



**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boone controls approximately 151 acres including and surrounding the Winkler’s Creek Reservoir located on Winkler’s Creek Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Boone Tourism Development Authority’s *Imagine Watauga* planning process, this property was identified for potential recreation use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *Imagine Watauga Action Plan*, which included community engagement from 25 focus groups, 35 government, and nonprofit agencies, and 579 individual survey responses, identifies beginner, family-friendly, and intermediate mountain biking as a major need and desire of the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the development of a purpose-built mountain bike trail system with hiking opportunities and a lakeside walking trail will not impede on the Town of Boone’s obligation to operate the reservoir as a backup water supply; and,

**WHEREAS**, Boone Area Cyclists is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that has successfully operated since 2009 with a mission to develop, coordinate and promote safe and accessible bicycling opportunities in the Boone area; and,

**WHEREAS**, Boone Area Cyclists has successfully developed and managed the trail system at Rocky Knob Park on behalf of other government partners since 2010;

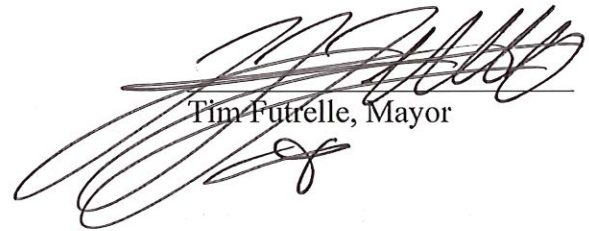
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Boone provides authority to Boone Area Cyclists to raise funding, plan and develop a new purpose-built mountain bike trail system with hiking opportunities at Winkler Creek Reservoir provided:

- a. the Town of Boone Public Works Director approves all plans and construction;  
and
- b. The Town of Boone is required to provide no financial assistance other than the maintenance of the park's parking area after it has been constructed in accordance with standards set forth by the Town of Boone Public Works Director. Boone Area Cyclists will be responsible for maintaining all trails.

Adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk Nicole Harmon

  
Tim Futrelle, Mayor