

**Boone Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2008**

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

Others in Attendance: Greg Young, Town Manager, Christy Turner-Planner, Tuesdae Rice, DBDA, Mary Baker, DBDA

Call to Order

Chair Betty Bond called the meeting of the Boone Historic Commission to order at 4:05 p.m.

Change/Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commission Member Dixon moved to accept the minutes as written and Commission Chair Bond seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of Historic Preservation Commission Intern

Commission Member Brantz told commission members that the Town of Boone will disperse a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Appalachian State University after the Boone Town Council has approved it. Commission member Watkins stated that the History Department at ASU will match the amount that the Town is contributing. The money will be used to pay the Historic Preservation Committee Intern.

Public Art Display at Downtown Post Office

Tuesdae Rice and Mary Baker of the Downtown Boone Development Association (DBDA), who were representing the Public Art Committee (PAC) met with the Historic Preservation Commission about possibly placing an outdoor art sculpture, "Sky Walk" that was donated by Wayne Trapp on the lawn of the Downtown Boone Post Office. The PAC requested that the Town of Boone place a permanent concrete pad on the lawn of the post office for the Wayne Trapp piece to be displayed on with other outdoor sculpture to be placed on the pad in the future. Ms. Rice stated that the PAC would provide the liability insurance required for the placement of the public art. Commission member Pepin said that the Historic Preservation Commission is not the guardian of the post office. Commission member Pepin added that either Town Council or the Town Manager should really make decisions concerning how the interior and exterior of the post office will be used. Town Manager Greg Young stated that at this point there is no comprehensive plan for renovating and future uses of the post office. Many commission members stated that the Wayne Trapp piece is a wonderful piece of art, but the sculpture may be a bit too large and obtrusive to put in front of historic property that represents architecture of the 1930's. Several commission members added that the green space in front of the public library would be a perfect place for the Wayne Trapp sculpture. Tuesdae and Mary thought that the library is too far off the main street in town for the art piece to be appreciated.

Downtown Post Office Exploratory Committee

The Historic Preservation Commission suggested that a Downtown Post Office Sub-Committee should be established by the Boone Town Council to make recommendations as to how the building should be used. Commission members suggested that some sub-committee members should be someone from public works, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, and a member of the Watauga County Historical Society.

Historic Preservation Commission Guidelines

Commission Member Watkins said that he will try to have draft guidelines by the next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Bettie Bond, Chairperson

Christy Turner, Planner