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Town of Boone Student Board Application - Submission #7792

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State*
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Zip Code*
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Is this Address Your Preferred Address?*
Yes

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number*
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Jurisdiction of Residence*

- [ ] Town of Boone (Inside Town Limits)
- [ ] Watauga County
- [x] Other

Please Specify:*

Concord NC

When Is Your Expected Graduation Date?*

2028

Are you Familiar with Boone Next - the Town of Boone's Comprehensive Plan?*

Yes

Rate Your Support for Boone Next (1 Being Not Supportive at All and 10 Being Extremely Supportive)*

- [ ] 1
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Please Explain Your Level of Support for Boone Next*

I have immense respect for the comprehensive plan. It offers sound, locally focused solutions to regional and national problems; in addition, it addresses challenges uniquely suited to Boone with ambition and care. I believe Boone Next makes tremendous strides to improve quality of life for residents while also making Boone a more welcoming mountain town for visitors. This is shown by the progressive economic agenda, corrective land-use adjustments, people-centric infrastructure, proactive sustainability measures, and community-enhancing government services. The goals and procedures included in the plan are precisely the solutions I have come to believe most impactful after traveling the US and seeing a similar pattern of degradation in countless American cities and towns. It's tragic, these policy decisions of the past have resulted in mass homelessness, racial injustice, environmental collapse and many other societal epidemics. Boone Next looks at all of that and chooses to break the wheel and reimagine local governance. I admire the plan, I could talk for days about each niche subject from housing to transport to ecological and economic sustainability. Boone Next puts the town at the forefront of modern growth, addressing long-ignored problems. Thanks to the efforts that made the plan possible, Boone will certainly become more accessible, affordable, and adaptable.

Name of Board, Commission, Task Force, Advisory Board, or Committee Appointment Sought*

Sustainability Committee

Please Note: Time of Meeting CANNOT be changed. Please take this into account with your school schedule.

Why Do You Wish to Obtain this Appointment?*

I would like to continue my service from my last term. I learned a lot from my initial appointment and see more opportunities for me to effectively serve the town as I become a more integrated resident and progress in my conservation career. Serving my last term taught me the pace and environment of public service; if given another term, I would like to implement what I learned. I hope to continue celebrating the strides made toward achieving the 2030 and 2050 goals and contribute meaningfully to future endeavors. Being appointed was a eye opening experiance. I admire the dedication of those I served with, and I wish to show that same dedication.

What Skills, Education, Training, Experience or Area(s) of Expertise Would You Bring to the Appointment?*

I have many years of experience in practical conservation efforts, primarily in trail construction and maintenance, but extending to invasive species removal, forest management, fire suppression, and habitat restoration, among others. I have worked with sustainable agriculture and local farmers' markets. My major at App is Sustainable Development, where I focus on socioeconomic and political issues that influence our environment (ecological and societal), and possible solutions like alternative economics, ecological regulations, accessible infrastructure, and radical democracy/cooperatives. I also have experience in leadership and organizing volunteers, in the past for trails and now for my new club, "Appalachian State Conservation Corps," where I hope to offer student volunteer opportunities to improve Boone's habitats.

I hereby certify that the foregoing answers are true, and that should I be appointed to the board, commission, task force, advisory body or committee, and should a conflict of interest exist or develop with regard to a specific matter, I will disclose the conflict of interest and recuse myself from the deliberations and action involved. Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to: a direct or indirect financial interest by myself or a member of my family, and other interest which impairs my ability to participate fairly in the deliberations and actions in question.*

William Copeck

Signature

Date*

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