

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
January 25, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road in Boone. Mayor Tim Futrelle presided. Council members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Edie Tugman, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Dalton George (virtual) and Becca Nenow. Staff present included Town Manager Amy Davis, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Cultural Resources Director Mark Freed, Downtown Boone Development Director Paige Henderson, Sustainability and Special Projects Manager George Santucci, Human Resources Director Dale Presnell, Police Chief Andy Le Beau, Grant Writer Michelle Brown, and Interim Finance Director Guy Miller. Public Works Director Rick Miller, Planning Director Jane Shook and Deputy Public Works Director Todd Moody were in attendance virtually. Town Attorney Allison Meade also attended virtually.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION

Upon a motion by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman, Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following board vacancies were announced:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Two regular positions, One alternate position

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

One regular position

CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Two regular positions, One student position

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

One student position

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Four Positions

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

One student position

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristen Benson (remote), Amber Dixon, and Katie Mack (remote) all spoke in favor of the new Nondiscrimination Ordinance on the agenda.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES

MARRENA GREER - SAHA

SAHA representatives asked that Council approve an agreement for the upcoming production season, which included an extension of time for various reasons. Some of the reasons listed included to allow for additional work to be done on sets after the winter, and additional events. Mayor Futrelle noted that members only wished to know what purpose they would potentially be extending the agreement for, and were not questioning whether or not to extend the agreement. All were in agreement that the proposed agreement would be placed on an

upcoming agenda for discussion and consideration. Mr. Carter added that he was an advocate for funding infrastructure for the space, since it could be a great revenue generator.

CAROLYN WARD - WHS PLAYMAKERS

The Watauga High School Playmakers appeared to announce their recent win at the High School Theatre Competition at the NC Theatre Conference, and their upcoming appearance at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in March. The Playmakers also asked for Council's support by signing a resolution of support, which was read into the record and approved unanimously under Consent Agenda.

ADOPTION OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Roseman, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman, Council voted unanimously to approve the following items:

1. Resolution of the Boone Town Council on the Occasion of the Watauga High School Pioneer Playmakers Representing North Carolina at the 2023 Southeastern Theatre Conference
2. Request for Support to Submit Grant – Stream Conditions Study and Stormwater Management
3. Resolution – NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division Grant Application for Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study
4. Resolution of Appreciation – K. Magee
5. Proclamation – National Mentoring Month
6. Budget Amendments:
 - a. Overtime – 010-500-300-501201 - \$7,695.00
Advertising – 010-500-300-527001 - \$185.00
Misc. Revenue – 010-000-000-489900 – (\$7,695.00)
Sale of Surplus Property – 010-000-000-481200 – (\$185.00)
Reimbursement from ASU for football games covered on October 19 and 29. Gov Deals auction proceeds returned to advertising to replace funds used.
 - b. 010-411-000-549115 - Affordable Housing \$220,000
010-000-000-499900 - Appropriated Fund Balance (\$220,000)
Re-encumber funds appropriated in June 2022 for Affordable Housing. It was omitted from the original re-encumbrance document as this was a new account
7. Proclamation – 2023 Year of the Trail

RESOLUTION OF THE BOONE TOWN COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF THE WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL PIONEER PLAYMAKERS REPRESENTING NORTH CAROLINA AT THE 2023 SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE

WHEREAS the Watauga High School Pioneer Playmakers were created in 1988 and since then have made 20 trips to the North Carolina High School State Play Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Playmakers have won the State High School Play Festival three times before with “Dearly Departed” in 1989, directed by Trimella Chaney, the production of “John Lennon and Me” in 2007, directed by Sarah Miller, and “Ernest and the Pale Moon” in 2019 directed by Zach Walker; and

WHEREAS, the 16-member Pioneer Playmaker Ensemble has worked tirelessly since September 2022 to create their own unique interpretation of Terry Gabbard’s “Our Place,” showcasing their artistry, craftsmanship, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Playmakers Ensemble received perfect scores at the State High School Play Festival sponsored by the North Carolina Theatre Conference, including receipt of the following accolades: The Judges Choice Award for Distinguished Play; The Prestigious C.C. Lipscomb Award for Excellence in Directing to Sarah Miller, Director and Theatre Faculty at Watauga High School; Excellence in Acting to Ray Christian and Emma Rasco (NCTC Regionals) and Sage Park and Elias Evans (NCTC State) for their portrayals in the roles of Stanley, Sherry, Beth and Lyle; and

WHEREAS, we desire to express our gratitude to the Pioneer Playmakers for bringing these prestigious honors to our community while celebrating the talents of the students and recognizing the tremendous leadership of their faculty; and WHEREAS, the Pioneer Playmakers will represent the State of North Carolina the first week of March at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Lexington, Kentucky and perform on the stage of The Lexington Opera

House, built in 1886, one of the oldest working theaters in the US.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boone Town Council recognizes the Pioneer Playmakers Ensemble as a superior example of artistic excellence and herein declare the week of February 26 through March 4 as "Pioneer Playmakers Week" throughout the Town of Boone.

Adopted this the ____ day of January, 2023.

____ Mayor

____ Town Clerk

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT)
INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION (IMD)
GRANT APPLICATION FOR PAVED TRAILS AND SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, the NCDOT-IMD has established a grant that provides funding to municipalities for the development of Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone has the desire to provide its citizens with safe, convenient, and more complete multi-modal pedestrian and bicycle facilities within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone's last Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan was adopted on April 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone's last Feasibility Study on Alternative Transportation Improvements was prepared in May of 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone's financial and technical resources have limited its ability to update the planning of the next phases of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone desires a Feasibility Study to extend the existing Boone Greenway Trail in accordance with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan from Pride Drive to Wilson Drive or other alternate routes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone understands that local matching funds are not required; however, a contribution of local funds allocated to the project could possibly elevate competitiveness in the application process; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Boone's Town Council hereby endorses the application to the 2022 Paved Trails and Sidewalks Feasibility Study Grant for the development of a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle plan and attest to the commitment to the Plan's development, management, financing, and completion.

Duly adopted this 11th day of January 2023.

Tim Futrelle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Katherine Magee was the Town of Boone's first social work intern in 2022 and served with great distinction; and,

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Carter, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Tim Futrelle, Mayor