Planning Commission Chair/Vice-Chair Application

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Board Member Information (Please see Board Secretary if needed for term information)

Name (Print): **Declan King**

Date Appointed: **September 2025**

Date Term Expires: **August 2028**

Number of Terms Served: **1**

Position Sought: Chair **Vice-Chair**

Questions

1. Orientation & Training

A. Have you completed the Planning Commission orientation?

Yes **NO**

B. If no, are you willing to attend orientation (2-3 hour commitment) prior to participating as Chair or Vice-Chair?

Yes **NO**

2. Comprehensive Plan & Other Adopted Plans

A. Are you familiar with the Town's current Comprehensive Plan and other adopted Plans as listed on the Planning and Inspections website under the "Ordinances, Plans & Studies" heading?

Yes **NO**

B. If no, are you willing to take the time to review these documents in order to familiarize yourself with the intent and content of these plans prior to participating as Chair or Vice-Chair?

Yes **NO**

3. Unified Development Ordinance

A. Are you familiar with the Town of Boone's Unified Development Ordinance, specifically Articles 1 General Provisions, Article 2 Administrative Mechanisms, Article 4 Permits, and Article 9 Amendments?

Yes **NO**

B. If no, are you willing to take the time to review these Articles in order to familiarize yourself with the intent and content of these Articles prior to participating as Chair or Vice-Chair?

Yes **NO**

4. Robert's Rules of Order

A. Are you familiar with Robert's Rules of Order?

Yes **NO**

B. If no, are you willing to take the time to review this Guide in order to familiarize yourself with the intent and content prior to participating as Chair or Vice-Chair?

Yes **NO**

5. Please explain why you wish to obtain this appointment:

Planning Commission serves an important role in shaping the conversation around local issues and advocating for the best interests of those who live in the Town of Boone. Effective administration of the Planning Commission is essential for the body to inhabit its greatest possible utility. Planning Commission is in a transitional phase, with the departure of Mrs. Pruitt and Mr. Tait (and the impending departure of Mr. Mileski), and I believe I have the experience and energy necessary to help incoming members understand board member duties: making motions, the CD process, and the "conversation shaping" role of a PC member. As Vice Chair, I would continue to encourage the board to focus on the goals and policies included in Boone Next, as the comp plan remains the most up-to-date record of our community's vision for itself. This focus on the comprehensive plan provides the basis for Planning Commission's legitimacy as a true community body. I will be present at all meetings in person this summer (pending illness or act of god) and plan on the same for fall 2026 and beyond as we add new members. As Vice Chair, I feel confident that I could discharge these duties myself as well as be an effective "mover" of the meeting alongside or in the absence of Mr. Veno when needed. I would love to continue the work PC has done in my time on the board in this role.