

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2005

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 4:36 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2005, in the Town Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road, Boone, NC. Mayor Velma C. Burnley presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Lynne Mason, Graydon Eggers, Dempsey Wilcox, and Bunk Spann. Members of the Water Study Committee present were Mary Ruth McRae, Phil Templeton, Pam Williamson, Rob Holton, and Steve Owen. Town staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Rick Miller-Public Utilities Director, John Spear-Development Services Director, Kim Tester-Deputy Town Clerk, and Megan Wilson, Program Coordinator I. Watauga County Planning and Inspections Director Joe Furman was also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to view a power-point presentation by Brian Tripp and Tim Lauder of WK Dickson outlining the status of Phase I of the Raw Water Analysis Report.

Mayor Burnley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Public Utilities Director Rick Miller distributed a brochure designed by Megan Wilson which contains water conservation information. Mr. Miller asked for feedback concerning the content and design of the brochure. It was the consensus of the committee to direct Ms. Wilson to proceed with the production and distribution of the brochure. Ms. Wilson informed the committee that she is in the process of getting water conservation information out to the various media sources in Boone.

Brian Tripp and Tim Lauder of WK Dickson presented the attached power-point presentation (**Attachment A**) to the committee.

After the presentation, Mr. Tripp stated, in his opinion, the most feasible alternative was to locate either a raw water intake or a finished water intake in the Brownwood area on the South Fork of the New River. He explained that this option could allow for a future expansion of a water treatment plant located in that area and an additional intake structure located on the New River closer to the town of Jefferson. The committee discussed a future partnership with Ashe and Watauga County and the towns of Blowing Rock, Jefferson, and West Jefferson. Mayor Burnley stated that a representative of the Town of Boone should approach each of these entities to discuss their current and future water needs.

The committee discussed the cost of constructing both a raw water intake and a finished water intake in the Brownwood area. Town Manager Greg Young suggested that this may be accomplished in phases. The committee asked that information concerning the rates for the purchase of bulk water be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Tripp cautioned the committee to not only look at the next 20 years, but to consider the outlook for the next 50 years.

After a lengthy discussion, the committee agreed that the location of either a raw water intake or a finished water intake located in the Brownwood area would be a very practical option. The committee members agreed to further discuss this option at the next committee meeting when additional information will be presented.

With no further matters before the committee, Mayor Burnley adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk		Mayor