

**SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

Boone Town Council: Lynne Mason-Mayor Pro-Tem, Janet Pepin, Stephen Phillips, and Rennie Brantz

Boone Area Planning Commission: Chairperson Bunk Spann, Vice-Chairperson Mary Ruth McRae, Shawna Rhyne, Caroline Poteat, Eric Woolridge, Donald Dotson, and Elif Karsi

Planning Staff: Jim Byrne-Interim Planning Director, Jane Shook-Planner, David Graham-Development Coordinator, and Brenda Henson-Administrative Support Specialist

Others: Greg Young-Town Manager and Sam Furgiuele-Town Attorney

Mayor Pro-Tem Mason opened the Special Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. and stated that Mayor Clawson would be unable to attend the hearing.

ARTICLE 18 SIGNS – GOVERNMENT EXEMPTIONS – TEXT AMENDMENT

Jane Shook, Town Planner, presented the case as outlined in the meeting packet. Ms. Shook explained that Hardin Park School had approached the Town with a request for a new sign, and it was initially unclear whether or not the sign for the school qualified as a government sign. Based upon the current definition of government sign, the Watauga County Board of Education (Hardin Park) was not included. The modified text would provide a new definition for governmental entity and includes subsequent revisions to the definition of government sign. In addition, text in Section 325 Signs Excluded from Regulation has been modified to clarify government entities as being excluded from the sign regulations.

Council Member Pepin asked if a private school would be considered exempt from the sign regulations, and Ms. Shook replied that it would not qualify for an exemption because it would not meet the definition of a governmental entity.

With no further questions or comments by board members, staff, or the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Mason closed the public hearing for this case at 6:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council Member Brantz made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pepin.

VOTE: **Aye – All**
 Nay – None

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 6:08 p.m.

Lynne Mason, Mayor Pro-Tem

Brenda Henson, Admn. Support Specialist