hadn’t been wearing them they could have been severely injured. All of the air bags were  
68 deployed in the vehicle. I have a picture of the car, which was a total loss.”  
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70 Chief Peery then asked Mr. and Mrs. Foltz to come forward at which time he  
71 presented them with “Saved by the Belt” awards. He said it was an honor to award people  
72 who do the right thing and wear their seat belts. It proves to everyone that this actually  
73 works.  
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75 Mr. Gordon Farrey was next to come to the podium with a citizen’s comment.  
76 Mr. Farrey’s comments follow: “I am Gordy Farrey and I live at 9250 North Congress  
77 Street. I’m a member of the board of directors of the New Market Community Center  
78 and I’m secretary of the New Market Lions Club. On behalf of those organizations I’d  
79 like to thank Chris Boies for his support since he has been our town manager.”  
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81 “Personally, Chris, from where I sit, you’ve done a very commendable job under  
82 very trying conditions. Claudia and I would like to wish you and yours the best in your  
83 new endeavors.”  
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#### 85 **Committee Reports** 86

87 **Finance and Personnel:** Mr. Fadeley made the following report: “The Finance  
88 & Personnel Committee met on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a quorum in attendance. Our  
89 meeting was centered around a discussion of hiring a town manager to replace Mr. Boies.  
90 The Finance & Personnel Committee is recommending the appointment of Mike Ritchie  
91 as the interim town manager, from the time Chris is gone until the time our new town

92 manager can start. The Committee will also be recommending to full council the hiring  
93 of Mr. Evan L. Vass as the new town manager, effective July 19, 2010.

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95 **Public Works:** Mr. Blosser announced that he had no report because they did not  
96 hold a meeting.

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98 **Public Safety:** Mr. Comer reported that the Public Safety Committee did not  
99 meet in May.

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101 **Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation:** Mr. Durrett  
102 reported that this committee also did not have a May meeting.

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104 **Action Items**

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106 The first action item was discussion and consideration of Resolution #201 for the  
107 issuance of the \$2,980,000 bond referenced in the public hearing above. **Mr. Litten**  
108 **moved to adopt Resolution # 201 in order to issue the \$2,980,000 bond. The motion**  
109 **was seconded by Mr. Fadeley and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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111 Next on the action item agenda was discussion and consideration of Ordinance  
112 #72, adopting the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget. **Mr. Fadeley made a motion to**  
113 **approve Ordinance #72, adoption of the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget. The motion**  
114 **was seconded by Mr. Litten and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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116 The third action item was discussion concerning the Town Manager's position.  
117 **Mr. Fadeley made a motion to appoint Evan L. Vass as the Town Manager effective**  
118 **July 19, 2010, at an annual salary of \$76,100 plus a monthly car allowance of \$425.**  
119 **Mr. Litten seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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121 The next action item was discussion and consideration of approving additional  
122 funds for the Shady Lane Project so that Dave Bushman, engineer for the Town , can  
123 participate in a neighborhood meeting as requested by a property owner in that area.

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125 Mr. Boies addressed the issue as follows: "We basically have a contract with Mr.  
126 Bushman to design these plans. He has done that and turned them in to VDOT. Any  
127 work beyond that would go under his hourly rate which is \$120 an hour. Because a  
128 community meeting was not part of our scope of services, I don't think it's fair to ask him  
129 to do that without him being compensated. Because it was used in the budget under the  
130 contingency fund, I didn't want to exceed the amount the Council had previously  
131 approved without bringing it back to you. I spoke with Mr. Copp the latter part of last  
132 week. His plan reviewer has been out of the office but is expected to return this week, so  
133 they will hopefully be reviewing the plans soon. Once those plans have been reviewed  
134 we can set up this meeting with Mr. Copp and Mr. Bushman in attendance as well as the  
135 property owners in that area. This would basically just allow this meeting to occur and  
136 for Mr. Bushman to incur expenses that will be billed to the Town for that meeting."

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138 **Mr. Litten made a motion to approve the addition funding for Mr. Bushman**  
139 **to attend the meeting with VDOT and the involved property owners. Mr. Blosser**  
140 **seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**  
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142 **Mayor's Comments**  
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144 Mayor Smith's comments follow: "I'd like to personally thank Chris for his hard  
145 work with the Town. He has represented the Town very well. We wouldn't be near  
146 where we are today in terms of our sewer project, the I&I project and our Streetscape  
147 program had it not been for Chris. How many town managers actually go out and plow  
148 snow as he did? We've been together looking down manhole covers and doing other  
149 kinds of exciting stuff in aid of the town. So Chris, I hope you do well in your next job,  
150 and thank you very much."  
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152 "I'd also like to recognize Dave Beaver of the maintenance crew who found a  
153 rather severe leak the other night, just before dark, which threatened to cripple the town's  
154 water supply. Dave figured out where it was prior to darkness settling in over the town.  
155 It would have been impossible to find once it was dark. I just wanted to recognize Dave  
156 for that."  
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158 Mayor Smith reminded everyone that the Rebels baseball season is fast  
159 approaching.  
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161 **Council Comments**  
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163 Mr. Litten offered the following comments: "I would like to echo the mayor's  
164 comments on Chris. It's quite a delight serving on the Council with good staff. He's  
165 done a great job leading this town and helping us understand our job. I'd like to publicly  
166 say that, and I'd also like to say that I look forward to welcoming Evan back. I think we  
167 were just as lucky as could be to be able to bring him back because of his knowledge of  
168 where we were. He will be able just to step right in without losing any steps. I don't  
169 want to overshadow Chris's efforts because I think they have been outstanding and I  
170 appreciate it."  
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172 Mr. Comer stated, "As chairman of Public Safety, I'd also like to thank Chris for  
173 all of his assistance to me and my position. Dale Dodson, president of the fire company,  
174 he's here and I know he echoes my thanks to Chris for his help to both of us during these  
175 times at the fire house. We've had everything going real smooth; the merger is about  
176 ready to take place. We have to give a lot of credit to Chris for that. Good luck to you,  
177 Chris."  
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179 Mr. Durrett also commented, "Mr. Mayor, I'd also like to do that – to thank Chris  
180 for his service to the Town of New Market and his help through my transition to the  
181 council. I think he's done a wonderful job and I wish him a lot of luck and success in  
182 whatever he does in the future."  
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184 Councilman Fadeley also offered the following comments: I'd like to thank Chris  
185 for his help with the Finance and Personnel, and I know he's got a bright future ahead of  
186 him."

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188 **Staff Comments**

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190 Town Planner, Chad Neese stated, "I'd like to thank the Community Center for  
191 hosting our meeting with the Commission on Local Government. I thought they did a  
192 fine job. Everything went well and all our feedback was positive. I'd also like to thank  
193 Todd Fannin for arranging the transportation for the tour, and also Donna, Mike and  
194 Teresa for their help in answering a lot of the questions that the Commission asked. I just  
195 want to thank everybody for all their assistance."

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197 Mr. Boies also expressed some comments: "I'd like to thank Mr. Loy, since he's  
198 here, for his continued volunteerism in the community. Our little letters are again falling  
199 off the town park sign so it's good to know that the warm weather is back. That seems to  
200 be a sign every year in New Market that it's springtime."

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202 "I'd like to embarrass Mike Ritchie now, because he can't get me back since this  
203 is my last meeting. Today is Mike's birthday, so Happy Birthday, Mike! Jordan and  
204 Matt, don't laugh. You all need to stand up. This is Matt Wimmer and Jordan Combs.  
205 They are employees of what was formerly Stearns and Wheler. It's now just GHD.  
206 These are the 2 engineers in training on the force main project. They're out on the trailer  
207 on a daily basis doing inspections for the Town for that project, and we appreciate all of  
208 their work."

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210 "The Town is going to be receiving a VML Insurance award this Thursday.  
211 We're one of just 6 or 7 localities in the state receiving this award for our loss prevention  
212 program and our safety program. So we need to recognize Dale Dodson, Mike Ritchie  
213 and Johnny Griggs. They have spearheaded our safety program. We have monthly or  
214 bimonthly meetings and are educating our employees about the importance of safety.  
215 We have really come a long way with our safety program."

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217 "I also need to thank the police department for their help with the traffic control  
218 on the I&I project. There were a couple of very difficult manholes that the contractor had  
219 to work in. One was at the main intersection here in town and the town police  
220 department was there helping them with that. It certainly made it a lot safer of a situation  
221 for those workers. I also need to thank them for being proactive on their 'Saved by the  
222 Belt' award they gave tonight."

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224 "I'd like to thank Donna, Jeanne, and Teresa for their work in getting the taxes  
225 done. No one likes to get taxes, but people do like to get them a little ahead of time so  
226 they have more time to pay them. They worked very hard to accomplish that. If you  
227 haven't received your tax bill you need to give us a call because you should have by  
228 now."

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230 "I've certainly enjoyed working with you all the last 2 years. I would put this  
231 council up against any council in the valley or even the state. You all work well together,  
232 you make good decisions, you listen to the public and you always do what's right for the  
233 community. Not every locality is like that. I certainly appreciate what you all do. Mr.  
234 Ham was very helpful to me when I first started. Evan had left a lot of work to be done  
235 and Mr. Ham helped me get that done. Now I'm looking forward to leaving Mr. Vass an  
236 even bigger list than what I've already started. Thank you all."

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238 **Closed Session**

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240 There were no closed sessions.

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242 **Adjournment**

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244 Following a motion by Mr. Litten and a second by Mr. Comer, Mayor Smith  
245 adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

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254 Jeanne Rinker, Town Clerk

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Larry Smith, Mayor