

**Boone Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009**

Committee Members in Attendance: Chuck Watkins, Bettie Bond, Bill Dixon, and Rennie Brantz.

Others in Attendance: Ricky Hurley-Planning Supervisor, Christy Turner-Planner, Jules Oroukin-Appalachian State University (ASU) Intern

Call to Order

Chair Betty Bond called the meeting of the Boone Historic Commission to order at 2:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Brantz made a motion to approve minutes as corrected and Commission Member Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Historic Preservation Commission Intern

Commission Member Watkins introduced Jules Oroukin, who is the Historic Preservation Commission Intern. Jules is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is a second year graduate student at Appalachian State University. Commission Member Watkins informs the Historic Preservation Commission that Jules is the ideal candidate to survey historical properties for the Town of Boone. Jules will research three (3) to five (5) properties a month and will make a report back to the commission.

Ms. Oroukin researched three (3) potential historic structures in the past month. She presented the reports to the Historic Preservation Commission. The information for the Horace Greer House, the Former Watauga County Jail, and the Frank A. Linney/Coffey House are recorded on property information sheets. (See Attached)

Discussion on Historic Landmarks

Commission members discussed the Linney/Coffey House in further detail. Commission member Brantz agreed to call Mr. Frank Coffey to ask if he was still interested in pursuing historic preservation status for the house and the Linney Law Office. Discussion ensued regarding how some potential sites will be referred to. The commission expressed a desire to include a site plan, PIN (Property Identification Number), acreage of the site, and a picture of building. The commission agreed that the next landmarks/district to be evaluated will be the Grand Boulevard Neighborhood. Chair Bond will work with Ms. Oroukin to take pictures of all the homes on Grand Boulevard to be evaluated by the home owners, community members, and Ms. Oroukin.

Election of Officers

The Town of Boone Historic Preservation Commission elected the officers for 2009. Bettie Bond was nominated by Commission Member Brantz to serve as the Historic Preservation Commission Chair. Commission Member Dixon seconded the motion. Chair Bond was

reelected unanimously. Chair Bond nominated Commission Member Watkins to serve as Vice-Chair. Commission Member Brantz seconded the motion. Co-Chair Watkins was reelected unanimously.

Historic Preservation Ordinance/Design Criteria

Commission Members agreed that a Town of Boone Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Preservation Landmark/District Design Criteria should be written and presented to the Town Council. Commission Member Watkins said that his classes could work on the language for the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Design Criteria. Town staff explained that a final product would have to be ready for the Town Attorney to review by Mid-March of 2009. (Bill Dixon excused himself from the meeting at 3:07 PM). Commission member Watkins stated that his class could have the documents ready for review by mid-March.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 2 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Bettie Bond, Chairperson

Christy Turner, Planner