

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 10, 2005**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 4:04 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 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, and Bunk Spann. Pam Williamson, a member of the Water Study Committee, was present. Council members-Elect Janet Pepin and Rennie Brantz were also in attendance. Town staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Rick Miller-Public Utilities Director, Amy Davis,-Finance Director, John Spear-Development Services Director, Kim Tester-Deputy Town Clerk, and Megan Wilson-Program Coordinator I.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a possible joint partnership with Watauga County and other entities.

Mayor Burnley welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked for a report from the joint meeting of the Town Council and the Watauga County Board of Commissioners which was held on October 25, 2005. Council member Spann reported that the County Commissioners suggested a possible cooperation between the two governmental entities. Council member Wilcox stated that there exists an interest in the possibility of cooperation, but he is not certain about the county's intentions. Mayor Burnley pointed out that the town is very far along in this process and that a cooperative effort may create delays. Council member Spann stated he feels that the first obligation is to the citizens of Boone. Council member Mason expressed a concern with development without a growth plan. She stated the town should maintain its current direction. Public Utilities Director Rick Miller stated that the county is interested in possibly obtaining water intake from the Ashe County area. He further noted that the Brownwood area intake would not be an adequate source of water for both entities. Mr. Miller informed the group that the County Commissioners have directed the County Manager, Rocky Nelson, to approach Ashe County officials for possible negotiation. It was the consensus of the group to meet with officials from Watauga County for further discussion of a collaborative effort, noting that the Town of Boone is already pursuing water source options. Council member-elect Pepin suggested the use of a facilitator at a joint meeting. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the group to extend an invitation for further discussion between the two entities, by way of a letter from the Town, requesting information on the needs of the county and any data that applies to the water issue. Once this information is received, the Town Council will determine a date and time for the meeting.

With no further matters before the committee, Mayor Burnley adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk		Mayor