

COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2026
7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following council members present were Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee and Mr. Zolman. Staff members present were Town Manager Jim Roark and Chief of Police Dave Snyder.

Guests present were Corynne Courpas, Karen Hubbard, Anne Marie Anderson, Dawn Crockett and David Padilla.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of February 10th, 2026**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

REPORTS:

All reports were given.

In his report, Mayor Nevin **announced that Chief of Police David Snyder will be departing from his position after seven years of service to the Town of Hampstead**, having accepted the role of Chief of Police in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He expressed appreciation for Chief Snyder's leadership and dedication, noting the professionalism of the Hampstead Police Department under his direction, and stated that the Town will begin the process of identifying a successor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of **Commendations of Merit for Officers of the Hampstead Police Department** and invited officers Casey Mann, Matthew Blanton and Bryan Emery to the podium.

Chief Snyder described an incident on March 3, 2025, involving a domestic disturbance that escalated into a severe assault. He noted that the victim's survival was remarkable given the severity of the injuries. Chief Snyder emphasized that, beyond the initial response, the case required extensive investigative work, including interviews, evidence collection and processing, execution of search warrants, and preparation of detailed reports to support prosecution. As a result of the officers' thorough and professional efforts, the offender accepted a plea agreement and was sentenced to 20 years in prison, avoiding the need for a trial.

Chief Snyder concluded by **presenting Officers Mann, Blanton, and Emery with Commendations of Merit** in recognition of their decisive actions, which contributed to saving the victim's life and securing a significant conviction.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Corynne Courpas, a Westminster resident and candidate for Delegate in Legislative District 42C, addressed the Council regarding legislative redistricting and expressed her commitment to learning about the needs of Hampstead residents and representing all constituents in Annapolis.

David Padilla spoke on pedestrian and bicycle safety, expressing interest in additional bike lanes and concerns about traffic and roadway conditions. Town Manager Jim Roark noted the Town's prior coordination with Carroll County on bicycle and pedestrian planning and cited infrastructure limitations.

Anne Marie Anderson commented on negative social media posts regarding the Hampstead Police Department. She was concerned about negative perceptions within the community. Mayor Nevin expressed confidence in the Department and encouraged follow-up with appropriate officials.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Zolman seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

TOWN MANAGER, James Roark

MAYOR, Christopher M. Nevin