

Jon Henry
9383 N Congress St
New Market VA 22844
540.522.6869
jon@jonhenrygeneralstore.com

May 11, 2025

Dear Nathan Garrison, Town Manager,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the vacant Town Council seat, as outlined in the recent notice. As a resident of New Market at 9383 N Congress Street and the proprietor of Jon Henry General Store, I am deeply invested in the well-being and future of our community.

My roots in New Market & the Shenandoah Valley run deep, with my family having called this valley home for five generations. This long-standing connection has instilled in me a profound appreciation for our history, our values, and the unique character that makes New Market such a special place to live and work. My desire to serve on the Town Council stems from a commitment to ensuring that these qualities endure for future generations.

Through my involvement in the town and county's Chamber of Commerce, I have gained valuable insights into the needs and opportunities facing our local businesses and economy. My extensive work in both agriculture and tourism has further broadened my understanding of the diverse sectors that contribute to our community's vitality. I believe this experience, coupled with my Master's degree in Art & Public Policy from NYU, provides me with a unique perspective to contribute to thoughtful and effective governance.

I am eager to bring my dedication, my understanding of our community, and my collaborative spirit to the Town Council. I am committed to listening to the concerns of my fellow residents, working constructively with the Mayor and Council members, and contributing to sound policy decisions that benefit all of New Market.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can serve our town.

Sincerely,

Jon Henry