

**Boone Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009**

Committee Members in Attendance: Bettie Bond-Chairperson, Bill Dixon, Rennie Brantz, Janet Pepin, and Chuck Watkins

Planning Staff in Attendance: Christy Turner-Planner and Brenda Henson-Board Secretary

Others in Attendance: Jules Oroukin-Intern

Call to Order

Upon arrival at 3:30 p.m. the meeting was already in progress. Ms. Oroukin had already given an update of her work to the commission members that were present. Commission Member Pepin asked Ms. Oroukin to give another update at the November meeting as well as make a presentation to the Town Council regarding her work at their December meeting. Additionally she will email some of her findings to commission members. Ms. Oroukin then left the meeting to attend another meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Brantz made a motion to approve the September 16, 2009 meeting minutes as correct. Commission Member Dixon seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye – All
 Nay – None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Inventory Presentation by Intern

This presentation was given prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Commission Member Pepin, with the consent of the commission members, amended the agenda to include discussion of the proposed Historic Preservation Commission text. She noted that a definition for historic district needed to be included in Section 15 Definitions of Basic Terms and several typographical errors need to be corrected. Council Member Pepin expressed concern with language contained in Section 35 Powers and Duties of Historic Preservation Commission [a] [2], [3], and [4] stating the Commission would “Recommend to the Town Council” when, by her understanding, the Commission would be quasi-judicial and not a recommending board. There was also concern about references in the text to approvals coming from Town Council and it was felt that this was an important item that needed clarification. Commission Member Watkins wished to change the *requirement* of two members of the Commission to be from the ETJ to stating that two members *may be* from the ETJ. Commission Member Pepin explained that this text would be presented at the Quarterly Public Hearing on November 2 so no changes can be made at this point. Any changes to the text will have to be petitioned through the public hearing process. Commission Member Pepin stated that she would be seeing Mr. Furguele on

Friday and could discuss the issues regarding the text with him at that time if it was the pleasure of the Commission. Commission Member Dixon made a motion to allow Commission Member Pepin to have discussion with Mr. Furgiuele to establish a clear delineation of the powers of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Town Council and to inquire if the two ETJ members have to be required or can be suggested. Commission Member Watkins seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye – All
 Nay – None

The motion was approved unanimously.

North Carolina Preservation Training Session Information

Ms. Turner gave a brief overview of the training session she had attended. She noted that there were several books that the Commission might find interesting and Commission Member Dixon asked if she would email everyone the book titles.

Commission Member Pepin asked Ms. Turner to include a request for intern funding on the next Town Council agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business, Commission Member Pepin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Brantz.

VOTE: Aye – All
 Nay – None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Bettie Bond, Chairperson

Brenda Henson, Board Secretary