

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 27, 2008**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 6:23 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason presided. Council members present were Liz Aycok, Janet Pepin and Stephen Phillips. Staff present were Town Manager Greg Young and Town Clerk Freida Van Allen.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a resolution requesting a special appropriation from the NC General Assembly for assistance with right-of-way acquisition for Old Highway 421.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION - REQUESTING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH
RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR OLD HIGHWAY 421**

On a motion by Council member Aycok, seconded by Council member Phillips, Council moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FROM
THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ASSISTANCE
WITH RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR OLD HIGHWAY 421**

WHEREAS, Watauga County is requesting improvements to Old Highway 421 leading to the new Watauga High School site; and

WHEREAS, Watauga County and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) have entered into an agreement in which the NC DOT will construct the improvements and Watauga County will pay the right-of-way acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed roadwork does not include right-of-way acquisition sufficient enough to construct bike lanes and sidewalks on the south side of the road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone has requested that the NC DOT develop a design to include at minimum, a sidewalk on the south side of the street and, if possible, bike lanes; and

WHEREAS, the NC DOT has advised the Town of Boone that to install sidewalks and bike lanes will require the acquisition of additional property above and beyond that to which Watauga County has committed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Boone formally requests from the North Carolina General Assembly, \$100,000 from the North Carolina House of Representatives and \$100,000 from the North Carolina Senate to assist with the acquisition of additional property sufficient to place a sidewalk along the south side of Old Highway 421 and, if possible, bike lanes.

Adopted this the 27th day of May, 2008.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION TO BE TYPED IN BOOK 3, PAGE 59)

VOTE: Aye-All
Nay-None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council member Aycock, seconded by Council member Pepin, Council moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

VOTE: Aye-All
Nay-None

Town Clerk

Mayor