MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 2012

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order on Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 7:04 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Leigh, Lynne Mason, and Rennie Brantz. Staff members present were Town Manager Greg Young, Town Clerk Kim Brown, Downtown Development Coordinator Pilar Fotta, and Facilities Maintenance Superintendent Eric Gustaveson. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also in attendance. Members of the Cultural Resources Board present were Frank Mohler, Cheryl Prisco, Kim Wangler, and Wayne Williams.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clawson called the meeting to order. Members of the Cultural Resources Board present were introduced. Board Member Frank Mohler updated the Council on the activities of the board thus far, which include:
-making recommendations for the creation of a subcommittee to review and discuss Jones House policies and issues
-making recommendations for the chair/vice-chair of the board and board terms
-touring of Town cultural facilities and properties on August 14, 2012
-discussing potential uses for the Rivers property.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Council Member Brantz inquired as to the status of the new position of Cultural Resources Director and additional positions. Town Manager Greg Young stated that he is anticipating the appointment of the director in the very near future. Council Member Leigh stated that the board has determined that the Jones House should be the first item for discussion. Council Member Lynne Mason stated that the subcommittee could use the current policies as a reference point and a starting place for discussion. Issues that should be discussed by the subcommittee include:

- A policy on the use of alcohol on the property
- Hours of operation
- Effective methods for informing the public that the house is open
- Review of current events that are held at the facility and discussion of opportunities for new events
- Discussion of weddings and other private events held at the facility
- Long-range planning for the use of the facility.

Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele advised that a uniform policy for the use of all town facilities and properties should be considered and stated that the Town should begin using some type of permitting system for the use of these properties instead of entering into leases. He pointed out that a long-term lease can limit the ability of the Town to have control over its own properties. Board Member Frank Mohler asked if staff can provide the board with how much the Town is providing each facility in terms of in-kind support such as mowing, painting, and repairs.

Brief discussion ensued as to the relationship of the Daniel Boone Park proposal with the Town. Town Manager Greg Young stated that the Council has not formally adopted this plan but would like review and input from the Cultural Resources Board.

CONFIRMATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD – JONES HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

It was the recommendation of the Cultural Resources Board to create a subcommittee to review and make recommendations on policies, procedures, and issues related to the utilization of the Jones House. Board Members Julia Rechenbach-Moomaw, Cheryl Prisco, and Trent Margrif were recommended to serve on the Jones House Subcommittee. Upon a motion by Council Member Brantz, seconded by Council Member Mason, Council moved to approve the creation of a Jones House Subcommittee, made up of Board Members Rechenbach-Moomaw, Prisco, and Margrif to review and make recommendations on policies, procedures, and issues related to the use of the Jones House.

VOTE: Aye – All
Nay – None
Absent – 2 (Scherlen, Ball)

With no further items for discussion, Council Member Mason moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brantz.

VOTE: Aye – All
Nay – None
Absent – 2 (Scherlen, Ball)

Kimberly S. Brown, Clerk

Loretta Clawson, Mayor