



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 25, 2019**

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

**Staff:** Interim Town Manager Larry Smith, Fire Chief/Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hord, Town Clerk/HR Director Tanya Word, Deputy Clerk/Finance/HR Analyst Aubrey Smith

**Call to Order:** Mayor Feather called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**2. Resolution No. 2019-17**

This Resolution supports curb and sidewalk improvements on US 52 and requests the NC General Assembly to earmark discretionary funds for curb and sidewalk improvements from Church Street to Depot Street on US 52.

There was discussion regarding the likelihood of the improvements taking place. Mayor Feather stated that he spoke to the Representative and it would be very competitive this year.

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-17 as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**3. Discussion of Town Manager Selection Process**

The Board discussed Mr. Smith's performance in the role of Interim Town Manager and whether his contract should be extended and when the search should begin for a Town Manager.

There was discussion regarding the Town Manager selection process including whether an outside firm should be hired to select the candidates, the cost of the process and the timeline of the process.

**ACTION:** Alderman Cress made a motion to extend Larry Smith's contract as Interim Town Manager until December 31, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed three to one with Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers opposed.

Mayor Feather read his prepared remarks to the Board regarding the Town Manager hiring process and passed out a handout to the Board on search guidelines.

#### **4. Closed Session**

##### **Motion to Enter Closed Session**

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to the following NC General Statutes Section 143-318.11, subsection numbers:

(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under NC law (review of previous Closed Session minutes);  
(a)(6) to consider performance reviews of the Town Clerk and the Town Manager;  
(a)(5) to discuss a proposed Lease Agreement of the town property on Faith Road, and the material terms of an Offer to Purchase town property at 316 S. Main Street.

Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

##### **Motion to Leave Closed Session**

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board takes the following action:

- a. **Town Clerk/Interim Town Manager** - No action taken.
- b. **“GQ ATHLETIC CLUB” Lease Agreement** - No action taken.
- c. **316 S. Main Street** - No action taken.

#### **5. Adjournment**

**ACTION:** Alderman Linker made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Deputy Clerk/Finance/HR Analyst

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17**

**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING CURB AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON US 52**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granite Quarry (hereinafter, "the Town") is charged with the responsibility of advancing the economic vitality, as well as providing for the safety of the County's citizens, present and future; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the mobility needs of the traveling public and livability of its residents; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the US 52 or North Salisbury Avenue has been a top regional tier priority and critical to traffic flow in Rowan County and NCDOT Division 9; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the US 52 is a heavily traveled corridor through Rowan County and the State of North Carolina with daily traffic ranging from 12,000 to 14,000; *and*

**WHEREAS**, pedestrian traffic is projected to increase significantly in the downtown area due to pending development and buildout of a Downtown Master Plan; *and*

**WHEREAS**, storm drainage and access management will be critical components of this project; *and*

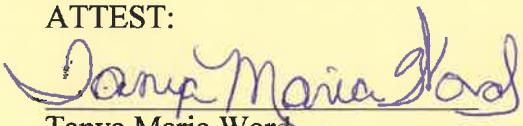
**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has discretionary funds to address pedestrian mobility and safety needs of this scope and magnitude as well as provide for future economic development opportunities for cities and towns.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Granite Quarry requests the NC General Assembly to earmark discretionary funds for curb and sidewalk improvements from Church Street to Depot Street on US 52.

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

  
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William Feather, Mayor  
Town of Granite Quarry

ATTEST:

  
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Tanya Maria Word  
Town Clerk

