

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2008**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 3:05 p.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2008, in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road.. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Liz Aycock, Janet Pepin, Rennie Brantz, and Stephen Phillips. Members of the Water Use Committee present were Mary Ruth McRae and Patrick Beville. Staff members present were Greg Young-Town Manager, Kimberly Brown-Deputy Town Clerk, Rick Miller-Public Utilities Director, John Spear-Development Services Director, and Andrea Gimlin-Program Coordinator. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also in attendance.

Mayor Clawson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF ORDINANCE #05-01

Public Utilities Director Rick Miller began by stating that the Town Council had requested a meeting to review Ordinance 05-01 at the last regular council meeting. Council Member Pepin agreed by stating that Council needs to continually review the ordinance to ensure that it is updated. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele pointed out that language needs to be added to the ordinance regarding the impact of the water shortage stages on decisions made by the Town Council on whether to allocate water. Council Member Pepin asked to discuss the issue of sewer-only allocations. She stated that confusion arises when the applicant must ask for and then be denied water service in order to be granted sewer service. Discussion ensued concerning the need for criteria on which to base the decision to allow for sewer-only hook-ups. It was the consensus of the committee that a record of the projected water usage will need to be compiled for those projects that are granted sewer service and plan to connect to water when it is made available. Furthermore, it was agreed that staff should alert the Council when the capacity of treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is reaching certain levels. Council directed Mr. Miller to update the water and sewer application with a statement to the effect that if an applicant is granted sewer service connections, the applicant must connect to water if and when the water service becomes available. In regard to the monthly status reports presented to the Council, it was the consensus of the Council to review these reports to decide if a revised report will be beneficial in making the decision to grant water and sewer allocations. Council Member Phillips stated that the process by which the applicant must appear before the Council to request water and sewer service is intimidating and confusing. Mr. Furgiuele indicated that he had drafted an outline of the process so that applicants will know what to expect; he stated that he will send the outline to Mr. Miller to include with the application. Upon a motion by Council Member Aycock, seconded by Council Member Pepin, the committee approved a recommendation to send the following statement, to be inserted in paragraph 1 of Ordinance #05-01, to the Town Council for approval at the September regular meeting:

However, when either a Stage II or Stage III Water Shortage is declared, pursuant to Article VII of the Town of Boone Water and Sewer Code, or imposed on the Town by the State of North Carolina, the Town Council may suspend its consideration and approval of any new water applications. Likewise, the Town Council may direct the Public Utilities Department to suspend its consideration of any new water allocations until further action by the Council.

VOTE: Aye - All
 Nay - None

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF DROUGHT ISSUES AND CONSERVATION TRIGGERS

Due to time constraints, it was decided that a future meeting will be scheduled during which this issue will be discussed.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD APPLICATION

The committee considered an application submitted by Dr. Kristan Cockerill to serve on the Water Use Committee. It was agreed that Dr. Cockerill's expertise and input will be a valuable asset to the committee. Upon a motion by Council Member Aycock, seconded by Council Member Brantz, the committee moved to forward Dr. Cockerill's application to the Town Council for appointment.

VOTE: Aye - All
 Nay - None

Town Manager Greg Young and Maggie Tilley, of G & T Communications, presented a power-point program and an informational hand-out (**permanently on file at Town Hall**) regarding the proposed water intake on the New River. Mr. Young explained that he and Ms. Tilley will be presenting the information to the National Committee for the New River on Friday, August 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items for discussion, Mayor Clawson adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor