

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING  
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 5:11 p.m., Monday, September 22, 2008 in the Helen Powers-South Room at the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center. Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason presided. Council members present were Liz Aycock, Rennie Brantz, and Stephen Phillips. Town Attorney Sam Furgiuele was also present. Staff members present were Town Manager Greg Young, Town Clerk Freida Van Allen, Public Utilities Director Rick Miller, Police Chief Bill Post and Development Services Director John Spear.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an intergovernmental retreat with the Towns of Blowing Rock and Seven Devils, Watauga County and Appalachian State University officials.

**PRESENTATION OF POWER POINT - BOONE'S WATER NEEDS**

Council member Brantz presented a power point on Boone's future water needs. The power point focused on the new water intake project being proposed for the Todd area. **A copy of this power point is permanently on file in the September, 2008 Town Council meetings file.** County Commissioner Jimmy Deal asked if the water needs projection includes the Town of Blowing Rock's future needs. Town Manager Greg Young said the projections include 500,000 gallons per day for the Town of Blowing Rock. Representatives from the Town of Blowing Rock said the 500,000 inter-connect with the Town of Boone and the existing 400,000 gallons per day should be enough water for the future. Council member Mason said the water intake project will cost about \$25,000,000 and will require at least five years for completion. Council member Mason said the water projection figures also include projected growth along the corridors.

**UPDATE ON ASU CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

Dr. Lorin A. Baumhover, Chief of Staff for ASU, presented a report on the future of on-campus housing needs for ASU. Dr. Baumhover said the demand for on-campus housing is great and that at this time ASU needs an additional 700 beds. ASU has a goal to house at least 40% of students in on-campus housing. Currently ASU houses about 34% of the students on-campus. ASU Board Trustee Jimmy Deal said if ASU does not provide on-campus housing, the students will either live in the County or the Town of Boone.

Interim Vice-Chancellor for Business Affairs Greg Lovins presented a power point on ASU's capital projects. Current projects include:

1. College of Education.
2. Cannon Residence Hall.
3. Frank Residence Hall renovation.
4. New dining hall. Phase II involves demolishing Wellborn Hall.
5. Replacement of all main steam tunnels.
6. Water interconnection with the Town of Boone.
7. Athletic facilities (Kidd-Brewer Stadium; Jim & Bettie Smith Baseball Stadium)

**Master Planning Process**

Interim Vice-Chancellor for Business Affairs Greg Lovins said the Town of Boone and ASU are working together to update both the Town and the campus master planning. The Lawrence Group from Davidson, NC is facilitating both plan updates.

**DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY - PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS  
TODD CHERRY**

Mr. Michael McKee presented a power point that showed the economic and tax revenue impact of Appalachian State University to the area. The area included Watauga, Avery, Ashe, Caldwell and Wilkes Counties. Mr. McKee summarized that the University impacts the area with 5,121

jobs, \$125 million in earnings, \$506 million in regional output and \$39 million in additional indirect business taxes to local governments.

**DISCUSSION ON HOW TO BEST HANDLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISPUTES DIPLOMATICALLY**

Council member Stephen Phillips said he has noticed on several occasions minor disputes which could have been handled in a more diplomatic way. County Commissioner Jimmy Deal agreed and said meetings like this intergovernmental retreat go a long way to resolve issues.

**DISCUSSION OF FUTURE FACILITATION AND COORDINATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RETREATS**

Blowing Rock Town Manager Scott Hildebran suggested that the High Country Council of Governments coordinate future facilitation of the intergovernmental retreats. High Country Council of Governments Planning Director Phil Trew said there would be no charge from the COG to facilitate the future intergovernmental retreats. Mayor Clawson said she would be comfortable with the COG coordinating the retreats. Council member Mason agreed, stating that she will welcome the COG's facilitation. Mr. Trew said he could work with staff and managers to decide when to meet next and that meetings should be issue driven. Everyone agreed.

The group then broke into subcommittee groups. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor