



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

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

Not Present: Council Member Laurie Mack

Staff: Town Manager/Fire Chief Jason Hord; Town Clerk Aubrey Smith; Finance Director Shelly Shockley; Police Chief Todd Taylor; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe

Call to Order: Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. Strategic Planning Discussions Town Hall Upgrades

Manager Hord reviewed background information on building improvement discussions that had taken place since 2016 and shared that the façade upgrade project was completed in 2020 for \$387,115.53. He stated there had been space needs assessments completed that resulted in renovation plans. He shared one option would be to proceed with a full renovation of town hall based on the last space needs assessment from 2021. It would be the quickest option since the project is “shovel-ready” but would limit growth opportunities.

Manager Hord shared an option that would allow for more growth would be to move the Public Works department into a new building alongside the existing leaf and limb storage at the Mar Rock Drive property, also known as the Quarry site. This would accomplish the goal of getting all of Public Works in one location. Currently equipment is stored at town hall, the Lake Park, the Byrd property, and at the Quarry site. One challenge of the Quarry site is that there is no existing water or sewer.

After moving Public Works, a new needs assessment could be conducted for town hall and the Police Department could be expanded. The vacated shop space would allow for interior construction of two floors to meet the PD’s needs.

Council members shared their personal thoughts and priorities.

Shared Priorities

- Keep town hall in the central downtown area.
- Keep the public safety departments together (with the option to have satellite facilities in the future).
- Need for increased space for the Police Department with a separate entrance and more security.

- More security (better fence and more cameras) at the Quarry site.
- Additional parking at town hall.

Mayor Barnhardt cautioned that building at the Quarry site could keep it from becoming a park in the future. She shared that there is a large parcel owned by the City of Salisbury behind the existing Quarry site. She also suggested that the shop could be turned into community space for a larger meeting area with upgraded technology and ADA accessible restrooms.

Mr. Flowe was recognized by Mayor Barnhardt and shared that from a practical standpoint using the Quarry site for Public Works would eliminate architectural standards since there is already an existing buffer. He stated that the Faith Road property is in a flood plain which would present obstacles and the Byrd Road property would have façade requirements for a new build as a highly visible site.

The Council requested that Manager Hord look at the feasibility of putting up a new building for Public Works at the Byrd Road property, the Faith Road property, and the Quarry site and present the pros and cons of each location. Manager Hord will bring an agreement for a new space needs assessment to the Council's December meeting for review. The new space needs assessment will account for Public Works being removed from town hall.

The next strategic planning meeting will be held in January. The date will be set at the Council's meeting in December.

Adjourn

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk