MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
June 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road in Boone. Mayor Rennie Brantz presided. Council Members present were Lynne Mason, Sam Furgiuele and Connie Ulmer. Staff present included Town Manager John Ward, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Police Chief Dana Crawford, Fire Chief Jimmy Isaacs, Planning Director Jane Shook and Planner Marty Little. Town Attorney Allison Meade was also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Brantz announced the following board vacancies:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
One regular position
One alternate position

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION
Five positions

CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD
Two positions

DOWNTOWN BOONE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Two Council appointed positions

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Two positions

OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE
One position

PLANNING COMMISSION
One position

SUSTAINABILITY, ECONOMICS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Three positions

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
One position

TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION

Mr. Ward suggested that the item concerning potentially renaming a street after Martin Luther King, Jr. should be moved to Council matters item number 8. Ms. Meade asked that the consideration of revisions to Town code chapter 10 be moved up one spot. Upon a motion by Mr. Furgiuele, seconded by Ms. Mason, Council voted to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Mason, Ulmer
Nay: None
Absent: Clawson, Ashcraft

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Cook as representative of Modern Ford in Boone spoke against the renaming of New Market Boulevard. Mr. Cook was upset that there was no special notice given and that the owners of the dealership were in support of giving Dr. King the recognition he deserved, but wished that Council would discuss the topic with business owners in the area. Mr. Cook estimated that the change would cost his businesses approximately $28,000-52,000 to redo forms among other things.

Ralph Leonard, of Leonard Kelly and Associates spoke in opposition to the potential renaming of New Market Boulevard. He stated that his firm recognized that Dr. King was worthy of the honor, but felt that other streets as selected during a previous Transportation Committee meeting were more appropriate for the honor. Mr. Kelly did not believe that New Market Boulevard was one of the highest traveled roads in Town, and suggested that additional notice be given to the community before changes were made.

Dr. Julia Snyder stated that she believed naming a road for Dr. King to be a worthy endeavor, though did not believe that renaming New Market Boulevard, which she described as a cut-through road, would do Dr. King justice. Dr. Snyder stated that changing an address was expensive and time consuming for any business, but more so for dental and medical offices due to the various licenses that were required for their equipment. She felt that sending letters to clients would create a huge burden on her small business, and noted that she moved her practice seven years ago and was still having trouble with that address change. She finished by asking Council to reconsider one of the roads listed in the previous Transportation Committee minutes.

Graydon Eggers of Boone read a statement that was previously sent to Council members detailing the effects the potential renaming of the road would have on property owners in the area. He suggested that Council consider renaming Depot Street since there was no longer a depot in Town, and felt that it would be more appropriate to rename this street after Dr. King since it ran through the Junaluska community. Mr. Furgiuele believed that that recommendation would cause just as much trouble as his suggestion had. Mr. Eggers then suggested renaming King Street, with Mr. Furgiuele answering that King Street was a state owned road. Mr. Furgiuele added that Depot Street and other streets downtown had historical significance, but that New Market Boulevard was only named after a shopping center and was not as significant. Mr. Eggers felt that after thirty years' existence, the road name was already established, and expressed concern that people in the New Market community felt that they were not given sufficient notice on the potential change. Mr. Eggers also suggested Howard Street and stated that he had discussed this proposal with Kenneth Wilcox, who said he would be fine with this change. Mr. Furgiuele noted that Council had not yet discussed the agenda item.

Dr. Julie Waldrep of Waldrep Family Dentistry agreed that any of the streets suggested at the 2016 Transportation Committee would be a more appropriate selection than New Market Boulevard, due in part to the many medical offices in the area, and the increased number of changes that they would have to make. She noted that address discrepancies would cause problems with insurance companies, and stated that she was concerned about issues with emergency personnel being able to find the office if a call for help was placed during a procedure. Dr. Waldrep added that radiation regulations were strict and would require new plan reviews and registrations, and asked that Council do further research on the topic before making a decision.

Lucinda Bowers of Boone spoke in support of renaming New Market Boulevard after Dr. King and believed that visitors would still be able to find their way to New Market Center if it was renamed.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES

JOHN COOPER - APPALACHIAN THEATRE

John Cooper on behalf of the Appalachian Theatre asked that Council consider allowing them to sell commemorative bricks that would be placed in front of the Theatre, and stated that the Theatre planned to open in early October. Mr. Cooper stated that the bricks he proposed were durable, and noted that they would be partly on Town property in a small section in front of the Theatre doors. He added that if the Theatre sold 770 bricks, that would raise approximately $70,000-80,000 after expenses. Mr. Furgiuele asked for confirmation of Mr. Cooper's statement that the Town owned the section of sidewalk in front of the Theatre. Mr. Cooper answered that he had a recent survey that stated that this was the case. Mr. Furgiuele was concerned that selling bricks was another way to honor rich people who supported the Theatre. Mr. Cooper answered that a price had not been decided on and that the Theatre appreciated any gift they received. He added that he was thinking that bricks would be priced around $125-150 each. Mr. Furgiuele noted that the bricks in front of the Mast General Store were showing signs of chipping on the cement barriers due in part to snow plows,and that they had had to be replaced. Mr. Cooper said that the engraved bricks at the site of the Doc Watson statue downtown had held up well, but Mr. Furgiuele asked that since this area did not see near the amount of traffic or snow plow use as in front of the Theatre, if Mr. Cooper thought the bricks would hold up. Mr. Cooper responded that if approved, the bricks would be installed to be compliant with Council's regulations to ensure that they held up. Ms. Mason asked whether the bricks would be interchangeable, with Mr. Cooper answering that the bricks could be the same size as bricks used by the Town if they wished. Ms. Mason also asked whether the Town maintained the brick portion of the sidewalk at the Doc Watson memorial, with Mr. Miller responding that crews did not maintain around the statue or the engraved bricks. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he was not against this idea, but was concerned about what would happen when the bricks were chipped as a result of regular maintenance. He stated that he would support the idea if the Theatre would take responsibility for replacing damaged bricks at their own expense. Mr. Cooper agreed that the Theatre would comply with this condition, but added that the company that would be providing the bricks had not had any issues throughout the country. Mr. Furgiuele observed that Mr. Cooper had rolled his eyes at Mr. Furgiuele's questions, but said that he believed his questions were legitimate. He expressed concern that the sidewalks in front of the Mast Store were deteriorating due in part to the cement partitions. Mr. Cooper answered that they hired Greene Construction to install the brick pavers, but they did not install an under layer of cement to prevent drop-down. He confirmed that Greene Construction had installed underlayment on similar projects since then, and noted that the Town had already installed the underlayment in front of the Theatre. Mr. Cooper stated that the Theatre would hire an installation company of Council's choosing, and noted that Greene Construction had done a lot of work for them in the past, and that they had always been happy with their work. Mr. Ward stated that he and staff would need to coordinate installation in batches to minimize sidewalk closures in the area. Ms. Mason asked whether Public Works had any issues with the project. Mr. Miller stated that Greene Construction worked well with the Town, and that staff always reviewed the work performed to make sure they were meeting Town standards. Ms. Mason made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Furgiuele seconded the motion, with the stipulation that the Theatre would be responsible for maintaining and replacing the bricks as needed. Ms. Mason accepted this stipulation.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sam Furgiuele, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lynne Mason, Council Member
AYES:	Mason, Furgiuele, Ulmer
ABSENT:	Clawson, Ashcraft

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Furgiuele, seconded by Ms. Ulmer, Council voted to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. April 16, 2019 Town Council regular meeting minutes
2. April 18, 2019 Town Council regular meeting minutes

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Ulmer, Mason
Nay: None
Absent: Clawson, Ashcraft

COUNCIL MATTERS

TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Ward updated Council on the following topics:

1. Staff is working on the MSD expansion by finalizing addresses for notification and hopes to schedule a public hearing in August. It was the consensus of Council to hold a public hearing prior to one of the August regular meetings.

2. Sidewalk improvements along Perkinsville Drive will begin in July and will be completed in phases as easements are obtained. Pervious concrete testing case will be expanded to this area. Ms. Mason suggested that bikes and strollers needed to be tested on the pervious surface.

3. Stadium Drive will be narrowed to one lane on June 22 for two weeks for the installation of a new steam line by an ASU contractor.

4. Asphalt milling will take place on New Market Boulevard with curbing and ADA compliant ramps at the signal.

5. Highland Avenue culvert replacement is complete.

6. New playground equipment at Junaluska Park has been installed.

7. Staff is working on Highway 194 sidewalk surveys and anticipate future discussion with one property owner who has been unwilling to provide an easement once complete. Staff will report back to Council to ask for additional direction depending on the outcome of the final conversation, but will get the project done one way or another.

8. Green Street sewer line upgrade nearing completion.

9. The Harper Corporation is working at the water intake site to address any additional warranty items. The new intake is active and working well. In response to a question by Mr. Furgiuele, Mr. Miller confirmed that the bank at the site had been reconstructed and new plantings are going in as weather permitted.

10. Engineering work by McGill and Associations is underway on the Charles/Gladys tank rehabilitation. Staff has worked with the USDA to recapture $1.8 million dollars in grant fund reimbursements.

11. ASU has hired an architect and parking consultant to work on the joint parking deck on campus. There is a parking study underway and the architect is working on renderings. Staff is currently moving forward with communication with ASU regarding how parking spaces would be divided, with more information expected after the parking study has been completed.

12. New River Conservancy obtained a grant for a significant portion of the money for the planning phase of the Boone Creek daylighting project. This result will leave funds for the second planning portion about $30,000-35,000 short. Mr. Ward believed Mr. Santucci would come before Council in the next few months to ask that while the Town was waiting on other grant opportunities, that the Town partner with ASU and divide the funds already received to allow those to be used to begin the engineering study, and that the parties could reimburse themselves if a second grant was awarded.

13. Updated meetings list was passed out.

14. Announced Doc Days at the Jones House, July 4th celebrations and neighborhood walks.

15. Structures on the Bolick property will be burned as a Fire Department training exercise. The first house will be burned on July 8, and the second on August 17.

16. Staff is working on a business start-up brochure with hopes of rolling it out in late summer. A businesses success brochure is also being drafted to help retention specifically in the downtown area, though there is currently little to no vacancy. Multiple tenants have already been secured for the Riverswalk apartments.

17. Parking enforcement positions are being advertised and staff is working on converting software, with a scheduled start date of July 1.

18. The Police Department has increased enforcement along Highway 105 with 30 different operations geared specifically toward this between May 1 and June 17. These operations accounted for 37.7 hours of enforcement that yielded 117 citations, 31 warning tickets, 38 verbal warnings. 11 accidents took place on Highway 105 during that time period.

19. Due to issues with golf carts operating on Town and State roads, staff has been asked to research applicable statutes. Chief Crawford expressed concern with golf carts on Town streets, and stated that the department had attempted to work with ASUPD over the past few years to help drivers cross Rivers Street, but that the policy ended up being abused. Chief Crawford noted an accident last year during which a golf cart headed to the old high school site crashed into a van. He recommended that ASU be required to purchase golf carts that could be registered and that had windshield wipers and headlights. Mr. Furgiuele was concerned that traffic was so heavy on game days, even headlights would not

help. He suggested that ASU had vans they could use in place of golf carts, with Ms. Mason agreeing that they had options other than golf carts that could be utilized. Ms. Ulmer was also concerned about intoxicated golf cart drivers.

20. Negotiations continue on the solar array following a funding delay of approximately six months. Mr. Ward stated that even if NTE did not move forward, ASU had back up installation plans involving New River Light and Power. A draft agreement will be brought back to Council, with construction expected to begin in 2022.

21. Electric vehicle showcase on June 22 at the Tanger outlets in Blowing Rock. Mr. Furgiuele asked whether staff had looked into whether funding might be available for electric vehicles through the Bloomberg Foundation. Mr. Ward reported that staff had worked with the Town's lobbyists to research funds from the Volkswagen settlement.

22. Flags at half staff while the remains of a lost Korean War veteran are shipped home to Red Oak, North Carolina.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Mason stated that the Tourism Development Authority recently approved their budget which included $400,000 allocated to the Howard Street project and $50,000 for Cultural Resources.

Ms. Ulmer stated that the AppalCART board had recently discussed electric buses and were working with ASU on a partnership for electric charging stations.

Mr. Furgiuele stated that the Community Appearance Commission was continuing its work on the downtown appearance standards. He reported that some members of the Sustainability Committee were dissatisfied with the assigned task of meeting with the department heads to learn about Town operations and to make recommendations back to each department for achieving sustainability goals, and that they felt they were better able to make and consider larger plans for the Town. Department heads did not attend the last meeting due to scheduling issues, but planned to attend in July.

Ms. Ulmer stated that the Cultural Resources Advisory Board was concerned about losing Cultural Resources Director, Pilar Fotta. Mr. Ward indicated that staff had interviewed three candidates and would work quickly to fill the position.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Furgiuele nominated Pam Williamson to serve on the Board of Adjustment in a regular position in that she had a mastery of the Towns UDO and procedures. Ms. Mason stated that her only reservation was that she believed Ms. Williamson had such strong opinions, and felt that she would better serve the Town as a member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Furgiuele indicated that he asked Ms. Williamson if she would consider serving on the Planning Commission, but ultimately felt that she knew the confines of the Board of Adjustment. Ms. Mason complained about Ms. Williamson's disdain for instructions from the Town Attorney and for State law, citing her response to the attorney in a group email to members of the Water Committee, in which the attorney specifically requested that people not respond. Ms. Mason said that Ms. Williamson was aware that she was breaking the open meetings law by doing so, and stating that she did not always follow the rules. Mr. Furgiuele felt that Council had adequate methods for removing board members if they did not follow the rules. He believed that Ms. Williamson demonstrated a knowledge of the Board and its mandate, including rules related to the type of evidence which could be considered, and that she was able to take direction procedurally. Ms. Ulmer agreed that Ms. Williamson had a strong personality, but that there were members of Council who also had the same trait and did not believe that to be a reason to deny an applicant who was knowledgeable. After no further nominations, Mayor Brantz called for a vote.

VOTE:	Aye:	Furgiuele, Mason, Ulmer
	Nay:	None
	Absent:	Clawson, Ashcraft

Ms. Williamson's term will expire on June 30, 2022.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Mr. Furgiuele nominated Sarah Davis Cagle for reappointment on the Community Appearance Commission and felt that she worked hard and made an excellent contribution to the commission. After no further nominations, Mayor Brantz called for a vote.

VOTE:	Aye:	Furgiuele, Mason, Ulmer
	Nay:	None
	Absent:	Clawson, Ashcraft

Ms. Cagle's term will expire on June 30, 2022.

APPOINTMENT TO CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Furgiuele disclosed that he had previously had negative personal interactions with Chase Luddeke who had applied to serve on the Cultural Resources Advisory Board. Ms. Ulmer was also concerned that Mr. Luddeke lived outside Town limits. Mr. Ward reminded Council that it was not required that members of this board reside within the Town limits, and that Mr. Luddeke was a downtown business owner. Mr. Furgiuele was concerned that few of the board members lived within the Town, and wished that Town residents would be more willing to participate on boards and commissions. Ms. Mason suggested, and it was the consensus of Council, to not take action on this application in the hopes that Town residents would apply.

APPOINTMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Ms. Mason nominated Lee Ball for reappointment to the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Furgiuele was disappointed that Mr. Ball indicated low support for the Comprehensive Plan, but felt that he offered an excellent contribution to the committee with his expertise and experience in sustainability issues at ASU, and that he helped to build bridges with ASU. Mr. Ward stated that staff was working with Mr. Ball to identify grant funding for projects such as a bike share program and other joint sustainability efforts. With no further nominations, Mayor Brantz called for a vote.

VOTE:	Aye:	Mason, Furgiuele, Ulmer
	Nay:	None
	Absent:	Clawson, Ashcraft

Mr. Ball's term will expire on June 30, 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RENAMING NEW MARKET BOULEVARD AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. Furgiuele presented his proposed resolution and stated that while he understood the many concerns voiced earlier, he believed there would be the same concerns with changing the name of any street. He stated that the idea for renaming a road to honor Dr. King came from discussion at a recent Daughters of the American Revolution meeting he attended during which the Junaluska Heritage Association was honored. Mr. Furgiuele believed several attendees were offended that this proposal had been discussed in the past with no action taken to move forward and how this inaction had made them feel like they were not valued in Boone. He added that it was not his intention to blindside or insult anyone, and that he had not discussed the proposal with anyone else, but believed that Dr. King and the African American community and their important history should be honored in Boone. Mr. Furgiuele found it hurtful to think that a part of the community felt less than welcome in Boone, and added that he believed people would be able to find offices if the road name change was adopted. He felt that, despite the comments otherwise, New Market Boulevard was a major Town owned street and served as a cut through to other major streets. Mr. Furgiuele indicated that he was open to alternatives, but believed that any proposal would have the same negative response. He stated that he did not believe that the name change would be as difficult and burdensome as speakers against the idea claimed, though he believed some concerns to be fair. Mr. Furgiuele continued by saying that he was not open to inaction and was concerned with the previous proposal of naming a pedestrian path along Howard Street after Dr. King since it was unknown when the project would be complete. He did not believe the task should be sent to the Transportation Committee, but should be handled solely at a Council level. Ms. Mason felt that everyone would love to honor Dr. King and the African American community in Boone, and that the Transportation Committee was in agreement in 2016, but felt that additional conversation was needed. She suggested designating Highway 105 as Martin Luther King, Jr.

Highway, which would allow addresses to remain the same, and would be more noticeable to tourists. Mr. Furgiuele felt that it was important for children to see the name, with Ms. Mason stating that she believed Howard Street would be visible to more people. She added that whatever the change, the community needed to be involved in the process and that consensus should be reached. Mr. Furgiuele felt that consensus among the community would never be reached, but that he might be interested in renaming Depot Street as an alternative to New Market Boulevard. He reiterated that no one knew about his proposal, and denied that he was attempting to blind side anyone, as had been claimed since according to open meetings law, a member was barred from engaging in conversation with a majority of other members before the meeting, and added that he was simply attempting to represent the community in the best way he knew. Ms. Ulmer cautioned everyone about having knee-jerk reactions due to the expectation of what should happen. She also felt that the people who spoke against the potential renaming were concerned primarily about themselves, and asked them all to remember that the change was about the future and coming together for the future and for the children. Ms. Ulmer stated that she understood that businesses contributed to the Town, but felt that there was another side to the Town apart from businesses. Ms. Mason agreed that it was important for Council to move forward and expressed regret for the three-year lapse in activity on the project. She acknowledged the impact this change would have on businesses and felt that Council should work to have more conversation with community members. Ms. Meade suggested that Council could work with DOT to rename the stretch of Highway 421 in front of New Market as a memorial Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, but that addresses would still remain the same. She noted that Chapel Hill took this approach and added that larger roads were usually named for Dr. King. Ms. Mason noted that Council had issues with DOT in the past with renaming the old Highway 421. Mr. Furgiuele stated that he was not against the idea of renaming a state highway, but was concerned that it would be outside Council's control. He added that he was unwilling to settle for naming a multi-modal path after Dr. King, and felt that this would be demeaning to him and his work. Mr. Furgiuele suggested that staff research the process of renaming a state-owned road, specifically how long it would take and the steps to do so, as well as how the name could be set in stone so that it could not be changed in the future. It was the consensus of Council to direct staff to research the renaming of a state-owned road and to report back at the July regular meeting.
Mayor Brantz declared a break at 8:34 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

RESULT:	**CONSENSUS**

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT TO DIGITAL WATAUGA

Upon a motion by Mr. Furgiuele, seconded by Ms. Ulmer, Council voted to approve the request to transfer $5,000 from the Historic Preservation Commission to Digital Watauga.

Ms. Meade informed Council that code changes on the night's agenda required four votes to pass, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Clawson and Mr. Ashcraft absent, there were not enough members present. Mr. Ward suggested scheduling a special meeting to address these items beginning at 5:00 p.m. on June 27. Mr. Furgiuele began to make a motion to schedule a special meeting on June 27 beginning at 5:00 p.m., but then withdrew his motion. Mr. Furgiuele made a new motion to schedule a special meeting on June 27, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Town Council Chambers to consider the ordinance and rezoning actions on the night's agenda. Ms. Mason seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Aye:	Furgiuele, Mason, Ulmer
	Nay:	None
	Absent:	Clawson, Ashcraft

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sam Furgiuele, Council Member
SECONDER:	Connie Ulmer, Council Member
AYES:	Mason, Furgiuele, Ulmer
ABSENT:	Clawson, Ashcraft

CONSIDERATION OF CASES HEARD AT THE MAY 20, 2019 SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Furgiuele stated that he had received communications from people who were unenthusiastic about the Bates rezoning request. He stated that his inclination was to agree with the request, but with the following conditions: 1) The apartment should be small and be limited to an occupancy of one or a family of two, but with the degree of separation within any family limited to one so that distant cousins could not use this as a loophole to over-occupy the apartment. 2) A limitation to the amount of vehicles that would be allowed to regularly be parked there, equal to the occupancy. Mr. Furgiuele asked the Bates', who were in the audience, if they would be willing to consider the conditions proposed and asked that they come to the next meeting prepared to address those proposals. Because of the absence of two of its members, it was the consensus of Council to table the planning related items until the June 27, 2019 special meeting.

RESULT:	**CONSENSUS**

CONSIDERATION OF CODE AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED AT JUNE 18, 2019 WATER USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Meade presented proposed changes to Chapter 50 of the Town code which were previously discussed at the most recent Water Committee meeting. Discussion began with Mr. Furgiuele stating that he preferred a property owner to annex before granting services. He believed that stormwater controls were more likely to be addressed during new construction, and felt that provisions for existing construction should be removed from the proposed language. Ms. Meade believed that Council wanted to keep the exceptions listed as narrow as possible, to which Mr. Furgiuele agreed and added that he would like a blanket rule that an applicant would have to annex before obtaining services. Ms. Meade suggested that Council may want to consider directing the Water Use Committee to work on the definition of "hardship" in terms of this ordinance. Discussion turned to uses, with Ms. Mason asking whether another high impact use could be created in the text. Ms. Meade was under the impression that the direction was only to include offices, and stated that she would work with staff to bring back revised text. Ms. Shook indicated that the proposed use would be a Medical Office Category Four use as it was currently written. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Furgiuele to table all ordinance related items until the June 27, 2019 special meeting. Ms. Mason seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Mason, Furgiuele, Ulmer
Nay: None
Absent: Clawson, Ashcraft

DISCUSSION OF POLICY REGARDING PROVISION OF SERVICES TO AND TAXATION OF SPLIT JURISDICTION PARCELS

Ms. Meade suggested that Council consider tabling Council Matters Item 16 - Discussion of Policy Regarding Provision of Services to and Taxation of Split Jurisdiction Parcels. Ms. Mason made a motion to table this item until the July or August meeting. Mr. Furgiuele seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Mason, Furgiuele, Ulmer
Nay: None
Absent: Clawson, Ashcraft

DIRECTION TO STAFF TO INQUIRE ABOUT MODIFYING THE TOWN'S VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Mr. Furgiuele presented a request to direct staff to inquire about modifying the veteran's memorial on King Street to include names of Boone residents who served in the military during various wars or at least those who were killed. Mr. Ward asked Council to consider the extensive community input gathered by the memorial committee, as well as the fact that the veterans on the committee was adamant that names were not to be included on the memorial. He added that the memorial was not intended to be a Boone monument exclusively, but was an all inclusive monument for all. Mr. Ward noted that the money raised for the memorial was given with the expectations that the memorial would not be changed. He suggested that an extension of the memorial could be worked into the future Town Hall expansion, and it was the consensus of Council to keep this idea alive moving forward.

RESULT:	**CONSENSUS**

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING PROCESS

Mr. Furgiuele presented a request for Council to consider amending the outside agency funding process in an attempt to make the process more transparent and stream-lined. Mayor Brantz agreed with this suggestion, except he did not want to eliminate community involvement by doing away with the Outside Agency Committee itself, and believed it was important for members of the community to participate on Town boards. Mr. Furgiuele agreed, but he believed that board participation was shrinking, and he also wanted to reduce the burden of staff if possible. He stated that even if the committee were kept in place, the annual meeting should be a joint meeting to include Council so that they could take part in the presentations given by non-profit applicants. Ms. Mason noted that funding applications were not taken in the past, but that they began using an application process in an effort to streamline the process and to ensure all the required audit information was received to make sure organizations were operating legally. Mr. Furgiuele stated that Council currently allocated money to organizations outside of this process, and felt that all agencies should have to go through the application process. Mr. Ward asked Council to consider the amount of paper used for copying applications, and asked them to remember that Council previously considered requiring SAHA to submit to the outside agency process, but that Council's direction ultimately was to keep it separate. Mr. Furgiuele continued by saying that he believed that applicants' presentations should be kept to three minutes. Ms. Mason suggested revising the committee charge to include input from the entire Council, but still including some citizen input. Mr. Furgiuele made a motion to move forward with reducing the amount of information required from the prior year's funding recipients to two pages including the following: 1. The amount of the request 2. The amount received in the prior year 3. The organization's total budget for the year 4. An explanation of what the money would be used for and the effect on the organization's operation if the money was not allocated 5. An explanation of how citizens of Boone benefit especially from the organization, above and beyond the citizens of the county and the public at large. The presentation portion of the process will continue, but moving forward will be given in front of the entire Council in addition to the committee and will be streamed online.

VOTE: Aye: Furgiuele, Mason, Ulmer
Nay: None
Absent: Clawson, Ashcraft

DIRECT THAT THE TOWN ATTORNEY RESEARCH AND ADVISE COUNCIL ABOUT BANNING THE USE OF STYROFOAM

Mr. Furgiuele presented a request that the Town Attorney research and advise Council on its ability to ban the use of styrofoam in Town. He noted that he received a request from someone on Facebook for the Town to look into this, but Mr. Furgiuele believed that there was nothing the Town could do, though he felt Council should communicate with merchants to reduce their use of styrofoam. Ms. Mason agreed and made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Furgiuele seconded the motion.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lynne Mason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sam Furgiuele, Council Member
AYES:	Mason, Furgiuele, Ulmer
ABSENT:	Clawson, Ashcraft

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Mason, seconded by Ms. Ulmer, Council voted to enter into closed session at 10:06 p.m. pursuant to:

1. N.C.Gen.Stat.§ 143-318-11 (a)(1), to review, approve and seal closed session minutes from Council's prior closed session(s).
2. N.C.Gen.Stat.§ 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Town Council and obtain legal advice, consider and/or give instructions to the attorney concerning one or more potential legal claims or other legal matter(s).
3. Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.§143.318.11 (a)(5), to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (I) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease (Winkler Property PIN 2910-16-9677-000).

VOTE: Aye: Mason, Ulmer, Furgiuele
Nay: None
Absent: Clawson, Ashcraft

ADJOURNMENT

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Rennie Brantz, Mayor