



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PLANNING RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 4, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman Doug Shelton

Staff: Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Police Chief Mark Cook, Fire Chief / Public Works Director Jason Hord, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome Remarks & Meeting Objectives

Mayor Barnhardt welcomed everyone and made opening remarks. Facilitators Geraldine Gardner and Nina Barrett from Centralina reviewed meeting objectives and a handout on ground rules. The Board then engaged in an icebreaker activity.

2. Values in Action

Ms. Gardner led the group on an exercise for determining core values. The group discussed effective communication strategies. Ms. Gardner stated that some towns use a charter of communications to lay out clear expectations and guidelines.

The Board recessed for a break from 10:37 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

3. Vision and Themes

Ms. Gardner offered the group a handout with three different theme options. The group discussed option two as the preferred theme and discussed whether to change words to make the statement more impactful.

4. Goals

Ms. Gardner led discussion on possible goals tied to the vision statement. There was focus on the town being connected, growth, and the town being family-friendly and what each of those statements could mean.

5. ARPA Follow-up

Finance Officer Shockley gave examples of the compliance requirements of different ARPA projects to illustrate the complexities.

6. Next Steps

A retreat report will be sent to the town with next steps and suggestions. The Board discussed the best day of the week for follow-up meetings with the consensus being Thursdays. Mayor Barnhardt will follow-up with Manager Smith.

Adjourn

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk