



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 6, 2020**

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

**Staff:** Interim Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Planner Steve Blount, Town Attorney Chip Short, Interim Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Planning Coordinator Holly-Anne Franco, Fire Chief/Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hord, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley

**Guests:** John Frye of North Carolina Capital Management Trust, Granite Quarry Fire Department Auxiliary Vice-President Brittany Barnhardt

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

**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:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item 9A – Village at Granite Street Signs. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of the Minutes**

- 1) Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019
- 2) Special Called Meeting Minutes December 11, 2019

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

**C. Financial Reports**

**D. Planning Board Membership Appointment Amendment**

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

### 3. Citizen Comments:

- Brittany Barnhardt, 306 Meadow Wood Court – spoke regarding the town manager hiring process.
- Jim LaFevers, 424 De Lara Circle – spoke regarding the speed limits in Granite Quarry town limits.

The Board recognized the comments and opened discussion. The Board gave direction to the Interim Manager to conduct research and come back with a recommendation for speed limits within the town. Mayor Feather addressed Ms. Barnhardt regarding the town manager process and informed her meetings were taking place to clarify the job description and move forward.

### 4. Guests and Presentations:

**A. GQFD Auxiliary Fundraiser** GQFD Auxiliary Vice-President Brittany Barnhardt The GQFD Auxiliary plans to hold a port-a-pit fundraiser March 20, 2020 at the Granite Lake Park and have tickets available at the Town Hall with the Board's approval.

Board discussion included whether there may be restrictions in place that would prevent fundraisers in the park.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion that March 20, 2020, when the Fire Department Auxiliary holds their fundraiser, any restrictions in place be waived in this instance for this organization. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### 5. Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan Update

#### A. Presentation by Town Planner

Mr. Blount spoke briefly about the process that took place to update the Comprehensive Plan and the changes that were made.

#### B. Public Hearing

*Mayor Feather opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.*

There were no public comments.

*Mayor Feather closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.*

#### C. Board Discussion and Decision

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt the Town of Granite Quarry's Comprehensive Plan Update as presented with the word "should" replacing the word "shall" in stated policies in the document with the finding that its various recommendations and implementation strategies are reasonable and in the best interest of the public to help guide Town planning efforts. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### 6. Public Hearing Stormwater Management Systems

#### A. Presentation by Town Planner

Mr. Blount described the need for updates to the UDO language to explain who is responsible for various components of the stormwater management system. He explained that the Planning Board had reviewed and recommended the changes.

### **B. Public Hearing**

*Mayor Feather opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.*

There were no public comments.

*Mayor Feather closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.*

### **B. Board Discussion and Decision**

The Board discussion included questions for Mr. Blount regarding the current stormwater management system and clarification of the UDO text amendment's purpose as well as the future of stormwater management systems responsibility. Mayor Feather recommended this topic be added to the Board Retreat agenda for deliberation.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-1 amending text for the stormwater systems section of the Town of Granite Quarry's Unified Development Ordinance and to give the Town Planner direction to continue to work on this issue. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to accept the statement of consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### *Statement of Consistency with Comprehensive Plan*

*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.*

### **7. Town Manager's Update**

Mr. Smith updated the Board on progress of many of the Town's current goals and projects including the closing on the Marple property.

There was Board discussion regarding security and liability for the Marple property and the schedule of fees review with a focus on engineering fees for a specific developer.

### **Old Business**

#### **8. Committee Updates**

**A. Parks, Events and Recreation Committee** Alderman Shelton shared that there was no quorum at the December meeting.

**B. Revitalization Team** Aldermen Costantino stated that the December meeting was canceled by the Chairman.

#### **9. Board Appointments**

On December 16, 2019 Planning Board member Mark Troublefield resigned his position. This seat's term expiration is July 31, 2020. Three applications were submitted to fill the vacant position.

**ACTION:** Alderman Cress made a motion to appoint David Morris to fill the unexpired term of Mark Troublefield on the Planning Board. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**A. Village at Granite Street Signs**

The Board received a request from the developer regarding street signs they wished to place in the development. The developer will be paying for the signs.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the street name signs as presented as long as the signs meet Town standards for sign construction. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board discussion included questions from Alderman Cress regarding whether the block number would be included, whether the signs would be placed in concrete or driven into the ground, and whether there would be vandal-proof hardware. Mr. Blount responded that the block number would be included but the developer hadn't provided information about the installation and hardware.

**10. Ordinance Amendment No. 2020-2 Electronic Gaming**

Mr. Blount addressed the Board regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

The public hearing on this item was held October 7, 2019. Based on Board of Aldermen feedback, the Planning Board recommended that the Table of Uses be amended to show Electronic Gaming Operations as a Conditional Use in the HI zoning classification and keep the restrictions as currently adopted in Section 4.6.4.

**NOTE:** A key sentence in that text says, "...shall be prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of any residential structure." Since the measurement in this language is from structure to structure instead of structure to zoning district, there would be property in the current HI zoned property that could be used for the Electronic Gaming Operation, eliminating any concern that this amendment would effectively zone this use as a legal operation out of business.

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2 amending the Table of Uses to show Electronic Gaming Operations as a Conditional Use in the HI zoning classification and keep the restrictions as currently adopted in Section 4.6.4. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to accept the statement of consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Statement of Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

In voting to recommend the proposed text amendment to the Uniform Development Ordinance, 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.

**11. Budget Amendment Request #4 Police Department Fund Balance**

To transfer funds from Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) to Police Department Capital Outlay - Vehicles (01-4310-54) in the amount of \$16,904. Funds were unexpended in FY 18-19.

**ACTION:** Alderman Cress made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #4 as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**12. Budget Amendment Request #5 Leaf Vacuum Emergency Repair**

To transfer funds from Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) to Maintenance Department – Maint & Repair-Equipment (01-4190-35) in the amount of \$2698.00 for repairs to the Leaf Vac.

**ACTION:** Alderman Costantino made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #5 as presented. Alderman Cress seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**13. Budget Amendment Request #7 Administration – Advertising**

To transfer funds from Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) to Administration – Advertising (01-4120-37) in the amount of \$2,000 for additional Advertising in FY 2019 - 2020.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #7 as presented. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Alderman Cress asked that an advertising budget increase be discussed at the Board Retreat.

**14. Budget Amendment Request #8 Fire Department Surplus Transfer**

To transfer funds from Surplus Items Sold (01-3835-81) to Fire - Supplies & Equipment (01-4340-29) in the amount of \$3,950 to upgrade the Fire Department's Station Alert System and the purchase of a new kitchen table.

**ACTION:** Alderman Cress made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #8 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**15. Budget Amendment Request #9 Byrd Property Plaque**

To transfer funds from Fund Balance Appropriated (01-3991-99) to Administration – Maint & Repair– Bldgs/Grounds (01-4120-24) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the Byrd Property Plaque.

**ACTION:** Alderman Cress made a motion to table Budget Amendment Request #9 for the Byrd Property Plaque until the February meeting. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**16. Presentation and Discussion Investment of Public Funds**

Finance Officer Shelly Shockley and John Frye of North Carolina Capital Management Trust presented options for investment to the Board. There was Board discussion that included questions regarding interest rates, types of investments, and specific variables.

The Board directed that this topic be added to the agenda for the Special Called Meeting to be held January 21, 2020.

**17. Proclamation Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Mayor Feather read the proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**18. Board Comments**

**19. Mayor's Notes – Announcements and Date Reminders**

<b>A.</b>	Wednesday, January 8	6:00 p.m.	CCOG Executive Board Meeting
<b>B.</b>	Monday, January 13	5:00 p.m.	Rowan Chamber Business After Hours
<b>C.</b>	Monday, January 13	5:00 p.m.	Planning Board
<b>D.</b>	Tuesday, January 14	1:00 p.m.	Revitalization Team
<b>E.</b>	Thursday, January 16	7:30 a.m.	Rowan Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
<b>F.</b>	Friday, January 17	1:00 p.m.	VA MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration
<b>G.</b>	Monday, January 20		Town Offices Closed: MLK, Jr. Day
<b>H.</b>	Tuesday, January 21	5:00 p.m.	Parks, Events, and Recreation Committee
<b>I.</b>	Tuesday, January 21	5:30 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
<b>J.</b>	Wednesday, January 22	5:30 p.m.	Cabarrus-Rowan County MPO Meeting

**20. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aubrey Smith*

Interim Town Clerk