

**Minutes of the New Market
Town Council Work Session
Saturday, October 28, 2023
Council Chambers of the New Market Town Office
9418 John Sevier Road
8:00 a.m.**

On October 28, 2023, the New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the New Market Town Office. The following members were present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Janice Hannah, Peggy Harkness, Bob King, Daryl Watkins and Peter Hughes. Council member Scott Wymer was absent. Staff members present were Nathan Garrison, Chief Chris Rinker, Savannah Frazier, Teresa Green, JD Fadley, and Amber Smoot.

Mayor Larry Bompiani established a quorum with one member absent. Mayor Bompiani opened the Special Called Work session at 8:01 a.m.


Mr. Garrison started the meeting with a group discussion of the positive topics that the Town has had this year. Council members and staff both added their positive remarks such as lights in the park, forward momentum with several projects, the daycare improvements, new maintenance equipment and building, Benelli-Facility Dog and work with ARPA.


Mr. Garrison and Council Members discussed several topics:

- VSA Amendment with a recap events to include the Community Meeting facilitated by the Berkley Group and what the next steps are. Discussion of creating a community outreach group with ideas of how best to engage our community to help educate and receive feedback.
- ARPA funds discussion on what has been expended and what is left for future projects. Since the new Public Works Facility was financed one hundred percent, it opened up more funds to be used for other projects. Discussion on timeline for use, and how best to utilize the funds.
- Police Department update about grant funding received to purchase a new vehicle which will allow the current Chief's vehicle to replace the older administrative vehicle. Discussion of programs to increase the surveillance of the main intersection at Congress Street.
- Discussion of upgrades to water meters to allow better readings, maintenance, and efficiency of staff.
- VDOT traffic studies, the pros and cons of the Town owning the streets, and the Rt. 211 sidewalk projects.
- Water Improvement Project,

- Rebel Park and discussion on needing to update usage agreement and designate roles of responsibility and have it in writing.
- The Community Center progress to include a new RFP to engage new applicants for a consultant to help with the planning/engineering & architectural review, cost estimates. Discussion on when and how to engage with the community on best uses, involving the committee.
- Discussion of the Façade Enhancement and the future of the program.
- Discussion about the Virginia Main Street program and how we want to utilize this to help the downtown.
- Discussion about the New Market Fire and Rescue Department

The work session was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.


Nathan Garrison, Town Clerk


Larry Bumpari, Mayor