

The Town of New Market



Historic District Commission/Architectural Review Commission

40 South Alley, New Market, MD 21774

Digital – Zoom Meeting

January 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Historic District Commission/Architectural Review Commission (the “HDC/ARC”) of New Market was held virtually on January 13, 2026, with Chair Kevin Witmer present. Also in attendance were Larry Wrinn, John Farrell, and Steve Pippin. Town Council Liaison Howard Wilson was absent. Zoning Administrator and Town Planner Pat Faux was also present.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Wrinn made a Motion to approve the December 9, 2025, minutes as written.

Second: Commissioner Pippin

Public Comment: None

Vote: For – 3 (Witmer, Wrinn, Pippin)
Against – 0
Abstain – 1 (Farrell)
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

ARC NEW BUSINESS

Permit #2075 – Certificate of Appropriateness – Request for Demolition of Structures – Smith-Cline Farm/5270 Boyers Mill Road

The applicants, Alec Proakis and Donavon Corum, CBM Consulting, LLC, appeared and were sworn in. A discussion ensued between the applicants and the Commissioners. For further information, please refer to the Staff Report dated January 13, 2026.

Chairperson Initials: KW/men

Motion: Commissioner Pippin made a Motion having examined the materials submitted and considered the requirements established by the Land Development Ordinance, I move that the ARC make the following determinations:

- 1) That the proposed demolition is appropriate to the character and appearance of the planned ARC district and meets the requirements established by the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2) That the existing structures are not visible from a public way located in the ARC district.
- 3) That the structures have not been deemed to be of substantial public interest by a study performed for districts of historic or architectural value.
- 4) That retention of these structures would not be in the best interests of a majority of persons in the community and would be a deterrent to a major improvement program of substantial benefit to the Town.

On this basis, I further move that the ARC approve application #2075 as submitted.

Second: Commissioner Farrell

Public Comment: None

Vote: For – 4 (Witmer, Wrinn, Farrell, Pippin)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

Chair Witmer thanked Prospect Pantry for decorating the lamp posts on Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Wrinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Commissioner Farrell

Vote: For – 4 (Witmer, Wrinn, Farrell, Pippin)
Against – 0
Abstain – 0
Absent – 0
The Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Mitchell, Town Clerk

Chairperson Initials: Kw/mem