MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL JULY
12, 2006

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2006, in the Town Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Bunk Spann, Dempsey Wilcox, and Janet Pepin (arrived at 6:48 p.m.). Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Tester was also present.

The purpose of this meeting was to view a presentation from the Mountain Keepers organization concerning the Greening of Boone.

Nancy Reigel, president of the Mountain Keepers, began by presenting a PowerPoint presentation to the Town Council (see Exhibit A). She explained that the Mountain Keepers organization would like to oversee activities and evaluate efforts to ensure that there is no overlap or gap in services. Ms. Reigel stated the organization's vision is to help the community become sustainable through volunteer efforts. Council member Spann asked what the Mountain Keepers needs from the Town Council. She answered by stating that history shows that this process is more successful when the leaders of the community have the vision and help to galvanize the effort being made by the volunteer groups. She stated that the group would carry forth the Council's vision for Boone and make quarterly status or progress reports to the Council. Ms. Reigel indicated that this is not only a local effort but is also being carried out by many communities nationwide. She suggested that the Town of Boone could serve as a model for North Carolina. Mayor Clawson agreed that this is a very worthwhile cause and suggested the wording of the endorsement should be reviewed by the Town Attorney. Upon a motion by Council member Pepin, seconded by Council member Mason, Council moved to support this request from the Mountain Keepers organization to organize and oversee various volunteer groups in their efforts to further the sustainability of the town of Boone with the condition that the request be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

VOTE: Aye - All
Nay - None

Council member Spann suggested garnering the support for this cause from the local development community. Council member Pepin stated a presentation from the Mountain Keepers to the local development community through the Chamber of Commerce's "Hand of Hospitality" program would be beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items for consideration, Mayor Clawson adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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Deputy Town Clerk