

**Minutes of the
New Market Town Council
Special Called Meeting
Monday, March 23rd, 2026
6:30 p.m.**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr., Municipal Building on Monday, March 23rd, 2026, with the following members present: Mayor Peter Hughes, Peggy Harkness, Janice Hannah, Jon Henry, Scott Wymer and Bob King. Council member Daryl Watkins resigned on March 3rd, 2026.

Mayor Hughes opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and established a quorum.

Mrs. Harkness made a motion to recess into a closed session authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the state code to discuss the hiring or appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or employees. The subject matter is the appointment of a New Market Town Council member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry. With no further discussion, the motion was carried out with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Harkness	Aye		
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
Mr. Henry	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

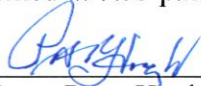
Mrs. Hannah made a motion to return from Closed Session at 7:53 p.m. and read aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just-concluded Closed Session and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion carried on the following 5-0 roll call vote:

Mrs. Harkness	Aye		
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
Mr. Henry	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

Mr. Henry made a motion to appoint Mr. Buz Menhardt to fill the vacancy of the Town Council. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was carried on the following 5-0 roll call vote:

Mrs. Harkness	Aye		
Mr. King	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
Mr. Henry	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

Mr. Wymer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Henry seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote of 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Mayor Peter Hughes



N. Garrison, Town Clerk