



# Town of Stem

February 21, 2023  
Regular Town Meeting Minutes

## TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Casey Dover, Mayor	919-656-4062	Susan Cope, Mayor Pro	919-721-3876
Lonnie Cole, Sr Commissioner	919-939-6382	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 Pro Susan Cope, Commissioners, Kevin Easter, Dave Pavlus, Lonnie Cole, Sr. & Town Clerk, Vicki Garrett, Mike Conti, Zoning Administrator, Mike Beal, Police Chief

## MEETING ORGANIZATION

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Dover
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Invocation – Commissioner Easter

## AGENDA CHANGES

- Gooch Property & Slab removal
- Granville Historical Society
- A motion was made to approve these changes by Commissioner Easter & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Pavlus, passed unanimously. These will be discussed under new business.

## CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- Will be at business meeting in March

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Nancy Johnson-spoke about cell phone coverage. (Also, under new business)

## GUEST SPEAKERS

- John Gooch- The Town of Stem will be the host for the Human Relations Meeting in the month of June at the Granville Co. Expo Center.

## MAYOR REPORT

- Thanks for everyone coming to the Granville Co. Commissioners retreat. Met Saturday with the fire department going over the contract.

## MAYOR PRO REPORT

- Ran the meeting on the ETJ. All so attended the Project Uplift meeting at the expo center. See attached flyers. Also attended the Gran. Co. Chamber Women in Business luncheon, speaker was from Clayton homes, also attended Granville Co Education Day at Gran. Central High School.

## COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY

### Commissioner Susan Cope: Website & Events Committee

- Events Committee- Nothing
- Website- Haven't worked on the website.

### Commissioner Lonnie Cole Sr.: Streets/Signs & Planning Board

- Streets & Signs – Old 75 & Main Street signs are back up. Carriage Hill & Gallop Court stop sign is up. Several areas in Mangum Farms need patching.

Mayor  Clerk 

- Improvement Committee-Nothing
- Planning Board- Meeting was canceled due to not having a quorum.

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

- Kerr Tar- Meeting was Jan. 26, was unable to attend due to being out of town. Next meeting is March 23, 2023.
- Animal Control – Next meeting is March 7, 2023 at the Expo-Center.
- Improvements- Demolition began February 21, 2023 by D.H. Griffin on 100 Sunset Street and expected to be completed by Friday. There was also an addendum to the proposal, to remove the concrete slab on the David Gooch Property. See Attached Proposal, also see pre-closing agreement between David Gooch & the Town attached. Right now with the budget we are at \$16940.00, for asbestos removal, 4500.00 had been set aside for that but it was an additional 3000.00, so with the slab removal, total budget will be 28940.00. A motion for an additional \$7500.00 be added to the budget by Mayor Pro Cope to come from general funds and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Pavlus, passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Kenneth McLamb: SGWASA, Fire Dept. Liaison**

- Stem Fire Dept- Commissioner McLamb not present
- SGWASA- Commissioner McLamb not present.

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

- Cemetery Committee – Nothing new.
- Granville Co Parks & Recreation Committee – Cancelled meeting for tonight.
- Granville Greenways Committee – Should be having a meeting in April.
- Stem Park- Work has halted at the park due to the weather, Commissioner Pavlus projects May as to being finished.

**ZONING & STORMWATER REPORT**

- Mike Conti -Ken Krulik has planned another information meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> at the fire department at 7:00pm. There was not a quorum for the planning board meeting. Mike has exchanged a couple of emails with Ms. Willoughby, she has until March 15<sup>th</sup> to appeal for the new building being built.

**POLICE REPORT**

- Assisted Butner, car door was left open in the area, assisted the county on several calls, a vehicle was stuck on the Willoughby property, assisted Granville EMS several times.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- Cell phone tower & Coverage-Town has little power with the cell phone companies.
- Gooch Property-A motion was made to purchase the David Gooch Property behind the Town hall for \$180,000.00 plus closing costs by Commissioner Pavlus & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro Cope, it passed unanimously. See Attached Resolution.
- Granville Co. Historical Society (Old Hearse)-The Society is looking for somewhere that is climate controlled to store the old hearse.

**A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Easter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Pavlus passed unanimously.**

*Vicki C. Bennett 3/20/23*

*[Signature]*



**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE:  
March 20, 2023 at 7:00PM**

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

Mayor *[Signature]* Clerk *V6*