

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2005**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Velma C. Burnley presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Lynne Mason, Bunk Spann and Dempsey Wilcox. Staff present were Town Manager Greg Young and Town Clerk Freida Van Allen.

Mr. Ed Czynscon, Landscape Architect; and Brian Tripp, Civil Engineer with W.K. Dickson opened the meeting by presenting preliminary design plans for the Howard Street project.

Mr. Tripp said his firm is currently designing underground utilities, along with major upgrades to the water/sewer and stormwater facilities on Howard Street. Mr. Czynscon and Mr. Tripp presented the following power point presentation to the audience: **EXHIBIT A ON FILE IN PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING FILE OF APRIL, 2005.**

Mr. Czynscon summarized that the two-way design will include 22-foot vehicular lanes, approximately 18 parking spaces and 30 street trees, and a sidewalk that will vary in width from 5 to 8 feet. Mr. Czynscon said the one-way design will provide more opportunity for on-street parking, again including a 22-foot vehicular lane, 48 parking spaces, 39 street trees and a sidewalk that will vary in width from 6 to 8 feet. Mr. Czynscon felt that the one-way design works well to calm traffic in a heavy pedestrian area such as Howard Street.

Mr. Hanes Boren of Footsloggers said one-waying Howard Street would hurt retail businesses if the only access to Howard is from Appalachian. The audience discussed at length the possibility of splitting the designs to have two-way traffic from Appalachian to Depot and one-way traffic from Depot to Water Street. Both Mr. Czynscon and Mr. Tripp agreed to have their traffic engineer investigate this possibility.

Mr. Boren then asked when final right-of-way easements will be required. Mr. Tripp said they would need to design the new concept and run right-of-way calculations before final easements will be needed.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Town Clerk

Mayor