

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 2007**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 4:37 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2007, in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Bunk Spann, Dempsey Wilcox (left at 4:55 p.m.), Lynne Mason, and Rennie Brantz (left at 4:56 p.m.). Staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Kimberly Tester-Deputy Town Clerk, Jim Byrne-Assistant to the Town Manager, Blake Brown-Public Services Director, Rick Miller-Utilities & Engineering Director, John Spear-Development Services Director, and David Weakley-Environmental Planner.

The purpose of this meeting was to further discuss stormwater management issues.

Mayor Clawson welcomed all in attendance including Tony Dudley, of Watershed Concepts. Town Manager Greg Young began by reviewing a document entitled "Town of Boone 4 Year Storm Water Program Spending Plan" (**Exhibit A**) which was distributed to members of the Council per their request at the July 17th meeting. He explained that the document lists costs representative of the estimated funding required to establish and maintain a stormwater program and also meet the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. He further explained the projected costs are divided into a five year period which will include the following:

- \$ NPDES Measures
- \$ Capital Costs
- \$ Personnel Services
- \$ Operational Costs
- \$ Utility Startup Costs.

Council member Spann inquired about Mr. Dudley's experience in developing a stormwater program for jurisdictions not required to implement NPDES requirements. Mr. Dudley stated that he participated in developing a stormwater program for Washington, NC. He stated that the municipality developed a stormwater system dealing with stormwater, water quality, and infrastructure with a flat rate for single-family uses and a five-tier rate schedule for commercial and multi-family uses. Mr. Dudley explained that Washington has had this stormwater management system in place for two years. Council member Spann asked if the stormwater program is compatible with NPDES requirements. Mr. Dudley stated that it is compatible and that most stormwater regulations are already established in most towns. He pointed out that public education/outreach and dealing with illicit discharge are usually the needed components for a complete stormwater program that is compatible with NPDES requirements. Council member Mason asked about properties that are tax-exempt, specifically the Appalachian State University campus. Mr. Young stated that the fee will be a utility fee, not a tax, and would apply to tax-exempt properties. He explained that state law allows for state-owned properties, such as ASU, to develop stormwater management programs and for participation in municipal programs to be optional. Mr. Dudley stated that the City of Raleigh has an agreement with North Carolina State University in which the university pays 50% of its stormwater utility fee and that the Town of Chapel Hill is currently in negotiations with the University of North Carolina in regard to stormwater utility charges. Council member Mason asked about the development of a stormwater management design manual. Mr. Dudley stated that the creation of a design manual is included in Measures #4 and #5 of the five-year plan. He estimated the cost of developing a design manual as \$20,000 during the first two years of the five year plan. Council member Mason asked about Measure #3, specifically the development of a storm sewer map. Mr. Dudley stated this measure will be part of the five-year plan with a projected cost of \$30,000 and that part of its purpose is to detect areas of illicit discharge.

The Council discussed the implementation of an incentive program rewarding developments for installing stormwater measures and the use of best management techniques. Council members Mason and Spann agreed the use of incentives will encourage the implementation and maintenance of stormwater management systems.

Public education regarding the need for and purpose of a stormwater management program was discussed by the Council. Mayor Clawson and Council members Spann and Mason agreed that

educational efforts need to be emphasized prior to establishing a fee schedule. It was the general consensus of those present that the educational aspect of the plan should be the first priority of implementation.

The Council discussed available funding for the voluntary implementation of a stormwater management program. It was decided that Town Manager Greg Young and Special Assistant Jim Byrne schedule a meeting with a representative from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund to discuss funding possibilities and then report to the Town Council. It was further decided that Development Services Director John Spear begin the process of compiling a list of developments that contain stormwater management systems permitted within the past five years.

The Town Council briefly discussed the issue of enforcement of stormwater management regulations in the ETJ and various aspects of inspection of private properties.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Mayor Clawson adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk		Mayor