

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 5:16 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2007, in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Bunk Spann, Dempsey Wilcox, Lynne Mason, Janet Pepin(arrived at 5:25 p.m.), and Rennie Brantz. Water Study Committee members present were Mary Ruth McRae, Steve Owen, Pam Williamson, and Rob Holton. Staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Kimberly Tester-Deputy Town Clerk, Rick Miller-Public Utilities Director, and John Spear-Development Services Director.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the impact of the actual water usage for the past year and to discuss possible modifications to Ordinance 05-01.

DISCUSSION OF ACTUAL WATER USAGE AND POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO ORDINANCE 05-01

Public Utilities Director Rick Miller began the discussion by introducing a chart (**permanently on file with information packet**) which lists the allocation amount of water given to projects that have come on-line with the Town’s water system within the past year. In addition, the chart lists the actual usage amount and the difference between the allocation and actual usage. Mr. Miller pointed out that, except in a few cases, the amount of actual water usage was less than two-thirds of the allocation. Mr. Miller also pointed out that the peak amount of water usage was 2.24 million gallons per day for a five-day average in October. The Council and Committee discussed at length the possible reasons for the discrepancy between the actual usage and allocation amount of water for the projects listed. Council requested that Mr. Miller compile an updated list to include various accounts including multifamily, retail, and other commercial uses to further study the actual usage in order to better allocate water to similar projects. The Council and Committee discussed re-calculating the actual amount of water to be allocated since they have data from the past year on actual usages. Council requested that Mr. Miller produce current figures so that it may re-examine the amount of water that can be allocated. Mayor Clawson stated and several others agreed that the allocation amount needs to be divided so that it can be dispersed through the year 2012 to allow time for a new water intake source to be developed. Mr. Miller pointed out that Ordinance 05-01 originally allowed for water allocation until the year 2009. Town Manager Greg Young stated that the time line for a new water source would be at least five years to allow for permitting, design, and construction. Mr. Miller stated he would prepare the information and reports for presentation at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION OF WATER EXTENSIONS INTO SECONDARY PRESSURE ZONES

Members of the Council, Water Committee, and staff discussed the issue of extending water service into the secondary pressure zone areas within the town service area. Currently, Ordinance 05-01 does not allow such extensions of water lines. Public Utilities Director Rick Miller stated that, if such extensions are allowed, a uniform plan needs to be developed to allow for conformity to Town standards. Town Manager Greg Young suggested that a master plan be developed for service extensions within the secondary pressure zone. He stated that this action would alleviate future problems concerning compatibility with the Town’s system and costs of maintaining and repairing services in this area. Council and members of the Water Committee agreed that a master plan is needed for the secondary pressure zone. Council requested that Mr. Miller gather further information on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clawson requested that Public Utilities Director Rick Miller schedule another meeting as soon as he has the requested information prepared for presentation to the Council and Water Study Committee. With no further discussion, Mayor Clawson adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk		Mayor