

**Boone Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2007**

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

Others in Attendance: John Spear-Director of Development Services, Christy Turner-Planner

Call to Order

Council member Rennie Brantz called the first meeting of the Boone Historic Commission to order at 3:13 p.m.

Purpose for the Creation of the Historic Committee

Council Member Brantz stated the reason for creating the Historic Commission was to create a stronger historic identity for Boone. The Committee agreed on the following desired outcomes:

- (1) New Development or redevelopment should respect local heritage and architecture;
- (2) Existing historic resources should be preserved and protected;
- (3) The Commission would strive to complete a comprehensive inventory of buildings or landmarks of historical or cultural significance; and
- (4) Historic Preservation should be part of local tourism and development efforts.

Mr. Brantz stated that the committee had a good start at reaching the goals because every member of the committee had a special expertise in the area of historic preservation. Committee Member Watkins stated that the committee must frame goals of the committee. Committee Member Bond stated in Newport that everything had a certain look and feel and Boone's Historic Preservation Committee should determine what feel that the Town of Boone wants. Council Member Pepin volunteered to begin looking for funds and grants to provide assistance to homeowners and the town keep the historic features that are desired. Council Member Brantz added that the town of Jonesborough was able to keep their look as they maintained historical significance, but this didn't stop development. Committee Member Bond added that the Town of Hillsborough embodies the same concept as Jonesborough. Council Member Pepin expressed to the committee that the Historic Preservation Committee must have an inventory of Historic Properties, but at the same time not impose a hardship. Committee Member Pepin believes that the Historic Preservation Commission should help property owners maintain the histories that their structures still maintain.

Organization of Committee

The committee discussed the length of initial appointments noting that the Town Council failed to specify. After discussion, it was agreed that Bill Dixon would serve an initial

two year term; Betty Bond and Rennie Brantz would serve three year terms; and Chuck Watkins and Janet Pepin would serve four year terms. Council Member Brantz made a motion to elect Bettie Bond as Chairperson of the Boone Historic Commission. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Watkins.

VOTE:

Aye - All

Nay - None

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Bond made a motion to elect Chuck Watkins as Vice-Chair of the Boone Historic Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brantz.

VOTE:

Aye - All

Nay - None

The motion carried unanimously.

Information for the Next Meeting

Director Spear informed the commission that Development Services Department Staff would prepare a draft Rules of Procedures which contained suitable language to make amendments.

Co-Chairperson, Chuck Watkins asked if the Boone Historic Preservation Commission would need to obtain liability insurance. Council Member Pepin stated the Town's Liability Insurance would also cover the Commission.

The members of the Commission came to the consensus that all meetings would be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room, unless prior notification is made.

Staff will contact Pilar Fotta and Kathy Reese about where the old records of the Boone Historical Society might be located.

The Commission expressed positive anticipation about use of the Coffey House as a historical center for the Town. The Commission also requested that a record be kept with the Town of Boone of the Historic Commission's intent to buy the Downtown Post Office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Bettie Bond, Chairperson

Christy Turner, Planner