

**MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
JULY 1, 2011**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 2:07 p.m., Friday, July 1, 2011, in the Administrative Conference Room at Boone Town Hall, 567 West King Street. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Jamie Leigh, Andy Ball, and Stephen Phillips. Staff members in attendance were Town Manager Greg Young and Deputy Clerk Kim Brown. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also in attendance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- \$ Reiterate and clarify recent Town Council action and direction regarding appropriate and permissible use(s) of Jones House space including, but not limited to, office and gallery rooms on the second floor, and if necessary, rescind previous action and/or discussion to extend the current contract and Jones House lease with the Watauga County Arts Council.**
- \$ Consider new action to extend the contract and Jones House lease with the Watauga County Arts Council on a month-to-month basis, but modify it to add/include specific provisions related to operations and use of gallery space.**

Council discussed the issue of the location of the copier within the Jones House Community Center. Council member Leigh stated that she has received telephone calls concerning the relocation of the copier from the small office located at the top of the stairs into the Serendipity Gallery. Members of the Council agreed that the preservation of gallery space is a priority. Upon a motion by Council member Phillips, seconded by Council member Mason, Council moved to open the floor for public comment.

VOTE: Aye - All
Nay - None
Absent - 1 (Brantz)

Several members of the Jones House Advisory Board and the Watauga County Arts Council spoke to the subject of the placement of the copier, as well as communication issues between all parties involved. After a lengthy discussion, the following options were considered regarding the placement of the copier:

1. Office of the Watauga Arts Council Executive Director (with a smaller copier located where other staff can access it when meetings are held in the director's office)
2. On the first floor, at the back entrance to the building, where the chairs are currently stacked
3. In the Serendipity Gallery behind a partition wall.

Mayor Clawson closed the public hearing at 3:16 p.m. Upon a motion by Council member Ball, seconded by Council member Leigh, Council moved to rescind action taken at the June 23, 2011 regular meeting of the Council to continue the contract and lease with the Watauga County Arts Council on a month-to-month basis.

VOTE: Aye - All
Nay - None
Absent - 1 (Brantz)

Upon a motion by Council member Leigh, seconded by Council member Mason, Council moved to extend the current lease and contract with the Watauga County Arts Council with the same terms, on a month-to-month basis with the following provisions:

1. Give instruction to the Town Manager or his designee to investigate alternative solutions to the placement of the copier in the Jones House Community Center, including locating the copier in the WAC Director's office with the addition of a smaller copier for staff use or on the first floor at the rear of the building, with the possible placement of the copier in gallery space to be the last option available.
2. The Town will consult with the Jones House Advisory Board on the matter.

VOTE: Aye - All
Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Brantz)

CLOSED SESSION (Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3)(5))

Upon a motion by Council member Ball, seconded by Council member Leigh, Council moved to go into Closed Session at 3:31 p.m. pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3)(5) in order to discuss possible legal action by Watauga County and to discuss possible property acquisition.

VOTE: Aye - All

Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Brantz)

Upon a motion by Council member Ball, seconded by Council member Mason, Council moved to exit Closed Session at 4:49 p.m.

VOTE: Aye - All

Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Brantz)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Council member Ball, seconded by Council member Mason, Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

VOTE: Aye - All

Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Brantz)

Deputy Clerk

Mayor