

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Watauga County Courthouse. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Andy Ball, Rennie Brantz and Stephen Phillips. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also present. Staff members present were Town Manager Greg Young, Town Clerk Freida Van Allen, Public Utilities Director Rick Miller, and Utilities Service Technician Josh Eller.

The purpose of the meeting was to present a workshop for the Watauga County Board of Commissioners regarding the Town of Boone water intake project and the request for reclassification of a portion of the New River from the NC Division of Water Quality.

Mr. Brian Tripp of WK Dickson presented a powerpoint presentation explaining the surface water reclassification that the Town is requesting from the Division of Water Quality. **The powerpoint is permanently on file in the February 2011 Boone Town Council packets.**

Mr. Joe Furman, Watauga County Planner, presented a map showing the areas affected within Watauga County by watershed regulations. Mr. Furman explained how the new classification would affect property in the watershed area. Mr. Furman summarized that ½-acre lots will be required for new development in this watershed. The County must amend its watershed ordinance if the reclassification is obtained. Mr. Furman said that existing development will not be affected by the reclassification since most of the property and development in the area is grandfathered. Mr. Furman also pointed out that reclassification would not affect agricultural uses either. Chairman Miller asked if Mr. Furman could provide a table of restrictions if the reclassification is granted. Mr. Furman said yes. Mr. Furman said the basic effect will be on non single-family residents and the limits it will place on their property. The County Commissioners indicated that they want to support the Town in its reclassification efforts; however, they want to be able to answer questions from their constituents regarding the effects on property. Chairman Miller asked if this reclassification would cost additional money in building costs. Mr. Furman said yes, that there would be an extra permit cost and additional site design work.

Town Manager Greg Young indicated that he would provide some additional information in case the County wants to conduct a public hearing. Chairman Miller said he would like to conduct a public hearing to let the affected citizens speak regarding the reclassification. Commissioner Deal asked if the County Planning Department could send a letter to the affected property owners showing the changes if their property is reclassified. Mr. Furman said yes, that he could prepare the letter.

Chairman Miller suggested having the Planning Department send a letter to the citizens and conduct a public hearing on the matter at the 2nd Tuesday meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Town Clerk

Mayor