



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

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council Member Rich Luhrs

Not Present: Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton

Staff: Town Manager/Fire Chief Jason Hord; Town Clerk Aubrey Smith; Town Attorney Zachary Moretz; Police Chief Todd Taylor; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Fire Captain Sean Dunham; Fire Engineer Matthew Quales; Firefighter Timothy Flanagan; Firefighter Spencer Best

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 Mack made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Strategic Planning Meeting September 4, 2025
- 2) Regular Meeting September 8, 2025

B. Departmental Reports

C. Financial Reports

D. 2026 Town Council Regular Meeting and Office Holiday Closing Schedule

E. 2026 Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting Schedule

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager's report in the agenda packet including that there had been discussion with SRU regarding the Highway 52 project; a revised design should be available very soon. The newest batch of wayfinding signs should be installed this week. He thanked Council Member Luhrs and Public Works Assistant Director Josh Whitley for manning the Town booth at the German Fest. The Ames Construction building at 3000 Old Concord Road is nearing completion of the

outer shell. Preparations for Granite Fest are underway for the concert and food trucks on Friday night and the main event on Saturday.

Manager Hord stated that a new Office Assistant, Brittany Rose, had been hired and was a welcome addition to the admin team. He recognized the Fire Department's C-Shift including newly promoted Engineer Quales and newly promoted full-time Firefighter Timothy Flanagan. Firefighter Flanagan was a part-time firefighter with the department. Manager Hord also recognized part-time Firefighter Spencer Best who recently joined the department after earning his EMT certification.

Manager Hord stated that members of the Events Committee have formed an outside committee to plan celebrations for Granite Quarry's 125th anniversary next year. They are interested in collecting historical information on the town.

Old Business

None

New Business

5. Budget Amendment

FY25-26 #2 Granite Fest

Staff requested to move funds from one line to another to cover overages and unexpected costs for Granite Fest.

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY25-26 #2 as presented. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

6. Budget Amendment

FY25-26 #3 FEMA Funds- Florence

Staff submitted a request for reimbursement to the NC Division of Emergency Management for labor and costs associated with the disaster recovery of Hurricane Florence. The Town was granted a reimbursement of \$44,926.00.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY25-26 #3 as presented. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

7. Budget Amendment

FY25-26 #4 Centennial Park Project

At the Strategic Planning meeting on 9/4/2025, the Council directed staff to negotiate a contract for the design of the Centennial Park Trails.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY25-26 #4 as presented. Council Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Discussion and Possible Decision

Chamber Gala Sponsorship

The Council discussed the opportunity to sponsor the Chamber's 100th anniversary gala and who may want to attend. There was consensus to revisit the item at the next regular meeting.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to table the item until next month. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

9. Discussion and Possible Decision

Non-Profit Sponsorship – GQES PTA

The Council discussed the request for funding from Granite Quarry Elementary School's PTA to provide meals for 30 low-income families to mitigate food insecurity during the holidays. Manager Hord shared that The Blessing Basket, another local organization, has pledged to give \$500 towards the requested \$1,500.

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve the sponsorship request from Granite Quarry Elementary School PTA for the amount of \$1,000. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

10. Proclamations

A. Breast Cancer Awareness

October

B. Veterans Day

November 11, 2025

Mayor Barnhardt recognized the proclamations for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Veterans Day.

11. Council Comments

- Mayor Barnhardt reminded the Council that a strategic planning session to discuss town hall upgrades has been planned for November 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

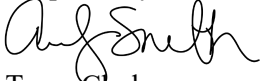
12. Announcements and Date Reminders

A. Thursday	October 16	7:30 a.m.	Power in Partnership Breakfast
B. Friday	October 17	7:00 p.m.	Granite Fest Concert
C. Saturday	October 18	1:00 p.m.	Granite Fest
D. Wednesday	October 22	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
E. Friday	October 24	11:00 a.m.	GQ Auxiliary BBQ Fundraiser
F. Thursday	October 30	6:00 p.m.	RMA Dinner
G. Friday	October 31	5:00 p.m.	FD Trunk or Treat
H. Monday	November 3	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
I. Monday	November 3	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
J. Tuesday	November 4	6:30 a.m.	Election Day
K. Monday	November 10	5:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Session

Adjournment

ACTION: Council Member Mack made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk



2026 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule

(Regular Meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

January 12	Monday
February 9	Monday
March 9	Monday
April 13	Monday
May 11	Monday
June 8	Monday
July 13	Monday
August 10	Monday
September 14	Monday
October 12	Monday
November 9	Monday
December 14	Monday

2026 Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Observance Date	Day of the Week
New Year's Day	January 1, 2026	Thursday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 19	Monday
Good Friday	April 3	Friday
Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Independence Day	July 3	Friday
Labor Day	September 7	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11	Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24, 25 & 28	Thur., Fri., & Monday



2026 Planning Board & Board of Adjustment

Regular Meeting Schedule

(Regular Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month. The Planning Board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Board of Adjustment meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. If the first Monday falls on a holiday, the Planning Board will meet the following Tuesday)

January 5	Monday
February 2	Monday
March 2	Monday
April 6	Monday
May 4	Monday
June 1	Monday
July 6	Monday
August 3	Monday
September 8	<i>Tuesday</i>
October 5	Monday
November 2	Monday
December 7	Monday

Town of Granite Quarry

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #2

Oct 13, 2025

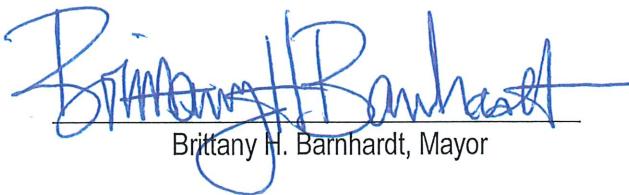
PURPOSE: To increase Granite Fest Event – Entertainment & Contracts (01-6121-44) by decreasing Additional Events – Advertising (01-6124-37) in the amount of \$2,700 for Granite Fest 2025 entertainment.

General Fund – Fund 01

Expenses:

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-6121-44	Granite Fest Event – Entertainment & Contracts	\$ 2,700.
01-6124-37	Additional Events - Advertising	(\$ 2,700)
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 0

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 10/13/25.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor


Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

**FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #3**

Oct 13, 2025

PURPOSE: To acknowledge receipt of funds from FEMA for Hurricane Florence mitigation by increasing FEMA Funds (01-3493-26) and decreasing Fund Balance Appropriated (01-391-99) by \$44,926.00.

General Fund – Fund 01

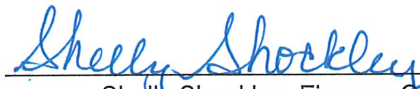
Expenses:

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-3493-26	FEMA Funds	\$ 44,926.
01-3991-99	Fund Balance Appropriated	(\$ 44,926)
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 0

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 10/13/25.



Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor



Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

**FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #4**

Oct 13, 2025

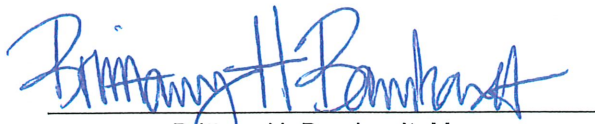
PURPOSE: To increase Parks – Maintenance& Repair - Buildings and Grounds (01-6130-24) and decrease General Fund Contingency (01-9910-97) by \$20,000 for the Centennial Park trail designs.

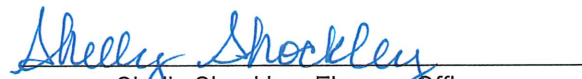
General Fund – Fund 01

Expenses:

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-6130-24	Parks – Maint & Repair - Bldg/Grounds	\$ 20,000.
01-9910-97	Contingency & Transfers – General Fund Contingency	(\$ 20,000)
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 0

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 10/13/25.


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor


Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

Office of the Mayor:



Proclamation

WHEREAS, breast cancer affects millions of individuals and families across the globe, highlighting the urgent need for awareness, education, and support; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the American Cancer Society estimated that approximately 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, early detection and treatment are vital in improving survival rates and outcomes for those affected by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, communities, organizations, and advocates work tirelessly to raise awareness, fund research, and provide resources for patients and survivors; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we as a community support breast cancer research and to educate everyone about detection, risk factors, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, we as a community support those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to the disease; and

WHEREAS, this October, we recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are a source of love and encouragement; and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals working hard to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

"BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina and encourage residents to participate in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer, and to wear pink ribbons in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and those who are now bravely fighting this disease.

Proclaimed this the 13th day of October 2025.



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brittany H. Barnhardt".

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Aubrey Smith".

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

Office of the Mayor:



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry's Town Council pays tribute on this day to the dedicated veterans who have served this great nation with such distinction, both in peace time and in war; and

WHEREAS, our community has a continuing sense of gratitude to those who have given so much in the defense of the freedoms which we all continue to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Americans have an abiding faith in the ideals and strengths on which our great nation was founded, in our democratic process, and in the men and women of the armed forces who have served our country so well; and

WHEREAS, in honor of these dedicated men and women, we pledge our continued defense of our nation so that their sacrifice will stand before the entire world as a tribute to the spirit and determination of a people dedicated to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, on this patriotic occasion, let us all commit ourselves to the great need of fostering a spirit of rededication to the ideals that have served as the foundation of this great country – "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 11, 2025, as

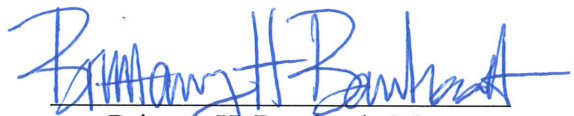
"HONOR OUR VETERANS DAY"

in the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina and encourage all our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our liberties under the Constitution.

Proclaimed this the 13th day of October 2025.



ATTEST:


Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk