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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 8TH, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the Jones House Community Center located at 604 West King Street in Boone. Mayor Tim Futrelle presided. Town Councilmembers present included Mayor Pro-Tempore Dalton George, Councilmember Todd Carter, Councilmember Virginia Roseman, and Councilmember Eric Plaag. Staff present included Amy Davis, Town Manager, Todd Moody, Director of Public Works, Jane Shook, Director of Planning and Inspections, Brandon Wise, Deputy Director of Planning and Inspections, Amy Snider, Commercial Zoning Administrator (Virtual), Jimmy Isaas, Fire Chief, Daniel Duckworth, Police Chief, George Santucci, Sustainability and Special Projects Manager, Guy Miller, Finance Director, and Laney Wise, Grants Coordinator/Communications. Allison Meade, Town Attorney, was present as well.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Futrelle called for a brief moment of silence. After a brief moment of silence, Mayor Pro-Tem George requested that the adoption of the agenda be moved prior to announcements, in which Mayor Futrelle agreed.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Pro-Tem George requested that Council Matters Item 3: Discussion of Bolick Property and Council Matters Item 4: Consideration of issue of AI and its impact on "creatives" be moved prior to Work Session. Council provided consensus on this change. Mayor Futrelle then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the requested modifications.

Mayor Pro-Tem George, which was seconded by Councilmember Plaag, to adopt the modified agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Eric Plaag, Virginia Roseman
Nay: None
Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ***ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD VACANCIES***
   Mayor Futrelle announced the following vacancies:

POSITIONS OPEN

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Three alternate positions

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Two regular positions

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
One student position

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Two Positions (business that collects occupancy tax)

Councilmember Roseman commented that one of the best ways for community members to serve their community is by serving on a Town of Boone board and encouraged Boone residents to apply for a position. With no further comments, Mayor Futrelle moved to the next item on the agenda.

Councilmember Roseman made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Tugman, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag
Nay: None
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
Councilmember Plaag made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Tugman, to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Public Power Week 2025, October 5–11: A Week-Long Celebration of Appalachian State University's New River Light and Power's Year-Round Service to the Town of Boone.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag
Nay: None
Absent: None

Mayor Futrelle then read the following proclamation:

Recognizing Public Power Week 2025, October 5–11: A Week-Long Celebration of Appalachian State University's New River Light and Power's Year-Round Service to the Town of Boone

WHEREAS, public power is a crucial component in cities and towns across North Carolina, driving the overall health of communities by providing unmatched electric reliability, affordable and sustainable power, excellent local service, and essential jobs in communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns are among more than 2,000 across the country, providing electricity with a reliability rating of 99.98 percent; and

WHEREAS, many of North Carolina's public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years, assisting their communities through prosperous times as well as pandemics and economic downturns, maintaining life-saving electricity to homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina public power communities are part of a mutual aid network that spans the state and country, providing invaluable support during times of hurricanes and other natural disasters while maintaining a superior safety record; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are essential community partners that contribute to the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service, valuable energy solutions, and a commitment to community;

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone recognizes Public Power Week and commends the public power cities and towns across our state for their outstanding contributions to our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Boone hereby proclaims October 5 -11, 2025, as "PUBLIC POWER WEEK" in the Town of Boone and commends its observation to all citizens.

This is the 8th day of October, 2025.

Mayor Pro-Tem George thanked Appalachian State University's New River Light and Power for their continued service to the Town of Boone. Mayor Futrelle then asked Mayor Pro-Tem George to read the next resolution, in which Mayor Pro-Tem George asked if Councilmember Carter could read the second half. Mayor Futrelle agreed. The following proclamation was read into the record.

Proclamation Declaring "Tugman Day" October 8th in Boone, North Carolina

WHERAS, the Boone, North Carolina community wishes to send the Tugman family off with the best wishes and honor the family's many contributions to the Town of Boone and our community; and

WHERAS, Edith "Edie" and Stuart "Sonny" Tugman have long lived in Boone, raising a family, working in many capacities, engaging in volunteerism, and making friends everywhere they went; and

WHERAS, the Tugman family is one of the founding families of the Town of Boone, with Stuart "Sonny" Tugman being a fifth-generation, proud native and multi-generational Boone resident and champion for his Town; and

WHERAS, Edie made the leap into elected life, originally running for Town Council in 2021 and being re-elected in 2023, and has served the Town diligently, being key in numerous projects and successes since then; and

WHERAS, while Edie is choosing to resign to prioritize her family and the health and well-being of those she loves, the Town of Boone wishes to celebrate her, her family, and her many accomplishments as she enters the next phase of her life; and

WHERAS, the Town of Boone knows that losing a family such as the Tugmans during their move will leave an irreplaceable gap in community service and character; and

WHERAS, James Tugman came to these rich lands from England in the 1750s, and for generations, the Tugmans have inhabited the mountains of Western North Carolina, building community, businesses, and fellowship; and

WHERAS, the descendants of James Tugman have faithfully served the Boone community, and William Ralph Tugman and Dorothy Glenn Tugman, parents of Stuart "Sonny" Tugman, exemplified and instilled in the Tugman family public service and dedication to the residents of the Town of Boone;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Boone Town Council, honor and celebrate Edith "Edie" Tugman and Stuart "Sonny" Tugman, whose contributions to their family and community will forever be remembered, and declare this eighth day of October 2025 to be Tugman Day; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Tugmans as a testament to their remarkable lives and impact.

Adopted this on the 8th day of October 2025.

Ms. Tugman thanked the Boone Town Council for serving alongside her during her time as Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilmember. A brief discussion was held regarding both Ms. Tugman and Mr. Tugman's service to the Boone community and the lasting impact they have had on the Town of Boone.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor Futrelle asked if anyone in attendance would like to provide public comment. Hearing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda.

REQUESTED APPEARANCES

1. ***INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT AT 115 BEVERLY HEIGHTS AVENUE***
   Mayor Futrelle asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak regarding the project. Attorney Chelsea Garrett of Deal, Mosely, di Santi, Garrett & Martin, LLP, and Mr. Chase Powell, Mr. Hunter Holliday, and Mr. John Law of Landmark Properties were in attendance. The presentation regarding the proposed development can be found on agenda packet pages 11 to 21. Following the presentation, Mayor Futrelle asked whether any Council members had questions.

   Councilmember Plaag began by noting that Attorney Garrett and members of Landmark Properties had met individually with Council members prior to the meeting. He explained that in the original proposal, ten units were to be dedicated as workforce housing and asked whether the

current proposal still included those units. Mr. Powell explained that during neighborhood meetings, surrounding residents had expressed concerns regarding density. To address those concerns, the ten workforce housing units were removed; however, Landmark Properties remained open to feedback.

Councilmember Plaag noted that the proposed development referenced Neighborhood 2 of Boone Next as a guiding principle, and a key component of Neighborhood 2 is a walkable community. He asked whether any commercial spaces, such as bodegas or other small businesses, were included in the plan. Mr. Powell explained that the clubhouse in the proposed plan would feature various amenities, including a gym, a grab-and-go market, and study rooms.

Councilmember Plaag observed that Mr. Powell had frequently mentioned students throughout his presentation and asked if the development was primarily student-focused. Mr. Powell confirmed that it was. Mayor Futrelle asked if the development was similar to The Standard housing development, but without the mixed-use component. Mr. Powell stated that this was a fair assessment.

Councilmember Plaag expressed concern about potential traffic impacts and asked whether discussions had been held with NCDOT regarding pedestrian safety. A brief discussion followed concerning traffic impacts and potential additional signage and traffic signals. Mr. Powell noted that single-family neighborhoods tend to generate more traffic during peak times because they typically have more vehicles and less reliance on public transit. Councilmember Roseman disagreed, stating that single-family households often carpool. She expressed disappointment in the proposed development, citing the lack of diverse housing options and explaining that the rent-by-the-bedroom model does not work for working adults—a key demographic in Boone that faces a shortage of housing.

Councilmember Plaag asked whether the rent-by-the-bedroom model was priced the same as renting an entire unit. Mr. Powell responded that it was not. Councilmember Plaag expressed disappointment, explaining that Council had previously been told by other developers that pricing was the same and that learning it was more expensive to rent by the bedroom was disheartening. He also noted concern over the lack of two-bedroom units and the high number of three- and four-bedroom units in the proposal. Mr. Powell stated that, from an economic standpoint, increasing the overall housing stock helps reduce prices across the market. Councilmember Plaag countered that this logic has not proven true for the Town of Boone.

Mayor Pro-Tem George asked for a point of order, requesting that Council members be recognized by the Mayor prior to speaking. He then expressed appreciation for the discussion and stated that he liked the conservation easement aspect of the proposal. He also acknowledged concerns about unit sizes and asked whether Landmark Properties could consider adding more one- and two-bedroom options.

Mayor Futrelle then recognized Councilmember Carter and invited him to present his questions or concerns. Councilmember Carter expressed similar sentiments to Councilmember Plaag,

noting that many working professionals are not interested in older, student-centered developments, as those units are often poorly maintained or have requirements unsuitable for working adults. He further noted that Landmark Properties' other development, The Standard, reportedly did not accept housing vouchers from potential tenants. Mr. Powell stated that he had not heard of this before, and Attorney Garrett said she would look into the claim.

Councilmember Carter explained that the Town of Boone is in the process of developing an inclusionary zoning policy, which, once adopted, would require future developments of this kind to include affordable housing either through designated units or alternative contributions. Attorney Garrett stated that they would keep this in mind. A brief discussion followed regarding accessibility challenges in older Boone housing units.

Mayor Futrelle thanked Landmark Properties and Attorney Garrett for presenting and noted that while the proposed development did not meet all of Council's needs for Boone, he appreciated that the developers had chosen to present early in the process. Mr. Powell thanked Council for their time and stated that Landmark Properties is open to revisiting the proposal with modifications at a later date.

COUNCIL MATTERS

1. ***DISCUSSION OF BOLICK PROPERTY***

Ms. Davis began by introducing Mr. Mike High of Blue Ridge Energy and explained that Blue Ridge Energy had submitted an amended offer for the Bolick Property in the amount of $4,750,000. After briefly reviewing the history of the Bolick Property, Ms. Davis reminded Council that they had previously expressed interest in exploring additional opportunities, such as energy credits, to help bridge the gap between the offer and the asking price.

Mayor Futrelle asked Ms. Davis what actions Council could take regarding this offer. Ms. Davis explained that if Council chose to accept the offer, an upset bid process would begin; however, Council was not required to accept it.

Councilmember Plaag asked Mr. High about Blue Ridge Energy's current investments in solar energy production. Mr. High explained that Blue Ridge Energy currently manages multiple community solar sites. Councilmember Plaag then asked if Blue Ridge Energy had considered installing solar panels on the Bolick Property and developing another community solar site. Mr. High responded that such an option could be considered for part of the site but noted that no site plan had been developed, as Blue Ridge Energy does not own the property.

Councilmember Carter recalled that during a previous meeting, Councilmember Roseman stated she would not accept an offer below $5,200,000, and he agreed with that position. However, he expressed openness to exploring additional ways to bridge the price gap, noting that the majority of the sale would have to be cash-based.

Councilmember Plaag made a motion to decline the offer as written and to invite Blue Ridge Energy to return to the November 12th Boone Town Council meeting to discuss further options based on the discussion held today.

Mayor Futrelle asked whether a timeline was necessary. Ms. Davis explained that Mr. High would need to consult with Blue Ridge Energy to determine if they wished to consider the feedback provided during this meeting.

Following this, Councilmember Plaag amended his motion to decline the offer as written and to encourage Blue Ridge Energy to continue discussions based on the feedback provided today. Councilmember Roseman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Eric Plaag, Virginia Roseman
Nay: None
Absent: None

Mayor Futrelle called for a break at 10:53 a.m..

COUNCIL MATTERS

2. ***CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE OF AI AND ITS IMPACTS ON "CREATIVES"***

Council resumed at 11:05 a.m..

Attorney Meade began by explaining that the memo was prepared in response to a request from Councilmember Plaag and provided a brief overview. Councilmember Plaag thanked Attorney Meade and expressed continued concerns regarding artificial intelligence (AI) and its potential environmental impacts. He stated that, as a town that values sustainability, utilizing AI for Town functions could be perceived as inconsistent with those principles.

Councilmember Plaag requested that staff explore joining GOVAI, a group dedicated to discussing the use of AI in government operations. A discussion was held regarding GOVAI. Councilmember Plaag also noted the importance of developing policies to guide staff use of AI. Mayor Futrelle asked for a motion to approve the Town of Boone joining GOVAI. Councilmember Plaag asked whether directing Town staff to research GOVAI prior to joining would be sufficient, and Mayor Futrelle agreed. Council provided consensus.

Councilmember Plaag further stated that he would like the Sustainability Committee to provide Council with additional information regarding the environmental impacts of AI. Attorney Meade asked whether Council would be willing to amend the agenda to allow for a discussion of additional PFAS-related litigation, and Council agreed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Plaag, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem George, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include a discussion of PFAS.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag

Nay: None
Absent: None

COUNCIL MATTERS

3. ***PFAS DISCUSSION***

Attorney Meade stated that the attorneys representing the Town in PFAS multi-district litigation pending in federal court in South Carolina had advised filing a second lawsuit regarding PFAS contamination on Town property, specifically at the Fire Department, in Watauga County. She believed it likely that the new lawsuit would also be removed and joined in the SC multi-district litigation. She requested that Council approve the filing of the second lawsuit.

Councilmember Plaag made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem George, to approve the filing of the complaint regarding specific PFAS contamination on Town property.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag
Nay: None
Absent: None

WORK SESSION

Mayor Futrelle asked if any member of Council had an item to include on the work session agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem George noted that construction on King Street had resulted in the closure of the sidewalk and multiple parking spaces for an extended period of time. He recalled that in past meetings, Council had discussed revising the Town of Boone's ordinance to prohibit private entities from closing public infrastructure for extended periods of time for construction purposes. Mayor Pro-Tem George asked if there was a timeline for this ordinance change. Ms. Davis stated that she would check with Ms. Shook and Mr. Wise and confirm the timeline.

Mayor Pro-Tem George then discussed potential changes to the quorum requirements for the Sustainability Committee, explaining that the Committee had considered changing the quorum to 50% of board seats plus one member. After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem George, seconded by Councilmember Plaag, made a motion to change the quorum requirements for the Sustainability Committee to 50% of seats filled plus one member.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag
Nay: None
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Futrelle asked for a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Carter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Plaag, to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag
Nay: None

Absent: None

The following items were approved:

- Approval of Budget Amendments
- Approval of Minutes

A brief discussion was held regarding the price of maintenance on vehicles.

COUNCIL MATTERS

1. ***REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKING AT RIVERS HOUSE FOR NORTHERN PEAKS STATE TRAIL***

   Mayor Futrelle asked Mr. Jordan Sellers to provide a brief overview of the Northern Peaks State Trail. After the presentation, Mayor Futrelle asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Plaag explained that he and Mayor Pro-Tem George had a brief discussion with Mr. Sellers regarding routing the Northern Peaks State Trail through Downtown Boone. Mr. Sellers explained that developing a feasibility study for the Boone section of the trail would be beneficial; however, there were currently no grant opportunities available. He noted that such a study would cost approximately $60,000 to $80,000.

   A discussion was held regarding the potential to route the Northern Peaks State Trail through East Boone and the benefits this route would offer. Council provided consensus to direct Ms. Wise to work with Mr. Sellers to research potential grant opportunities to help fund a feasibility study that would extend the Northern Peaks State Trail from Rivers House Park to Howards Knob, and to report back in January 2026. Councilmember Plaag then asked Mr. Moody to update Council on the current status of the proposed parking lot at Rivers House Park. Mr. Moody explained that the proposed parking lot would accommodate approximately twelve vehicles, and that plans for the lot should be ready for review by the Planning and Inspections Department within the week.

   Councilmember Plaag asked if the lot would be paved, and Mr. Moody confirmed that it would. Councilmember Plaag noted that Council would need to discuss the best way to prohibit individuals from parking at Rivers House Park who were not using the trail or park. Councilmember Roseman reminded Council of her previous suggestion to implement a hangtag program, with hangtags distributed through the Jones House. Mayor Pro-Tem George noted that while this program would help, it might also prevent individuals from accessing the trail outside of Town of Boone office hours. He also discussed the possibility of installing a camera at the site.

   Councilmember Plaag suggested installing temporary signage at the parking lot stating, “Rivers House Park Parking Only: Towing Enforced,” as an interim measure. Mayor Pro-Tem George agreed, noting that enforcement would be necessary for the signage to be effective. Mr. Sellers thanked Council for their willingness to collaborate with Blue Ridge Conservancy on this project and stated that he would continue researching urban trail systems and their associated parking programs.

Council provided consensus to direct Town staff to create twelve signs for the twelve spaces at Rivers House Park, indicating that the spaces are reserved for park use only.

Mayor Futrelle called for a break at 12:15 p.m..

2. *HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE*

Mayor Futrelle resumed the meeting at 12:25 p.m..

Mayor Futrelle asked Chief Isaacs to provide an update regarding Hurricane Helene recovery.

Chief Isaacs reported the following:

- Damage from Hurricane Helene was estimated at $6,500,000.
- FEMA has reimbursed the Town of Boone $2,100,000, with five projects remaining, totaling $4,400,000.
- Estimated costs for remaining projects include:
    - Hunting Hills Slope Repair: $3,000,000
    - Winkler's Creek Reservoir Walkway: $375,000
    - South Fork Water Intake: $800,000
    - Insurance penalty for South Fork Water Intake: $200,000
    - Armory Lift Station: $235,000
- Funding for the dredging of the Winkler's Creek Raw Water Intake is currently under discussion.
- Operational procedures for the Town and partner agencies are being developed.
- Redundancy measures for internet and phone systems for Town operations are underway.
- The Boone Fire Department converted an existing position to Wildland Fire Coordinator to help mitigate the increased wildfire risk caused by debris from Hurricane Helene.
- A proposal has been selected for the construction of Fire Station #4, and the contract is currently under review by Attorney Meade.

Chief Isaacs concluded by noting that all departments in the Town of Boone have adjusted operations to continue recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. Councilmember Plaag thanked Chief Isaacs and asked how Council could best be involved in future events similar to Hurricane Helene. Chief Isaacs explained that while Hurricane Helene was a unique event, future briefings for elected officials would be scheduled once the situation is stabilized.

Councilmember Plaag noted that during Hurricane Helene, both he and Mayor Pro-Tem George were frustrated by not knowing how best to assist without interfering with emergency operations. Chief Isaacs emphasized that the best way for Council to support recovery is by continuing to support the day-to-day efforts of Town Staff, enabling them to react quickly to disasters. A brief discussion was held regarding additional resilience strategies. With no further questions, Mayor Futrelle thanked Chief Isaacs and moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. *REQUEST TO SCHEDULE DANIEL BOONE PARK SUMMIT*

Councilmember Plaag briefly reviewed the history of Daniel Boone Park and emphasized the need for a cohesive plan to guide collaboration with park stakeholders. He explained that a summit would be beneficial for Council, Town Staff, and Daniel Boone Park stakeholders to discuss each entity's goals and develop a coordinated plan. Councilmember Plaag also requested that the Cultural Resources Advisory Board be involved in the process.

Mayor Pro-Tem George agreed, but suggested that Council consider scheduling the summit in late January rather than December due to holiday conflicts. A brief discussion was held regarding potential topics for the Daniel Boone Park Summit. Councilmember Carter asked Councilmember Plaag if he would be willing to draft an agenda for Council to review at a later date and noted that a strong facilitator would be needed to ensure all voices are heard equally.

Mayor Futrelle asked if Council would agree to direct Councilmember Plaag and Mayor Pro-Tem George to draft an agenda for the Daniel Boone Park Summit. Council provided consensus on this direction. Councilmember Plaag noted that he would like stakeholders to be informed of the summit prior to finalizing the agenda. Councilmember Roseman agreed and asked if Ms. Davis and Mr. Presnell could reach out to the stakeholders, to which they agreed.

4. ***APPOINTMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE***
   Mayor Pro-Tem George began by explaining that the applicant did not provide sufficient information in their application to warrant a nomination, and Council agreed. No action was taken.

MAYOR REPORT
Mayor Futrelle had nothing to report.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT
Ms. Davis explained that a Notice to Proceed had been received from the State for the Rivers House Park Trail and invited Council to attend the groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for November 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Rivers House. She reported that renovations at Council Chambers were nearing completion, and it was expected that Council could return there in November. Ms. Davis also noted that ServPro would be cleaning the Town of Boone WYN Way property. She explained that Mayor Pro-Tem George had been asked about using the property as an emergency shelter; however, potential zoning and building code requirements would need to be addressed before the item could be brought to Council for review.

Councilmember Plaag asked if the Town had received the grant to conduct a feasibility study on the WYN Way property. Ms. Wise stated that the grant had been denied and noted that Council would need a clear plan for the property. Councilmember Plaag said he would continue to advocate for employee housing, and Councilmember Carter agreed that a concrete plan for the property was necessary. Ms. Davis reminded Council of the limitations related to creating housing specifically for Town employees.

Ms. Davis also noted upcoming events and activities:

- Cultural Resources Advisory Board facility tour: October 20th at 10:00 a.m.
- Boone BOO: October 31st

- Residential leaf pick-up: beginning October 13th

Mr. Presnell reported that he was updating the Town of Boone Personnel Policy to ensure compliance. He was also reviewing job descriptions to ensure departmental needs are being met and working with departments to strengthen succession planning. With no further questions, Mayor Futrelle moved to the next item on the agenda.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Meade had nothing to report.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem George began by providing an update regarding the ABC Board. He noted that the expansion of the ABC store was progressing well and that the ABC Board would be moving its meetings to Council Chambers once renovations were complete. Mayor Pro-Tem George also provided a brief update on the Sustainability Committee, noting that a student organization was working with local businesses to help them adopt more sustainable practices and that a tree planting event was scheduled for November 15th.

Councilmember Carter updated Council on the AppalCART Board and the Human Relations Commission. He explained that AppalCART had created a new policy allowing the double-decker bus to be used in various advertisements. He also noted that the Human Relations Commission would be hosting the "How Local Government Works" event on October 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the Watauga County Agricultural Center.

Councilmember Roseman updated Council on the completion of the sidewalk at Horn in the West and noted that the Historic Preservation Commission was finalizing information regarding Kraut Creek and nearing completion of the Stoneman's Raid Panel.

Councilmember Plaag apologized for missing most meetings while out of town. He noted, however, that he had met with Mr. Bill Dixon at the Rivers House to review plans for the Rivers House Bathroom and emphasized the importance of contracting with a construction firm knowledgeable about historic preservation.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Futrelle asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Plaag made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Roseman, to adjourn the October 8th, 2025, Boone Town Council meeting at 1:36 p.m..

VOTE: Aye: Dalton George, Todd Carter, Virginia Roseman, Eric Plaag
Nay: None
Absent: None