

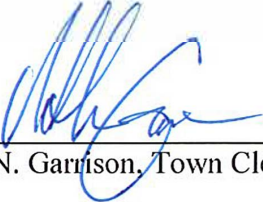
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**Minutes of the  
New Market Town Council  
Work Session  
Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
5:35 p.m.**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr., Municipal Building on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with the following members present: Mayor Peter Hughes, Peggy Harkness, Janice Hannah, Jon Henry, and Bob King. Council member Daryl Watkins resigned on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, and Scott Wymer was absent.

Mayor Hughes opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and established a quorum of four members present. Mr. Garrison started the discussion about the future of the New Market Library. He explained that Mrs. Harkness will be stepping down as the Volunteer Director of the New Market Area Library. She came to him to discuss potential ways for the Town to assist the New Market Area Library to ensure the services and programming continue. Mrs. Harkness gave a brief overview of the history of the library, her role at the library, along with her assistant. She explained that as a volunteer organization it is hard to get volunteers to work a shift, much less running the library. She was inquiring if there could be a part-time paid director's position, through the Town. Council members held a discussion about the request, and partnerships with other entities and various avenues that could help to accommodate this request.

**Mrs. Harkness motioned to close the work session. Mr. Henry seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**

  
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N. Garrison, Town Clerk

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Mayor Peter Hughes