

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 15, 2005**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Velma C. Burnley presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Lynne Mason, Bunk Spann and Dempsey Wilcox. Staff members present were Town Manager Greg Young; Town Clerk Freida Van Allen and Public Services Director Blake Brown.

Mr. Brian Tripp of W.K. Dickson, Engineers for the Howard Street project, provided a power point presentation (**on file with permanent Council packet**) showing the final preliminary design. Mr. Tripp summarized the scope of the project and said Council chose Concept #4, which is a one-way and two-way traffic pattern. Mr. Ed Cyscon, Landscape Architect with W.K. Dickson, said that the one-way portion of Howard Street will have a fifteen-foot wide traffic lane and the two-way portion will have an eleven-foot wide traffic lane. Mr. Cyscon also pointed out that Howard Street will have thirty-nine on-street parking spaces, six-foot sidewalks and thirty-three street trees, along with raised cross-walks that will also act as speed bumps. The audience discussed at length with the engineers the options on the styles of lighting and sidewalks. Council member Spann suggested the "old town" theme be utilized. Mr. Tripp said once Council decides whether or not right-of-way is to be purchased he should have an updated cost estimate at the December Council meeting. The meeting ended with the audience agreeing that improvements should be more rustic and less maintenance than what was proposed.

Town Clerk

Mayor