MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2010

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 5:07 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2010, in the Powers Room South, Broyhill Inn & Conference Center, ASU. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Andy Ball, Rennie Brantz, Jamie Leigh, and Stephen Phillips. Staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Kimberly Brown-Deputy Town Clerk, Bill Bailey-Development Services Director, David Graham-Development Coordinator, Jane Shook-Planner, Reggie Hassler-Fire Chief, and Blake Brown-Public Works Director. Planning Commission Chairman Bunk Spann was also present. Elected officials and staff from the following entities were also present: Appalachian State University, Watauga County, Town of Blowing Rock, Town of Seven Devils, Town of Beech Mountain, the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce, and the various media outlets of the area.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold an intergovernmental retreat to receive an update on the status of the new Watauga High School site and to discuss local comprehensive plans.

UPDATE ON WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Watauga County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jim Deal stated that the project is 91% complete with a tentative completion date of mid-May. He stated that the project is slated to be designated LEED-certified silver. Furthermore, Mr. Deal stated that the school will be open for students this August. In regard to the status of the U-4020 project, Mr. Deal indicated that the portion of the project from East King Street to the new WHS site is projected to be complete by July 2010. He stated that the tentative completion date for the portion of the project from Highway 105 Extension to King Street is August 2010.

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

Greg Lovins - Appalachian State University
Mr. Lovins presented information regarding the creation of the ASU Master Plan 2020. He stated that the Master Plan 2020 was approved by the ASU Board of Trustees on March 19, 2010. Mr. Lovins presented a map indicating areas in which future growth and/or redevelopment are proposed. For more information regarding the ASU Master Plan 2020, Mr. Lovins announced the following website: masterplan@appstate.edu.

Town of Blowing Rock - Kevin Rothrock, Director of Planning & Inspections
Mr. Rothrock listed a brief history of the development of the comprehensive plan of Blowing Rock. He stated that the current edition of the plan was adopted in 2004. He noted that Blowing Rock's growth is limited by its location. Mr. Rothrock stated that a Community Survey Process is planned to take place again this year.

Town of Boone - David Graham, Development Coordinator and Jane Shook, Planner
Mr. Graham presented a power-point program outlining the various aspects of the Town of Boone Land Use Master Plan 2030 (**copy permanently on file in Clerk's office)**. Watauga County Board Chairman Jim Deal asked about the Town's plans to update the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) so that it conforms with the new land use plan. Mayor Pro Tem Lynne Mason stated that the rewriting of the UDO will be a major undertaking but that the Town is taking steps to update various aspects of the UDO including the development of overlay districts. She inquired as to the status of the old WHS site. Mr. Deal stated that the County has asked its architect to review development of the site to consider a possible mixed-use designation. He stated that a mixed-use development of that site would conform with the new land use plan but would be limited by the current regulations contained in the UDO.

Watauga County - Joe Furman, Director of Planning & Inspections
Mr. Furman presented information regarding the Citizens Plan for Watauga 2010 which includes emphasis on such items as gateway areas into the county specifically in the Deep Gap area. Other points of the plan include economic trends and income characteristics of the county, travel and tourism needs, and employment opportunities.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued concerning the Daniel Boone Parkway bypass. It was the consensus of the group to create a subcommittee consisting of the following persons from each jurisdiction: one elected official, one general staff person and/or one planning staff person. A representative from the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce was also invited to attend. The task of the subcommittee is to discuss and recommend an option for the bypass route that will be forwarded to the NC DOT for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Deputy Town Clerk Mayor