

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL  
April 26, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 in Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road in Boone. Mayor Tim Futrelle presided. Council members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Edie Tugman, Virginia Roseman, Dalton George, and Becca Nenow. Town staff present included Town Manager Amy Davis, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Public Works Director Rick Miller, Deputy Public Works Director Todd Moody, Police Chief Andy Le Beau, Sustainability and Special Projects Manager George Santucci, and Planning Director Jane Shook. Council member Todd Carter and Town Attorney Alliosn Meade were not in attendance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REQUESTED APPEARANCES**

**NANCY LAPLACA**

Nancy LaPlaca gave a presentation regarding the disadvantages of natural gas compared to the advantages of solar power. She indicated that she would be giving this presentation to the North Carolina Utilities Commission during its consideration of New River Light and Power's rate hike and plan to reduce coal-fired electricity. A complete copy of the presentation can be viewed online at townofboone.net. Ms. LaPlaca expressed a desire to work with Council members Nenow and George on a solution to this dire problem. Mayor Futrelle assured Ms. LaPlaca that Town representatives have had conversations with New River Light and Power on the issue and that discussions would continue.

**COUNCIL MATTERS**

**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE TOWN'S LANDSCAPE STANDARDS**

Mr. George requested discussion related to the Town's landscape standards regarding policies used to preserve trees and existing vegetation and the failure to address invasive and non-native species. It was the consensus of Council to direct the Planning Department to explore and adopt landscaping standards similar to those in the Historic District in an effort to address invasive and non-native plant use.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman indicated that she hoped to include discussion of the Comprehensive Plan in upcoming work sessions, as she believed this was the initial purpose of the work sessions. Mayor Futrelle suggested that members and staff submit to staff any topics they would like to discuss during work sessions to properly structure and include items on the agenda. He suggested that any remaining items would move to the next session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Tugman, seconded by Mr. George, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

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Tim Futrelle, Mayor