



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 1, 2020**

**Present:** Mayor Bill Feather, Mayor Pro Tem John Linker, Alderman Jim Costantino, Alderman Kim Cress, Alderman Doug Shelton

**Staff:** Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Attorney Chip Short (*via teleconference*), Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Town Planner Steve Blount, Fire Chief/ Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hord, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley, Planning Coordinator Holly-Anne Franco, Police Chief Mark Cook, Police Officer Richard Tester, Police Officer Greg McKinney

**Call to Order:** Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Determination of Quorum:** Mayor Feather determined there was a quorum present; the Board welcomed back Alderman Cress.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Feather opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Feather.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments of former item 10. *Presentation of Certificate* moved to item 4 *Guests and Presentations* and the addition of *Discussion of Chamberlain Exterminators, LLC Contract* under the *Town Manager's Update*. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of the Minutes**

- 1) Regular Meeting Minutes May 4, 2020
- 2) Special Called Meeting Minutes Budget Workshop May 21, 2020

**B. Departmental Reports** (*Reports in Board packet*)

**C. Financial Reports** (*Reports in Board packet*)

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**3. Citizen Comments** - There were no citizen comments.

**4. Guests and Presentations**

**A. GQFD Auxiliary Update** **Vice-President Brittany Barnhardt**

**1) Port-a-Pit Fundraiser Update**

Ms. Barnhardt shared that the March 19, 2020 event was a huge success with 660 chickens sold, a profit of \$4,125, and \$1,300 in donations. Ms. Barnhardt thanked the local vendors who donated supplies. They will hold the next Port-a-Pit October 8, 2020 the same week of their Open House.

**2) Corporate & Community Donation Drive**

July 1, 2020 is the start date for the Corporate & Community Donation Drive. The goal is \$2,500.

The GQFD Auxiliary Board meets monthly and holds Auxiliary meetings quarterly.

**B. Presentation of Certificate** **Chief Cook**

Chief Cook presented Officers Richard Tester and David Earnhardt with their Intermediate Certificates and spoke about the hours of training and education each officer had to complete to earn the certificate through the NC DOJ's Professional Certificate Program.

**5. Town Manager's Update**

**A. Quarry Property Policy Statement**

Mr. Smith reviewed the Quarry Property Policy Statement that was requested by Mayor Feather. He shared that the offer to purchase was contingent on permits being obtained and that to obtain the permits, work had to be done to clean up and grade the property.

The Board discussed a desire to increase security for the property. Mayor Pro Tem Linker suggested a chain link fence. The Board expressed a desire to avoiding using the site for storage of surplus. Alderman Shelton requested the policy restrict use of the property.

**B. Fund Balance Policy**

Mr. Smith asked whether there were any questions concerning the existing Fund Balance Policy that was included in the agenda packet. There was Board consensus to review the Policy at the Budget Workshop.

**C. Longevity Bonus Policy**

Mr. Smith shared that the Longevity Bonus Policy is being reviewed and will be ready to present at the Budget Workshop.

**D. Presentation** **Budget Message**

Mr. Smith reviewed the Budget Message that was presented to the Board of Aldermen. The line items will be ready to review before the Budget Workshop.

**E. Set Date for Budget Public Hearing**

The Board decided on the following dates for budget-related meetings:

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| <b>1) Budget Public Hearing</b> | <b>6/22/2020</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>2) Budget Workshop</b>       | <b>6/11/2020</b> | <b>4:00 p.m.</b> |

There was discussion regarding a request made by Alderman Shelton to have Capital Project Ordinances and project plans for additional items. Mr. Smith shared that justification for large purchases will be provided.

**F. Discussion** **Chamberlain Exterminators, LLC Contract**

Chief Hord confirmed the price included in the contract was the same as last year and would cover termite treatment. There is an additional charge of \$180 per quarter for spraying the Town buildings and park shelters.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the contract with Chamberlain Exterminators, LLC for termite treatment in the amount of \$350. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**New Business**

**6. Presentation** **Joint Police Authority Budget Formula**

Mr. Smith reviewed the proposed amendment to the 2013 amendment of the 2006 Joint Police Authority Agreement.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to amend the Joint Police Authority Agreement with the Town of Faith as presented. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve a flat rate of \$136,000 for the Town of Faith's portion of the JPA budget for the FY20-21, to be reviewed again during next fiscal year's budgeting process. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Alderman Shelton had a question regarding item 4 on the agreement. Mr. Smith explained that was an item that had not been amended. The exact amount of any rollover will be available by the budget workshop.

**7. Public Hearing** **Rezoning of Quarry Property**

**A. Staff Summary** **Town Planner Steve Blount**

Mr. Blount shared his summary of the requested rezoning with a PowerPoint presentation that showed the current zoning of the property as well as the zoning of the adjacent properties. Mr. Blount reviewed examples of the types of uses for the different zoning classifications.

**B. Applicant Presentation** **Maintenance Supervisor Chief Hord**

Chief Hord presented the rezoning application and commented on work that was being done to qualify for permitting.

Alderman Shelton asked what the Planning Board cited as concerns. Mr. Blount shared that the concerns were regarding past use of a Town-owned limb and leaf storage facility and the sequence of events surrounding the approval process and were addressed during the Town Manager's Update.

### C. Public Hearing

#### 1) Open Public Hearing

Mayor Feather opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.

#### 2) Public Comments

- **Jonathan Treece, 490 Balfour Quarry Road** – spoke in favor of the rezoning. Stated that he was impressed by professionalism of Town Manager and Chief Hord.
- **Douglas Rivenbark, 1080 Raven Brook Way** – spoke in opposition of the rezoning. Stated concerns regarding security, loud noises, and contaminants in the water.

#### 3) Close Public Hearing

Mayor Feather closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

### D. Board Discussion and Decision

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the rezoning of parcels 352 082, 352 083, and 352 084 from RH and HI to LI. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board members discussed increased security measures they desired including cameras and a chain link fence. Alderman Shelton stated that he would like to see a Board consensus that they would like to see a clear understanding of how the property would be used.

Chief Hord confirmed the noise was a result of the larger equipment that had been used to ready the site. In the future only a loader and dump truck will be used and there will be grinding done once a year.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt the Statement of Consistency, *"In voting to recommend the proposed rezoning of this property, the Granite Quarry Board of Aldermen does find this decision to be in the best interest of the public and to be consistent in general with policies stated in the Town's Comprehensive Plan."* Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### 8. Presentation

#### Non-Profit Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed Non-Profit Funding Policy. There was Board discussion regarding the amount included in the policy and whether it would be effective.

**ACTION:** Alderman Shelton made a motion that the Non-Profit Funding Policy be amended with "The total amount of funding available for award to all non-profit organizations shall not

exceed the amount budgeted for such awards in any fiscal year.” Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The amount will be decided at the budget workshop.

**9. Discussion**

**Termination of State of Emergency**

Mayor Feather asked Mr. Smith if there had been a determination on whether funds would still be available if the State of Emergency was terminated. Mr. Smith stated that the County was still working on the application to the State. The Board will revisit this item in the future.

**10. Board Comments**

- Alderman Costantino stated staff did a great job the last two months keeping things together and that he was glad to have Alderman Cress back.
- Alderman Cress stated that he had a lot of people to thank, a lot of time to think, and that he would like to thank staff going through everything with COVID-19.

**11. Mayor’s Notes**

**Announcements and Date Reminders**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Monday, June 8            5:00 p.m.</li><li>b. Monday, June 8            6:00 p.m.</li><li>c. Wednesday, June 10    6:00 p.m.</li><li>d. Monday, June 15         5:00 p.m.</li><li>e. Monday, June 15         5:30 p.m.</li><li>f. Tuesday, June 16         3:30 p.m.</li><li>g. Thursday, June 18       7:30 a.m.</li><li>h. Wednesday, June 24    5:30 p.m.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rowan Chamber Business After Hours</li><li>Planning Board</li><li>CCOG Executive Board Meeting</li><li>Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee</li><li>Zoning Board of Adjustment</li><li>Revitalization Team</li><li>Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast</li><li>Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO Meeting</li></ul> |
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**Adjourn**

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aubrey Smith*

Town Clerk