

Town of Seven Devils
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Regular Meeting
5:30pm

The Seven Devils Town Council met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Town Hall.

Attendance included: Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert and Council Members Wayne Bonomo and Leigh Sasse. A quorum was met.

One (1) vacant seat on Town Council, effective January 26, 2024.

Staff attendance: Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Town Attorney Jonathan Green; Town Clerk Hillary Gropp recorded the minutes.

INVOCATION

Larry Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Town Council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

TOWN COUNCIL VACANT SEAT – APPOINTMENT

Mayor Fontaine opened discussion with the Council Members about the qualifications of the Council Candidates who submitted letters requesting consideration for appointment to the vacant seat on the Town Council.

Member Sasse made a motion to appoint Brian Davies to the vacant seat; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. 4 yeas - motion passed.

OATH OF OFFICE

Town Clerk Gropp administered the oath of office to Brian Davies as a Member of the Town Council. Member Davies took his seat at the boardroom table.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adopt the agenda; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Town Council minutes of February 13, 2024 – Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mary Ballinger – 526 Buckeye Lane – Spoke about suggestions for the improvements to the website; requests informal gatherings with council members & surveys for topics; protest of water billing rates citing resources such as US Geological Survey, UNC SOG Rates Dashboard & UNC Environmental Finance Center to support the request for reduction in rates.

Tom Bookstaver – 231 Snowcloud Drive – Reminded citizens with daylight savings time to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY25 Budget Calendar

Town of Seven Devils		
Budget Calendar FY25		
March 15, 2024	Manager Meeting with Department Heads	
April 19, 2024	Town Council Annual Workshop	10:00am – 2:00pm
April 24, 2024	Manager Meeting with Department Heads - FINAL	
May 3, 2024	Town Council Budget Workshop	10:00am – Noon
May 14, 2024	Preliminary Budget to Town Council at Regular Meeting	
May 23, 2024	Town Council Budget Workshop	1:00pm – 3:00pm (If needed)
June 7, 2024	Town Council Budget Workshop	10:00am – Noon (If needed)
June 11, 2024	Public Hearing FY25 Budget	5:00pm
	Adopt FY25 Budget Ordinance	5:30pm
June 12, 2024	Publish FY25 Budget Ordinance Notice	
December 6, 2024	FY25 Mid-year Budget Review	10:00am – 2:00pm

Mayor Fontaine made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget Calendar; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Harris provided the administrative update:

- Construction on the Chestnut Ridge Waterline Replacement project is scheduled to begin this week.
- Notices of Advertisement of tax liens were mailed out in February.
- The 1st History Lecture was held on February 29th with 18 in attendance; Parks & Recreation Committee will plan more events in the future.
- Town Manager Harris attended the Essentials for Local Government Manager training in Winston-Salem.
- New elected/appointed Town Council members need to attend 2 hour Ethics course.
- The Fire Department has 3 members that will finish EMT training this month.
- Subscribe to the Town’s website for text/email notifications.
- Parks & Recreation meeting scheduled for March 21st at 9:00am.
- TDA meeting scheduled for March 26th at 9:00am.
- Save the Date:
Arbor Day Celebration – April 26th at 11:30am – 1:00pm
Debris pickup dates to occur week of – April 21st, June 16th & October 6th
- Individual photos of Town Council members will be posted on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – No meeting

Planning Board – February minutes **See below*

Public Works – No meeting

Public Safety Committee – No meeting

Parks & Recreation Committee – No meeting

TDA – February minutes

ABC Board – None

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

Planning Board – Mayor Fontaine asked Planning Board Chair Jones to give brief updates on upcoming Planning Board items including the CLUP update & Short Term Rentals (STR) updates.

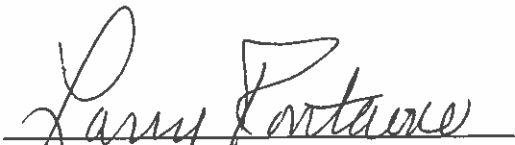
COUNCIL COMMENTS

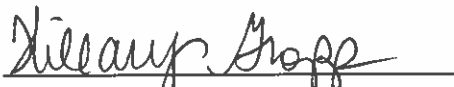
Member Sasse suggested the Town staff have photos posted on the website; Town Manager Harris to follow up.

Member Sasse thanked all citizens who sent qualification letters to be appointed to the vacant Town Council seat. Encouraged all citizens to be active on boards/committees.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

