



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PLANNING RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 24, 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 Clerk Aubrey Smith, Police Chief Mark Cook, Fire Chief / Public Works Director Jason Hord

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

1. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Review and Agreement on Ground Rules for the Day

ACTION: Alderman Shelton made a motion to approve (*the ground rules for the day*). Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Review and Agreement on Objectives for the Day

There was discussion regarding adhering to the agenda for the day.

4. Session 2 follow up: Vision Statement Review & Adoption

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Linker made a motion to adopt the second option as the vision statement moving forward (*Solid as the rock on which it was founded, Granite Quarry will be a growing, connected and family-friendly town that provides a high quality of life for all*). Alderman Costantino seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Session 2 follow up: Recommended Next Steps

A. Core Values

After discussion and review of the provided examples, there was consensus to move forward with the amended version of Example C with the addition of “Have Fun!” under Demonstrate Enthusiastic Engagement.

B. Communication Guidelines

The Board was provided with handouts showing several examples of communication guidelines. They will take home and review before providing feedback.

6. Board Goals Discussion

The Board discussion on goals included the review of the Strategic Plan example that was handed out. Mayor Barnhardt suggested adding the industrial park expansion as a strategy under Economic Development.

7. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Board discussed the presented Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the different opportunities for improvement to existing parks and future projects that were included in the Plan. Manager Smith stated that the first step after adopting the plan would be to determine who would administer it, and then possibly begin development of a 501(c)(3) and/or to identify an economic champion. Board members expressed a desire to see the Plan advertised to the community using visuals and brochures and by setting up a large tent at Granite Fest that would have members of the Board available to answer questions.

The Board recessed for a break from 10:16 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

A. Adoption of Plan

There was Board consensus to add adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the next regular meeting agenda.

The Board recessed for a break from 11:34 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

8. ARPA Fund Discussion

Board members discussed projects they would like to see accomplished and whether they would be allowed. Categories of interest included parks & community buildings, water/sewer opportunities for expansion, broadband, roads & sidewalks, and stormwater (if it included water quality components).

9. Board Comments

- Manager Smith shared that Chief Cook received a notification that the 2022 pricing for a Ford Interceptor would end tomorrow. The state-contracted 2022 price is currently \$48,300. Last year's unspent funds equaled \$65,603. The order can be placed now and then canceled on a future date if the Board decides the purchase is unnecessary during the budget preparation process.

ACTION: Alderman Cress made a motion to go ahead and put in the order for one police vehicle at the state-contracted price. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- The Board discussed properties to visit at the next retreat session. Properties will include the Legion Building, the limb & leaf storage site, and the Byrd property.
- The Board discussed a date for the first Budget Workshop. It will be held before the next regular meeting on Monday, April 11 at 5pm.

Adjourn

ACTION: Alderman Costantino made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith

Town Clerk