Town of Boone
Historic Preservation Commission Advisory Meeting
3:00 PM, June 3, 2025
Planning & Inspections Conference Room
680 W. King St., Suite C
Boone, NC 28607

The public may attend the meeting in person at the Planning and Inspections Conference Room at 680 West King Street, Suite C, or online via WebEx, a video conferencing software.

Public Comment: To give public comment, you should appear in person at the physical location of this meeting. Persons who attend the meeting remotely via WebEx may be permitted to speak during public comment but are not assured of that opportunity.

WebEx Participation: To join online or by phone, email Planning and Inspections at planning@townofboone.net or call 828-268-6960, and you will receive an email invitation. Requests must be submitted no later than one hour before the meeting begins.

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Agenda

III. Public Comment

IV. Discussion of HPC Work Plan

V. Discuss Civil War Trails Review of Stoneman's Raid Interpretative Panel

1. Revised Draft Text of Stoneman's Raid Interpretative Panel

VI. Other Matters

1. Statement of Conformity Report as of May 22, 2025

VII. Adjournment

The Battle of Boone

"The Fight Got Real Hot"

Campaign Banner [in red bar] – Stoneman's Raid

On the morning of March 28, 1865, Union cavalry under Maj. Myles Keogh rode into Boone on the road to your left, surprising about 100 Confederate Home Guard members who had gathered to drill near the courthouse.

Keogh's command, which included at least 13 Union loyalists from Watauga and surrounding counties, was the vanguard of Union Gen. George Stoneman 6,000-man cavalry command advancing into Virginia and North Carolina to destroy railroads and Confederate supplies.

As Keogh's men approached, shots rang out, and some Guardsmen fell back to the home of James W. Councill, which stood to your right. Hearing the noise, Mrs. Councill, carrying a child in her arms, stepped outdoors to investigate – but hurried back inside after a volley of balls smashed into the wood around her.

"The fight got real hot," Sheriff A.J. McBride, one of the Home Guardsmen, recalled. The Union cavalry charged, sending the defenders fleeing up the slopes of Howard's Knob.

Union cavalry poured into town for the rest of the day, and Gen. Stoneman requisitioned the Councill house for his headquarters. Stoneman and most of his force left Boone the next day, continuing their efforts to "dismantle the country," destroying rail lines and materials that could be used by the Confederate army.

Beginning April 6, Col. George Kirk's North Carolina Mounted Infantry ("Kirk's Raiders") occupied Boone for several weeks, blockading major routes through the mountains. The jail and courthouse were burned.

Both Union and Confederate soldiers are interred in the nearby Boone Cemetery.

Media:

#1 – Image – Myles Keogh

DRAFT

Caption: Union Capt. Myles Keough. *Ebenezer E. Henry, Captain Myles Keogh, 1868-70, collodion wet plate negative, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas, P1978.122.1.241*

#2 – Map of Skirmish

#3 – Pull Quote

"We arrived this a.m. with the Twelfth Kentucky in the Advance, captured the place, killing 9, capturing 62 home guards…" Union Gen. George Stoneman. Union forces reported no casualties.

DRAFT

Planning & Inspections Department
680 W. King Street, Suite C, Boone, NC 28607
Phone: (828) 268-6960 | Email: planning@townofboone.net
Web: townofboone.net/pi

ToB - Statement of Conformity (SoC) Monthly Reporting for HPC

File Date	Application Number	Project Name	Permit Type	Permit Use	Location	Status	Issuing User
May 14, 2025	25-0338	Wildwood Community Market - Statement of Conformity	Zoning	Statement of Conformity	182 HOWARD ST	Approved	Amy Snider
May 20, 2025	25-0367	ToB Post Office - Roof Repairs	Zoning	Statement of Conformity	680 W KING ST	Pending	Brandon L. Wise

2 Permits