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**Minutes of the New Market  
Town Council Organizational Meeting  
Thursday, July 1, 2010  
7:30 pm**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Thursday, July 1, 2010 with the following members present: Larry Smith, Mayor; John Blosser, Vice-Mayor; Mary Alice Burch, Harry Durrett, Troy Fadeley and Gary Comer. Eddie Litten was absent.

Interim Town Manager – Mike Ritchie  
Incoming Town Manger – Evan Vass  
Town Clerk – Jeanne Rinker  
Visitors and Press – See attached sheet

Mayor Smith called the meeting into session and established that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Mr. Comer made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Blosser and carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Action Items**

The first action item was the election of a Vice-Mayor. Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations. **Mr. Fadeley nominated John Blosser and Mr. Durrett seconded the nomination. There were no more nominations and Mr. Comer moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Fadeley seconded the motion. Mr. Blosser was then unanimously elected Vice-Mayor on a voice vote.**

The next action item was the election of a Planning Commission representative. Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Burch nominated Gary Comer, but Mr. Comer declined. **Mr. Comer then nominated John Blosser and Mr. Fadeley seconded the nomination. Mr. Comer moved to close the nominations and Mr. Fadeley seconded. Mr. Blosser was then elected Planning Commission representative on a voice vote with ayes (5) nays (0).**

The final action item was the Mayor's appointment of Committee assignments. Mayor Smith distributed a list of the assignments as follows:

**Finance and Personnel**  
Troy Fadeley, Chairman  
Mary Alice Burch  
Eddie Litten

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**Public Works**

John Blosser, Chairman  
Mary Alice Burch  
Gary Comer

**Public Safety**

Gary Comer, Chairman  
John Blosser  
Harry Durrett

**Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation**

Harry Durrett, Chairman  
Troy Fadeley  
Eddie Litten

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Smith commented as follows: "You all received the word that there will be no committee meetings next Tuesday night (July 6<sup>th</sup>). That includes the Planning Commission. There was nothing on any of the agendas so we get a month off."

The mayor asked for a show of hands from the council members who were planning to be in the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. There was some informal discussion regarding who needed a ride for the parade.

**Council Comments**

Mr. Comer made the following comments: Mr. Mayor, I would like to thank you for having me stay on as the chairman of the Public Safety Committee. I appreciate it and it's an honor to serve as chairman of Public Safety. I've been chairman ever since I've been on the Council, except for 2 years. I take great interest in my duties as Public Safety Chairman. That includes the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Rescue Squad. I just have a small part in that, but I appreciate your confidence in me."

Mayor Smith responded, "And I appreciate your hard work in that. I'm sure that your experience on the Public Safety Committee helps you out."

**Staff Comments**

Interim Town Manager, Mike Ritchie announced that the VML Conference will be October 3 – 5, 2010 at Hampton Roads, VA. He urged council members to look at their schedules and decide if they want to go. He continued, "I guess this is going to be my last meeting as your town manager. I really appreciate the confidence that you all placed in me. It's been a great experience. I know I'm a better person for it. Hopefully I'll be a better employee for the next town manager. Every time I've turned to you all, you've been right there to help. And I can't say enough about the staff. They've been fantastic.

93 They've done things that I wouldn't even have thought about. They made it much easier  
94 for me. Thank you all."

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96 **Closed Session**

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98 There were no closed sessions.

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100 **Adjournment**

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102 With no further business to consider, Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

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Larry Smith, Mayor

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Jeanne K. Rinker, Town Clerk

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