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Boone town council has board positions available

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Boone town council members discussed Nov. 15 in a meeting that there are board vacancies available, and the deadline to apply is Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

“This is for those who would like to consider joining one of the committees or groups,” Mayor Rennie Brantz said. “You might find something here that’s interesting.”

The board of adjustment has two alternate positions available, the community appearance commission has three, the cultural resources advisory board has three, the downtown Boone development association has one, the historic preservation commission has two, the outside agency funding review committee has one, the planning commission has one and the water advisory committee has two positions available.

As of Nov. 15, two individuals, Margaret Kavanaugh and Charlotte Mizelle, have applied to be a part of the planning commission.

Kavanaugh is a senior at Appalachian State University studying cultural anthropology with a concentration in social practice and sustainability.

“I have a very strong understanding of the ways in which our social practices as well as governmental decisions play a huge role in promoting more sustainable and just economics and lifestyles,” Kavanaugh wrote in her application.

Kavanaugh also mentioned interning with Appalachian Voices on the energy savings team and being an editor for their bimonthly newspaper.

“Through this, I have been provided with an abundance of information and resources about this community and how we can continue to promote environmentally sound practices alongside of economic and local developments,” Kavanaugh said.

Town council member Sam Furgiuele nominated Kavanaugh during the meeting.

“I liked her answers and her level of support she expressed for environmental protection and sustainability,” Furgiuele said. “I think it’s important for us to include as many young people as we can on our committee. Just because someone is a student, doesn’t mean they don’t have insight. These people have different perspectives.”

Town council member Connie Ulmer agreed and spoke on Kavanaugh’s application.

“I did notice that she sounds like somebody who is trying to do everything that we are trying to do for this town,” Ulmer said. “I think her voice is just a little different, and she’s a new fresh face.”

The other applicant, Mizelle, served on the town council from 2015 to 2017.

“I understand what the position on planning entails and the information the town council needs to make the most informed decisions,” Mizelle wrote in her application. “I love this part of local government, especially if I feel like I help make a difference for Boone.”

Town council member Lynne Mason nominated Mizelle.

“I think she brings valuable experience in local government, and I think it’s important to have some diversity in all of the committees,” Mason said. “I know she has the community’s best interest in mind.”

Those who are interested in more information about applying are encouraged to contact the town clerk, Nicole Worley, at 828-268-6200 or email her at

Nicole.Worley@townofboone.net. Information about the various boards and application forms can be found on the town of Boone's website at [townofboone.net](http://townofboone.net).