

#### TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 13, 2025 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack. Council Member Rich Luhrs

**Staff:** Town Manager/Fire Chief Jason Hord; Town Clerk Aubrey Smith; Town Attorney Zachary Moretz; Finance Director Shelly Shockley; Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Office Assistant Debbie Loflin-Benge

**Call to Order:** Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Barnhardt led a moment of silence.

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

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

#### A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Special Meeting December 9, 2024
- 2) Regular Meeting December 9, 2024
- 3) Special Meeting December 12, 2024

#### **B.** Departmental Reports

#### C. Financial Reports

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**3. Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

#### 4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager's Update in the agenda packet including that the last load of supplies for Western North Carolina had been delivered. He gave kudos to Chief Taylor for organizing the collection and delivery. The new snowflake decorations were placed around the park. The two new police vehicles are currently at the installer. Christmas at the Lake was successful with over 800 attendees and fifteen volunteers. The 2009 Public Works truck transmission had to be rebuilt and was completed within the current budget. The street paving project was completed under budget.

Manager Hord invited Office Assistant Debbie Loflin-Benge to speak about the recent Operation Christmas Spirit in coordination with the Police Department and Granite Quarry Elementary School. Eight families, including nineteen children, received everything on their wishlists. The school and families expressed their gratitude to the Town Council, staff, and community members for their participation. The last portion of this event will be next Friday when Sergeant Greg McKinney, who owns Blue Line BBQ, will be preparing a meal for all the families.

Office Assistant Loflin-Benge thanked the Pedal Factory for repairing some of the bikes and donating bike locks, Grateful Heart Ministries for donating bikes and helmets, and Chief Taylor for all his work coordinating. Mayor Barnhardt thanked Office Assistant Loflin-Benge for the time and effort she put into the event and stated she looked forward to the event growing annually.

Manager Hord asked for and received consensus from the Council to pay for the TAC meal at the next meeting. The meal has already been budgeted for.

#### 5. Public Hearing

#### **ZTA 2025-01-13 Table 8.1 Update**

#### A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe introduced the Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance prepared after the Planning Board's review and suggestions. The proposed amendments include:

- Article 8, Table 8.1, Section 1 would be amended by adding certain uses within certain districts as discussed and recommended by the Planning Board;
- Article 7, Section 15-2 would be amended by adding language regarding Common Open Spaces to Development Agreements; and
- Article 21, Section 21.2-8 would have language concerning Common Open Spaces added and amended.

#### **B.** Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.
  - There were no public comments.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

#### C. Council Discussion and Decision

The Council and Attorney Moretz asked questions regarding specific changes including classifications and Common Open Spaces. Mayor Barnhardt thanked Mr. Flowe and the Planning Board for their work on the review and suggested revisions.

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZTA 2025-01-13. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business New Business None

#### 6. Annexation

#### 3006 Old Concord Road

#### A. Resolution Directing Clerk to Investigate

Mr. Flowe presented the petition for a voluntary non-contiguous annexation in the Town's sphere of influence beyond the ETJ. The property abuts a property that was annexed into the Town in 2024.

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01-13-1 directing the clerk to investigate a petition for annexation. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **B.** Certificate of Sufficiency

The certificate of sufficiency was entered into the record.

#### C. Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01-13-2 setting the date for a public hearing regarding an ordinance for annexation. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 7. Annexation

#### **260 Tingle Drive**

#### A. Resolution Directing Clerk to Investigate

Mr. Flowe presented the petition for a voluntary non-contiguous annexation in the Town's sphere of influence beyond the ETJ.

**ACTION:** Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01-13-3 directing the clerk to investigate a petition for annexation. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **B.** Certificate of Sufficiency

The certificate of sufficiency was entered into the record.

#### C. Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing

**ACTION:** Council Member Mack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01-13-4 setting the date for a public hearing regarding an ordinance for annexation. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 8. Resolution

#### Welcome and Slogan Signs

Manager Hord presented the options for "Welcome To" and slogan signs. There was discussion and consensus to add "State" before Champions and make necessary adjustments to other words and spacing for visibility. Manager Hord will oversee the changes.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01 to allow Granite Quarry Public Works to work with NCDOT to create "welcome to" and "slogan signs" celebrating East Rowan baseball and their previous state championships with details to be worked out by the Town Manager. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 9. Appointment

#### **NCLM Voting Delegate**

The Council was asked to appoint an NCLM Voting Delegate to submit the Council's 10 priority goals.

**ACTION**: Council Member Mack made a motion to appoint Mayor Brittany Barnhardt as the Council's NCLM voting delegate. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 10. Decision

#### **NCLM Legislative Goals**

The Council was asked to identify 10 of the 16 goals presented by the NCLM as priority. The ten priorities were decided by consensus and will be sent in by Mayor Barnhardt as the NCLM Voting Delegate.

#### 11. Budget Amendment

#### **NCLM Liability Insurance**

**ACTION**: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY24-25 #5 as presented to allow up to the maximum deductible of an open liability insurance claim. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 12. Bid Award

#### **Granite Civic Park Upgrades Design Services**

Manager Hord stated that staff put together an RFQ and received replies from four firms for the Granite Civic Park Upgrades Project design services. The responses were scored and the clear-cut winner was Benesch. Manager Hord stated that the Council was being asked to allow Manager Hord to negotiate the contract with Benesch. There was consensus to allow Manager Hord to do so. The contract will come before the Council for approval.

#### 13. Training and Travel Request

The training and travel request for Mayor Barnhardt to attend the Town and State Dinner and the NC Mayors Association Winter meeting was presented. Clerk Smith shared that there was a misunderstanding regarding the need for a hotel, but the cost of the hotel should be less than or equal to the cost for the extra mileage that will no longer be necessary.

**ACTION**: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the training and travel request for Mayor Barnhardt to attend the NC Mayors Association Winter meeting and the Town and State Dinner with the outlined costs associated with the conference not to exceed \$1000. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### 14. Proclamation

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mayor Barnhardt recognized the proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the agenda packet.

#### 15. Council Comments

- Mayor Barnhardt stated she will be a part of the Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Young Professionals group at French Express on Wednesday. The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Barnhardt challenged the Council to think of ideas on what needed to be amended in the Development Ordinance. Mayor Barnhardt stated she would not be in town for the scheduled March and May regular meetings.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shelton suggested the code enforcement items that seem to be causing hardships for some homeowners should be reviewed. There was discussion regarding what those may be and whether changes should be made. No action was taken.

#### 16. Announcements and Date Reminders

A.	Thursday	January 16	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
В.	Monday	January 20		Town Offices Closed for MLK, Jr. Day
C.	Wednesday	January 22	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
D.	Thursday	January 23	6:00 p.m.	Chamber 99th Annual Gala
E.	Monday	February 3	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
F.	Monday	February 3	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
G.	Tuesday	February 4	5:30 p.m.	Events Committee

#### Adjournment

**ACTION**: Council Member Linker made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

# THE "GRANITE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE" OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

#### Ordinance Number ZTA-2025-01-13

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2023, the Town Council's newly adopted Granite Quarry Development Ordinance, also known as the GQDO, became fully effective; and,

WHEREAS, the amendment of the GQDO to periodically update administrative procedures and from time to time refine certain permanent uses listed within a given district is both consistent with the adopted *Town Plan 2040* by continuing to meet the adopted goals of *Town Plan 2040* emphasizing *Goal 1: Maintain Small-Town Character*, and *Goal 4: Foster Managed Growth* while striving to create a balanced economic environment for local businesses, and civic entities; then,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council that the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance be amended as follows:

PART 1. Article 8, Table 8.1, Section 1 is hereby amended to add certain uses within certain districts by inserting the symbol "L" upon such uses in the districts identified:

- 1. Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay (TNDO) District
  - a. "Farmer's Market"
  - b. "Firearms and Ammunition Sales, (incl. Custom Gunsmith)"
  - c. "Furniture Repair Shop"
- 2. Main Street (MS) District
  - a. "Firearms and Ammunition Sales, (incl. Custom Gunsmith)"
- 3. Mixed-Use 2 (MU-2) District
  - a. "Office Uses General Contractors Offices without Outside Storage"
- PART 2. Article 7, Section 15-2 is hereby amended to add the following provision:
- "7.15-2(E) The development agreement shall set forth and establish all Common Open Space areas, improvements, and maintenance obligations."

PART 3. Article 21, Section 21.2-8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"21.2-8 Open Space Ownership and Conservation. Open space may be owned or administered by one or a combination of the following methods: fee simple ownership by a unit of government or private non-profit land conservancy; owned by a property association; or by individual private ownership such as a farmer, developer or other private entity that perpetually maintains the Common Open Space.

All lands within areas required to be maintained as open space shall be protected as permanent conservation land, prohibiting further development beyond improvements approved for the land, and setting other standards safeguarding the site's special resources from negative changes. This restriction must be noted on the final plat as set forth below:

"The Common Open Space as shown on this Plat is restricted and no use or development shall be allowed except as provided in the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance."

Public use of the open space may be limited to residents of the development, except for land used for public sidewalks and multi-use trails, provided that such open space is held in private or property association ownership."

PART 4. This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 AM EST on January 14, 2025.

ADOPTED on this the 13th day of January 2025.

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Mayor Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

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# Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate an Annexation Petition Pursuant to Article 4A of G.S. 160A Governing Non-Contiguous Annexations

Resolution #RES-2025-01-13-1

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 by the Town of Granite Quarry; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 4 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina before further annexation proceedings regarding the petition can take place; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina deems it advisable to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-58.2;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina that:

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition under N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 4 and to certify as soon as possible to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry the result of the investigation.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor



## TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

#### Certification of Sufficiency of Petition of Non-Contiguous Annexation

Date: January 13, 2025

To the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina:

I, Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the request for voluntary annexation by the owners of real property located at:

3006 Old Concord Road, Salisbury, North Carolina (Rowan County Parcel ID 402 062) has been investigated for sufficiency for voluntary annexation.

The result of the investigation of this petition has been found to be sufficient under North Carolina General Statute 160A-58.2.

#### Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Petition Pursuant to Article 4A of G.S. 160A Governing Non-Contiguous Annexations

Resolution #2025-01-13-2

WHEREAS, a petition pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 4 requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council has by resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Town Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina that:

- Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at the Granite Quarry Town Hall, Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM or as early thereafter as the agenda progression allows, at the Granite Quarry Town Hall, 143 N. Salisbury Avenue, Granite Quarry, NC 28146.
- Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows: See Attached Map(s) showing the parcels lying outside of the Town Limits (Attachment A) and a description of said parcel(s) (Attachment B).
- Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the Salisbury Post newspaper as required by law.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

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## ATTACHMENT A

Location Map from Rowan County GIS showing parcels 402 062:



#### ATTACHMENT B

Description(s):

Parcel 402 062

BEGINNING at an existing iron rod have coordinates of North: 684,254.18' and East: 1,558,239.63' being on the western line of Rachel Shinn Stone as described in Deed Book 1043, Page 292 recorded in the Rowan County Register of Deeds; thence from said point of beginning and running with the western line of Rachel Shinn Stone South 33°58'34" East a distance of 287.12' to an existing iron rod being on the northern line of Brian Corbin as described in Deed Book 1217, Page 671; thence with the northern line of Brian Corbin North 86°30'58" West a distance of 122.12' to an existing stone being the northeastern corner of Michael Hartness as described in Deed Book 845, Page 261; thence with the line of Michael Hartness the following two (2) courses and distances: 1) North 86°57'42" West a distance of 91.14' to an existing iron rod; 2) North 72°50'02" West a total distance of 181.16' (passing an iron online at 37.79' and a concrete monument at 139.12') to an existing iron rod; being in the centerline of Old Concord Road; thence with the centerline of Old Concord Road the following two (2) courses and distances: 1) North 44°54'19" East a distance of 198.68' to a point; 2) North 46°52'36" East a distance of 89.55' to a point; thence turning South 33°58'34" East a distance of 35.64' to the POINT OF BEGINNING, having an area of 50,624 square feet, or 1.1622 acres of land as shown on a survey prepared by Cornerstone Professional Land Surveying, PLLC dated October 28, 2024 (Job Number 2024-337).

# Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate an Annexation Petition Pursuant to Article 4A of G.S. 160A Governing Non-Contiguous Annexations

Resolution #RES-2025-01-13-3

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 by the Town of Granite Quarry; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 4 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina before further annexation proceedings regarding the petition can take place; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina deems it advisable to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-58.2;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina that:

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition under N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 4 and to certify as soon as possible to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry the result of the investigation.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

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## TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

#### Certification of Sufficiency of Petition of Non-Contiguous Annexation

Date: January 13, 2025

To the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina:

I, Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the request for voluntary annexation by the owners of real property located at:

260 Tingle Drive, Salisbury, North Carolina (Rowan County Parcel ID 402C017) has been investigated for sufficiency for voluntary annexation.

The result of the investigation of this petition has been found to be sufficient under North Carolina General Statute 160A-58.2.

#### Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Petition Pursuant to Article 4A of G.S. 160A Governing Non-Contiguous Annexations

Resolution #2025-01-13-4

WHEREAS, a petition pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 4 requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council has by resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Town Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina that:

- Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at the Granite Quarry Town Hall, Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM or as early thereafter as the agenda progression allows, at the Granite Quarry Town Hall, 143 N. Salisbury Avenue, Granite Quarry, NC 28146.
- Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

  See Attached Map(s) showing the parcels lying outside of the Town
  Limits (Attachment A) and a description of said parcel(s)

  (Attachment B).
- Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in both the Salisbury Post newspaper as required by law.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

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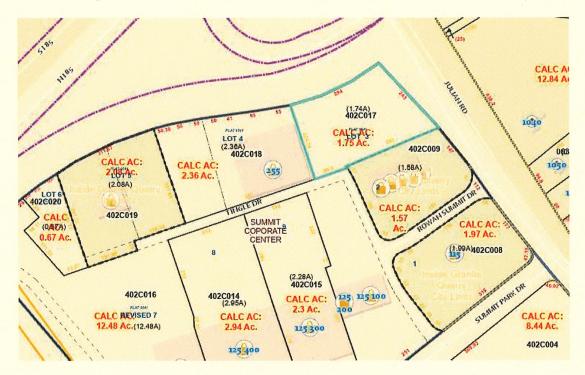
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#### ATTACHMENT A

Location Map from Rowan County GIS showing parcels 402C017:



#### ATTACHMENT B

Description(s):

#### Parcel 402C017

Beginning at a r/w disc found at the intersection of the southern right-of-way of Interstate 85 and the western right-of-way Julian Rd.; thence with said right-of-way of Julian Rd. S 43°16′06" E a distance of 244.01' to a point; thence S 38°49′05" E a distance of 10.65' to a point; thence leaving said right-of-way S 67°24′45" W a distance of 290.93' to a point; thence with a curve turning to the right with an arc length of 5.21', with a radius of 287.24', with a chord bearing of S 33°27′29" E, with a chord length of 5.21' to a point; thence S 71°22′32" W a distance of 99.90' to a point; thence N 18°35′51" W a distance of 224.74' to a point along the southern right-of-way of Interstate 85; thence with said right-of-way along a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 287.27', with a radius of 672.96', with a chord bearing of N 64°53'36" E, with a chord length of 285.09' to a r/w disc found, said disc being The Point of Beginning.

Said parcel being Lot 3 (PB. 9995, PG. 9541) and having an area of 75914.78 square feet, 1.743 acres.

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#### **RESOLUTION 2025-01**

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF NCDOT "WELCOME TO" AND SLOGAN SIGNS FOR THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to promoting its identity, enhancing its community spirit, and welcoming visitors to the Town; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) offers municipalities the opportunity to install "Welcome To" signs that highlight the town's identity and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granite Quarry recognizes the importance of public signage in promoting civic pride, improving the town's visibility, enhancing tourism, attracting new businesses, and fostering a positive image for residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council seeks to implement the installation of "Welcome To" signs at key entry points to the Town, incorporating a slogan that reflects the town's unique qualities and values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to work with NCDOT to ensure the design, placement, and installation of the signs comply with NCDOT guidelines and standards for such signage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to providing the necessary funding for the installation and maintenance of these signs, ensuring they remain in good condition for years to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry that:

- 1. The Town of Granite Quarry hereby authorizes the installation of NCDOT "Welcome To" signs at designated entry points to the Town, including the slogan "Welcome to Granite Quarry" and slogan sign "Home of East Rowan Mustangs 1995, 2010,2024 3A Men's Baseball Champions"
- **2.** The Town Manager or their designee is authorized to submit the necessary application to NCDOT for the design, approval, and installation of the "Welcome To" and slogan signs.
- **3.** The Town Council approves funding for the installation and maintenance of the signs as necessary, in accordance with NCDOT requirements.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON THIS THE  $\frac{3}{100}$  DAY OF  $\frac{3}{100}$ , 2025.

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Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor



Aaron Church, County Manager Sarah Pack, Clerk to the Board John W. Dees, II, County Attorney

#### Rowan County Board of Commissioners

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# A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTALLATION OF NCDOT "WELCOME TO" AND SLOGAN SIGNS FOR THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY

WHEREAS, Rowan County is supportive of townships and municipalities using public signage in promoting civic pride, improving the town's visibility, enhancing tourism, attracting new businesses, and fostering a positive image for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to promoting its identity, enhancing its community spirit, and welcoming visitors to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) offers municipalities the opportunity to install "Welcome To" signs that highlight the town's identity and character; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council seeks to implement the installation of "Welcome To" signs at key entry points to the Town, incorporating a slogan that reflects the town's unique qualities and values; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to work with NCDOT to ensure the design, placement, and installation of the signs comply with NCDOT guidelines and standards for such signage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to providing the necessary funding for the installation and maintenance of these signs, ensuring they remain in good condition for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners supports the installation of NCDOT "Welcome To" signs at designated entry points to the Town of Granite Quarry, including the slogan "Welcome to Granite Quarry" and slogan sign "Home of East Rowan Mustangs 1995, 2010, 2024 3A Men's Baseball Champions."

This the 6th day of January 2025.

ATTEST

Sarah Pack, Clerk to the Board

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Gregory C. Edds, Chairman

Equal Opportunity Employer

# FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #5

Jan 13, 2025

**PURPOSE:** To increase Governing Body – Insurance & Bonds (01-4110-45) by increasing Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) in the amount of \$10,000 to allow up to the maximum deductible of an open liability insurance claim.

#### General Fund – Fund 01

#### Revenues:

GL Acct#	Account Description	Increase (Decrease):
01-3991-99	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 10,000
	Total Increase/Decrease:	\$ 10,000

#### **Expenses:**

GL Acct#	Account Description	Increase (Decrease):
01-4110-45	Governing Body – Insurance & Bonds	\$ 10,000
,	Total Increase/Decrease:	\$ 10,000

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

# Proclamation

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY January 20, 2025

"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

Whereas:

the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was one of peace, opportunity, and harmony. His message of nonviolence, optimism, and service continues to resonate today as we strive to reflect our highest ideals of fairness and equality in opportunity; and,

Whereas:

Dr. King's legacy remains a message of enduring truth, reminding us that life's most urgent and persistent question is "What are you doing for others?" We must continue to pursue freedom, opportunity, and peace and embrace the history, culture, religion, and ability of all people as an essential part of our American identity; and,

Whereas:

as we gather on this day to commemorate the life and legacy of this extraordinary man, let us remember his words that call us to action in the fight against injustice and inequality. Let us pledge to use our lives, as he did, to make a difference in the world.

Therefore:

in special recognition of the accomplishments and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I, Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor of Granite Quarry, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2025, as

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of Dr. King's work in the history of our nation and in the conscience of our people.

In Witness

Whereof:

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Granite Quarry on this the 1β<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Attest