



Town of Stem

February 22, 2022
Regular Town Meeting Minutes

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Casey Dover, Mayor	919-656-4062	Susan Cope, Mayor Pro	919-721-3876
Frank Shelton, III Commissioner	919-529-4506	Kenneth McLamb, Commissioner	919-528-6459
Kevin Easter, Commissioner	919-810-5841	David Pavlus, Commissioner	919-964-9175
Vicki Garrett, Town Clerk	919-691-2369	Robert Hornik, Town Attorney	

TOWN MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Casey Dover, Mayor Pro Susan Cope, Commissioners Kenneth McLamb, Kevin Easter, Dave Pavlus, & Town Clerk, Vicki Garrett, Mike Conti, Zoning Administrator, Robert Hornik, Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Ricky Garrett, John Gooch & Mike Conti

MEETING ORGANIZATION

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Casey Dover
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Invocation – Reverend John Gooch

AGENDA CHANGES

- Close tank on old Locklear property- A motion was made to accept the agenda changes by Commissioner Easter & 2nd by Commissioner McLamb.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayor Pro Cope to accept the consent agenda as is, 2nd by Commissioner McLamb, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

GUEST SPEAKERS

- John Gooch-Park will be closed for 24 hours for maintenance. Mr. Gooch also wanted to know if he needed to clean up around the Village Sign. Mr. Gooch needs somewhere to store a pallet of mulch for the park. Commissioner Pavlus wondered about the storage container behind town hall, Mayor Pro Cope said it just needed to be cleaned out.

MAYOR REPORT

- The Chamber is doing a rebranding. The Chamber banquet is March 28th at 6:00pm at the VGCC Civic Center. There is a lot of talk about a fire tax. It was suggested to have the fire marshal come speak at the next meeting.

MAYOR PRO REPORT

- The volunteer letter has been finalized and will be mailed out soon, but it is up on social media. There have also been complaints about the trash along the side of the road.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY

Commissioner Susan Cope: Website & Events Committee

- Events Committee- Easter Egg hunt is April 16th at the open lot in the middle of Town.
- Website- Mayor Pro is sorry for not getting to the website, she has had technical difficulties.

Commissioner Frank Shelton III: Streets/Signs & Planning Board

- Streets & Signs- The new speed limit signs for the neighborhoods will be going up soon. Still looking for contractors to fix Franklin Street.
- Improvement Committee-Still talking about the building next door.

Commissioner Kevin Easter: Kerr Tar, Granville Greenways Advisory Committee, Animal Control

- Kerr Tar- The last meeting was January 27th.
- Animal Control – Nothing new.

Commissioner Kenneth McLamb: SGWASA, Fire Dept. Liaison

- Stem Fire Dept. – Last meeting was Feb. 7, \$6581.42 has been raised with the letter fundraiser, 25 Boston Butts have been sold and tickets are being sold for \$25.00/ticket, town banners & flags are needed, truck radios have been changed out and April 9th is the boot drive.
- SGWASA- Meeting was Feb 8th. The water plant is 96% completed. Commissioner McLamb stated he would vote no for any rate changes.

Commissioner Dave Pavlus: Parks & Improvement Committee, Gran. Co Parks & Rec., Cemetery Committee, Granville Greenways Committee

- Cemetery Committee – Nothing new to report
- Granville Co Parks & Recreation Committee – Their big thing right now is the mini grants. See attached info for the grant applied for.
- Granville Greenways Committee- Next meeting is in March.
- Stem Park- Filled out an application for a grant for new equipment for the smaller kids. Will get the porta potty in for March.

ZONING & STORMWATER REPORT

Mike Conti- Planning Board did not meet in February.

The following is on the IAIA:

Allowable allocation of funding includes

Self-funded projects

Interlocal agreements

Funding existing local organizations

Development of a special project

List of eligible practices

- Stormwater control measures (State-approved SCMs)
- Green infrastructure and other best management practices (BMPs)
- Stream and riparian buffer restoration and enhancement
- Programmatic measures
- Infrastructure improvements
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Land conservation
- Floodplain restoration and reconnection
- Projects in greenways and parks with water quality and quantity benefits
- Projects and activities that focus on flooding that have an associated water quality benefit
- Operation and maintenance costs associated with preserving long-term functionality of practices implemented under the IAIA
- Administrative costs associated with the participation in the IAIA
- Allow user specified project type or other activity approved by DWR

Both SGWASA and TRLC are existing local organizations that we can fund to meet our obligation, as long as the funds are associated with eligible projects. SGWASA obviously has many costly infrastructure improvements, and per the discussion today nearly all of the SGWASA improvements will qualify because they either improve sewage outflow or improve pipeline exfiltration, both of which will reduce nutrient quantities in Falls Lake. For TRLC we could potentially work with them to identify conservation opportunities, which will be an allowable use of funds for the IAIA because it is targeted at existing development. Currently land conservation is not an approved offset for new development, a distinction I can elaborate on if need be. Our estimated cost per year is \$11,065.00.

POLICE REPORT

- Mike Beal- Assisted the county on a call and assisted Butner PD, called out to Granville Central HS twice.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tank removal-See Attached A motion was made to move forward with the closing of the underground tank by Commissioner McLamb & 2nd by Commissioner Shelton, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Banners & Flags-Flags have been ordered, and Commissioner Easter will be ordering 10 new banners.
- Upgrade iPads-The mayor will get a price on this and bring back to the board.
- 2022-2023 Budget-This is part of the volunteers.
- There will be a March work session on the 7th at 6:30.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner McLamb and 2nd by Commissioner Easter, passed unanimously.

Clerk Signature / Date

Mayor Signature / Date

Town Seal

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE:

March 21, 2022 at 7:00PM

Recording of this meeting is available for \$5.00. Please contact the town clerk.