

APRIL 13TH, 2022

Town Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview:

Want to know what was discussed during the April 13th, 2022 Town Council Meeting? Read below for a quick overview of what was discussed and what action was taken. Full minutes for this meeting will be available via the Town's website once approved by Town Council.

Summary:

The following were on the March 23rd, 2022 Town Council Meeting Agenda:

- **Announcements**
- **Public Comment**
- **Council Matters**
- **Requested Appearances**
- **Adoption of Items on Consent Agenda**
- **Council Matters**
- **Closed Session**

Below is a quick summary of each item, and how it relates to you as a citizen of Boone.

Announcements:

- The Boone Town Council hosted its first hybrid style meeting, with the option for in-person or virtual public comment/attendance.

Public Comment: To hear public comment, please watch the recording of the April 13th, 2022 meeting.

Requested Appearances: To listen to the requested appearances, which are listed below, please watch the recording of the April 13th, 2022 meeting.

- **Rebecca Kaenzig: Daniel Boone Native Gardens**
- **James Wheeler: Community Based Jobs Accelerator Project**
- **Grace Wagner: Accessibility Concerns Within the Town of Boone**

Adoption of Items on Consent Agenda: The following items were adopted on the consent agenda:

Board Vacancies:

- ABC Board
 - 1 Regular
- Board of Adjustment:
 - 1 Alternate
- Community Appearance Commission:
 - 1 Regular
 - 1 Student
- Cultural Resources Advisory Board:
 - 3 Regular
 - 1 Student
- Downtown Boone Development Association
 - 1 Board Appointed
- Transportation Committee
 - 1 Position (Cooperative Extension)
 - 1 Position (Alternative Transportation)
 - 1 Resident
 - 1 Student
- Water Advisory Committee
 - 5 Regular
 - 1 Student

Board Applications:

- [Board Application](#)
- [Student Board Application](#)

Agenda:

[March 23rd Agenda Packet](#)

- **Consideration of Approval of Minutes**
- **Consideration of Fair Housing Resolution**
- **Consideration of Resolution - Burn a Blue Bulb Campaign**
- **Consideration of Design Services Proposal - McGill Associates, P.A.**
- **Consideration of Commercial Electrical Services Proposal - Smart Electric Co., Inc.**
- **Consideration of License Agreement - Zeta Tau Alpha-Lambda Kappa Bid Day**
- **Consideration of Climate Change Survey**

Council Matters: The following is a brief description of each item discussed by the Boone Town Council and the discussions that were made:

- **Town Manager Update:** Amy Davis, Interim Town Manager, gave a brief update regarding what has been done in the Town since the previous Town Council Meeting.
- **Town Attorney Update:** Ms. Allison Meade, Town Attorney, gave a brief update regarding her duties as Town Attorney.
- **Board Liaison Report:** Councilmembers gave brief updates regarding the town and community boards which they attend.
- **Appointment to ABC Board:** Ms. Jacqueline Dunbar was appointed to the vacant regular position of the ABC Board.
- **Consideration of Application to CRAB:** Mr. David Jackson was appointed to the vacant seat on the Cultural Resources Advisory Board (CRAB).
- **Recognition of David Jackson - Main Street Award:** Mr. Jackson was awarded the Main Street Champion recognition from the North Carolina Main Street organization for his dedicated support of the downtown revitalization efforts of Boone.
- **Request for Direction Regarding Possible Reduction in List Price of 1500 Blowing Rock Road:** After a presentation given by James Milner of Appalachian Commercial Real Estate, Council voted to discuss the possible reduction in the list price of 1500 Blowing Rock Road (the current location of the Boone Police Department and Council Chambers) at a later date.
- **Police Department Application for a No-Match Grant:** Chief Andy LeBeau of the Boone Police Department informed Council of the No-Match Grant Boone Police applied for for a grant which will help fund law enforcement agencies to investigate Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). Boone Police applied for \$22,645.08 in order to to purchase items related to forensic computer related equipment. While not awarded yet, Chief LeBeau is hopeful for a positive outcome.
- **Consideration of Cases Heard at the March 28, 2022 Public Hearing:** The following cases were heard:
 - **Case PL05551-030422: A&R Mountain Properties LLC -General Use Zoning Map Amendment**
 - **Case PL05502-021822: (COA) Process – UDO Text Amendment**
 - **Case PL05558-030922: Stormwater Modification - UDO Text Amendment**
 All cases were approved as presented.
- **Consideration of Modern Real Estate Investors, LLC Voluntary Annexation Petition (151 Modern Drive):** Council approved the Voluntary Annexation Petition.
- **Consideration of the Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery Historical Marker:** Council voted to approve the text option which will include the reference to Mr. Greene's history and approved for the marker to be placed within the mulched area at east corner of Parcel 2900-79-7988-000, adjoining Watauga County Courthouse Annex (stone building)at intersection of Queen and North Water Streets.
- **Presentation by P&I of Information Generated for the Watauga Housing Forum:** Ms. Jane Shook, the Director of Planning & Inspections for the Town, gave a brief

presentation regarding the information generated from Planning & Inspections which was presented to the Watauga Housing Forum.

- **Street Closure Request - Boonerang Music & Arts Festival:** Council approved the closure of Depot Street (South Depot and part of North Depot) and Howard Street at the Depot intersection. Additionally, Council approved a "beer garden" within the active festival zones.
- **Consideration of Issues Related to Murals & Sign Regulations:** Ms. Meade updated Council on work being done to address Public Art in the new Downtown Historic District, and discussed possible work which would need to be done to the UDO regarding signs and murals.
- **Request for Inventory and Map of Edible Plants:** Councilmember George asked for staff to mark all edible plants which the Town maintains, as well as promote such plants on social media platforms.
- **Discussion and Request for Direction Regarding Single-use Plastics:** Council voted that the Town begin with incentivization to reduce the use of single-use plastics, rather than implement a solid waste fee or an outright ban on single-use plastics at this moment in time.
- **Update & Possible Discussion and/or Action Regarding Town Manager Hiring Process:** Dale Presnell, Director of Human Resources for the Town of Boone, updated Council regarding the applications received for the open Boone Town Manager.

To view the meeting in it's entirety, please visit our Facebook page at Town of Boone, North Carolina. For a full summary of the meeting, the Official Town Council Minutes will be published once approved by Council.