



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PLANNING RETREAT MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, February 25, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Staff:** Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Aubrey Smith, Police Chief Mark Cook, Fire Chief / Public Works Director Jason Hord, Finance Officer Shelly Shockley

**Call to Order:** Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1. Welcome Remarks & Meeting Objectives**

Mayor Barnhardt and Manager Smith welcomed everyone and made opening remarks. Facilitators Geraldine Gardner and Nina Barrett from Centralina reviewed meeting objectives and a handout on ground rules. The Board then engaged in an icebreaker by conducting interviews with one another.

**2. Granite Quarry Outlook Mini Briefings**

**A. Operations and Finance Overview**

Manager Smith provided the Board with highlights on items that may affect the Town in the future. The items included:

- a. the pay class study currently happening at the county level,
- b. future planning for police department retirements in the next few years and the associated separation allowances,
- c. the 5 to 10-year plan that would create two positions for the position now held by Chief Hord,
- d. ARPA,
- e. the opportunity presented by building relationships with the county and representatives, and
- f. the Parks & Rec recommendation for a Friends of the Park.

Finance Officer Shelly Shockley shared from her PowerPoint presentation on revenues forecast and the recommendation to use ARPA funds as a standard allowance for general government services with reduced reporting requirements. Finance Officer Shockley will prepare two scenarios for the next session that explain the recommendation.

**B. Planning & Development Overview Presentation**

Manager Smith shared from his PowerPoint presentation on planning and development in Granite Quarry. The presentation highlighted areas of development interest and infill development. Items that may need to be reviewed in the near future are the comprehensive land use plan and PUD requirements.

**C. County Economic Outlook**

Rowan EDC President Rod Crider presented a PowerPoint on the EDC's current strategies for targeted growth, talent attraction, brand identity & storytelling, and high-performance service delivery. Rowan EDC Vice-President Scott Shelton updated the Board on recent activity and interest in the Granite Industrial Park.

*The Board recessed for a break from 10:54 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.*

**3. Teamwork and Collaboration for Decision Makers**

Ms. Gardner led the group on an exercise for strategic planning in the local government context.

**A. Vision**

Vision inspiration for Granite Quarry will be existing plans, Board vision & priorities, and development in the Town and County. Pre-retreat interviews identified the vision for Granite Quarry as having the following components:

- a. Manage, increase, and control growth;
- b. Attract people to the town;
- c. Expand communities;
- d. Use Downtown Master Plan, Bike & Pedestrian Plan, and Parks & Recreation Plan;
- e. Expand Granite Industrial Park;
- f. Implement community amenities.

**B. Mission**

The group discussed teamwork, collaboration, and communication.

**C. Values**

The group had a discussion on values and what each person needed to be successful in their role.

**4. Next Steps**

The Board discussed the questions they would like addressed at the breakout session for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

**Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aubrey Smith*

Town Clerk