

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 2005**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 4:01 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2005, in the Town Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road, Boone, NC. Mayor Velma C. Burnley presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Lynne Mason, Dempsey Wilcox, Graydon Eggers, and Bunk Spann. Members of the Water Study Committee present were Pam Williamson, Mary Ruth McRae, Steve Owen, Phil Templeton, and Skip Greene. Town staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Rick Miller-Public Utilities Director, John Spear-Development Services Director, Amy Davis-Finance Director, and Kim Tester-Deputy Town Clerk.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future growth of Boone, water source options, and funding for water needs.

Mayor Burnley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

John Spear began by presenting a copy of the current Growth Strategy map and a copy of the revised map recommended by the Planning Commission. He noted the rural areas were primarily in secondary pressure zones and contained steep slopes. Committee member McRae stated the intention of the Planning Commission is that the map could be revisited in five years after the water situation in Boone is resolved.

Committee member Williamson asked about the time period required for town services once a property is annexed into the corporate limits. Town Manager Greg Young explained that the town is required to provide water and sewer service to the annexed property within two years. All other town services are to be provided immediately after the effective date of the annexation. Mr. Young further explained a key aspect of the process of annexation is for the town to have a services plan for the annexed property. Committee member McRae inquired about recent annexations. Mr. Young stated the most recent requests were for the purpose of acquiring water and sewer service, and the requests were for voluntary annexations.

Council member Clawson posed the question: How large do you want the town of Boone to be? Committee member McRae noted the vast growth along highway corridors in the eastern and western parts of the county. She inquired about the intention of Watauga County to provide water and sewer services to that part of the county. Mr. Young stated the County Water and Sewer Committee has met for at least a year and, at one time, wanted to participate in the water study being pursued by the town. He stated that intention has not been pursued. Mr. Young stated according to preliminary indications, there are only two locations that could be a source of water intake. He noted the two locations: the Beaver Dam area and a location on Brownwood Road.

Mayor Burnley stated that conservation efforts will be a key aspect in regard to the town's water situation. The committee agreed that conservation efforts are important and need to be pursued.

Council member Wilcox inquired as to when the water study would be available. Mr. Young stated the report should be made available in the next thirty days.

The committee discussed the idea of a subcommittee that could develop recommendations for both voluntary and involuntary conservation efforts. Committee members Phil Templeton and Steve Owens volunteered to participate with assistance from Public Utilities Director, Rick Miller. The subcommittee should have recommendations to present to the entire committee at the next regular meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Burnley adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor