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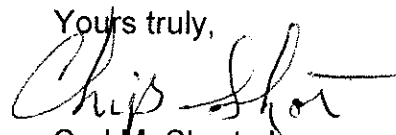
Mayor William Feather
Town of Granite Quarry
P. O. Box 351
Granite Quarry, NC 28072

Dear Mayor Feather:

You requested that I review Mr. Shell's email of March 22, 2017, and report back any comments I might have. I understand that proper notices were run in the Salisbury Post and we know the property was posted.

Mr. Shell's complaint is that there was a failure to give reasonable notice to interested parties. However, this is an instance where the notice requirement is established in clear language by the General Assembly. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the area. The Salisbury Post certainly qualifies as having general circulation. Notice shall be posted on the site. As we know, this was done. The idea is not that everyone will read every word on the posted sign but to let the public know something is about to happen concerning that property. Anyone wishing to know more can certainly contact Town Hall. Finally, notice is to be sent to the owners of the property and owners of all parcels of land abutting that property. All of this is set by state statutes. All of these procedures were followed. It is my opinion from a legal standpoint that nothing further need be done by the Town Board.

Yours truly,


Carl M. Short, Jr.

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