MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 5, 2009

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order on November 5, 2009 at 9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Watauga County Library. Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason presided. Council members present were Jamie Leigh and Stephen Phillips. Staff members present were Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Brown, Police Lieutenant Tom Redmond, and Public Works Director Blake Brown. Council Member-elect Andy Ball was also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Council to attend the monthly Downtown Boone Development Association meeting.

PARKING UPDATE

Council Member Phillips informed the group that he, Council Member Mason, and Mayor Clawson are scheduled to meet with the facilitator for the parking charette on Monday, November 9, 2009. He noted that some possible items for consideration during the parking charette include:

- ASU Game-Day parking
- A future parking deck
- More metered parking in the downtown area
- Parking enforcement on Saturday.

Council Member Mason invited any member of the group to forward items for consideration for the parking charette to Council Member Phillips or herself. She stated that the parking charette will be scheduled to take place in early December.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RETAIL/CUSTOMER SURVEY

Discussion ensued concerning the possibility of conducting a survey of the immediate customer base within a 20-mile radius and a survey of the retail operators in the downtown area. Council Member Leigh suggested a coordinated effort with the Town of Boone in order to expand the scope of the survey to achieve a broader range of input regarding issues in the downtown area.

ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING UPDATE

Council Member Mason stated that she is working with the Town's grant-writer, Jim Byrne, in order to devise an application to submit for the NC Main Street Energy grant funds. She stated that Steve Owen, director of the Appalachian Institute for Renewable Energy, appeared before the Town Council at the last meeting to request support for the development of solar power in Boone. Public Works Director Blake Brown stated that 30 solar-powered street lights cost approximately $191,000. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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Deputy Clerk Mayor