

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:39 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Andy Ball, Rennie Brantz and Jamie Leigh. Council member Stephen Phillips joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also present. Staff members present were Town Manager Greg Young, Town Clerk Freida Van Allen, Public Works Director Blake Brown and Development Services Director Bill Bailey.

Mayor Clawson introduced Bill Bailey as the new Development Services Director. Mr. Bailey said today was his first day on the job and that he was glad to be here in Boone.

The purpose of the meeting was to set guidelines for the newly formed Downtown Parking Task Force. Council member Mason said the new task force should follow the guidelines as set forth in Section 35.04 of the Code of Ordinances and that the task force can utilize the comments/ideas presented at the parking charette to develop a short-term plan. Council member Mason said the task force should plan to report to Council in May or June in order to have new rules in place before Appalachian State University resumes classes in the fall. Council member Ball said minutes from the previous parking committee should be provided, along with the current parking regulations. Council member Phillips presented the following outline for the Downtown Parking Task Force:

1. Analyze parking interests and solutions as presented at the December 1, 2009 parking charette, particularly reviewing the pros and cons of the solutions as well as their potential effectiveness and associated costs.
2. Explore other options that might not have been mentioned at the parking charette.
3. Propose short and long-term parking solutions for the Town Council to evaluate.
4. Follow the guidelines as set forth in Section 35.04 of the Code of Ordinances.

The time frame for the task force to complete its duties is July 1, 2010. Council agreed that the task force should appoint a chair, vice-chair and secretary. The meeting time and place will be determined by the task force and communicated to the Town Council. The Town Attorney, Town Manager, Public Works and Development Services Directors will provide resources to the task force if needed.

On a motion by Council member Mason, seconded by Council member Brantz, Council moved to adopt the recommendations presented above.

VOTE: Aye-All
Nay-None

On a motion by Council member Mason, seconded by Council member Phillips, Council moved to amend the agenda to include **Announcement of Board Vacancies** and **Scheduling of Special Meeting**.

VOTE: Aye-All
Nay-None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD VACANCIES

At the February 16th meeting Council accepted the resignation of Kimberly Marland, ETJ representative on the Planning Commission. On a motion by Council member Mason, seconded by Council member Brantz, Council moved to allow Ms. Marland to remain the ETJ representative until such time as the County Commissioners appoint a replacement.

VOTE: Aye-All

Nay-None

SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETING

On a motion by Council member Phillips, seconded by Council member Brantz, Council moved to schedule a special meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Commissioners Board Room. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with the Watauga County Board of County Commissioners to discuss parks and recreation.

VOTE: Aye-All
Nay-None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clawson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Town Clerk

Mayor