

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
Public Hearing FY24 – 5:00pm
Town Council Meeting – 5:30pm
June 13, 2023
AGENDA

- 1) Prayer/Invocation
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Call to Order – 5:00pm
- 4) Open Public Hearing for FY24 Budget Ordinance - *Motion*
 - A. Presentation – Johnathan Harris, Town Manager
 - B. Public Comments
- 5) Close Public Hearing - *Motion*
- 6) Recess – Optional – *Motion*

- 7) Call to Order from Recess – *Motion*
- 8) Adopt Agenda
- 9) Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion for Consideration - *Motion*
 - (i) Adopt minutes of Town Council Meeting – May 9, 2023
 - (ii) Adopt minutes of Town Council FY24 Budget Workshop – May 10, 2023
 - (iii) Adopt minutes of Public Hearing & FY24 Budget Workshop – May 24, 2023

- 10) Citizens Comments
- 11) Old Business – None
- 12) New Business
 - A. High Country ABC Appointment – Anne Fontaine - *Motion*
 - B. Budget Ordinance FY24 – *Motion*
 - C. Final Budget Amendment FY23 – *Motion*
 - D. EMR Recognition

- 13) Administrative Update
- 14) Committee Reports
 - A. Board of Adjustment – No meeting
 - B. Planning Board – No meeting
 - C. Public Works Committee – No meeting
 - D. Public Safety Committee – June minutes
 - E. Parks & Recreation Committee – May minutes
 - F. Tree Board – No meeting
 - G. TDA – May minutes
 - H. ABC Board – April & May minutes and Proposed FY23-24 Budget
 - I. Police Report
 - J. Fire Report

- 15) Council Comments
- 16) Adjourn - *Motion*

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 5:30pm

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Town Hall. Attendance included: Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, and Council Members – Wayne Bonomo, Leigh Sasse and Jeffrey Williams. Staff included: Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Town Attorney Rob Angle; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor 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.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

ADOPT MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023 - Member Sasse noted Scrivener's error and requested a correction in the minutes. Member Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the amended minutes; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed.

Town Council Annual Workshop Minutes of April 26, 2023 – Member Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes; Member Sasse seconded. All members agreed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tom Bookstaver – Snowcloud Drive – Noted an error with the Fire Report; Town Manager Harris will follow up with Fire Chief to edit to include (1) one smoke/false alarm call.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 Municipal Elections Site

Town Manager Harris has spoken with Matt Snyder, Director of Watauga County Board of Elections (BOE) about the upcoming Municipal Elections and voting site options for the Town. Voting on election day could take place at Town Hall or the Seven Devils Community Center. The BOE prefers the Community Center. The Town Council agreed, and Town Manager Harris will follow up with BOE. ~**No Action Taken**~

B. EMR Recognition

Mayor Fontaine shared good news about the achievement of six members of the Seven Devils Volunteer Fire Department with EMR Certification. A reception will be held following the June 13th Town Council meeting to honor these citizens and staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Harris provided the administrative update:

- The PARTF Grant has been submitted; should learn result in late summer/early fall.
- Electrical lines have been buried in The Park at Seven Devils, allowing for a helipad.
- Exercise equipment has been repaired at the Seven Devils Community Center.
- Landscaping is complete at The Park at Seven Devils.
- Town Clerk Gropp attended High Country Clerks Gathering.
- Police Department staff attended a New Certification Workshop to learn about the changes to the Law Enforcement certification process.
- The Volunteer Fire Department added two new members.
- All Volunteer Fire Department members that attended EMR training have passed the state certification.
- Arbor Day Celebration – 82 attendees and it was a great successful event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – April draft minutes

Planning Board – April draft minutes

Public Works Committee – April minutes

Public Safety Committee - None

Parks & Recreation Committee – April minutes

TDA – May 4, 2023 minutes

ABC Board

Tree Committee - None

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Sasse commented about the recent Board of Adjustment decision to issue a Special Use Permit for an alpine coaster at Hawksnest Snowtubing. She disagrees with the process of notifying only “parties with standing” and understands the NC General Statutes provide the steps but thinks the entire town should have been notified in the same manner as a rezoning request.

Mayor Fontaine commented about the upcoming municipal elections and the significant costs to a small town such as Seven Devils; this expense is included in the FY24 budget.

Mayor Fontaine spoke about pending SB317/HB562 and how this is proposed as Workforce Housing but will strip local government of local zoning and control. Town Manager Harris to follow up with a resolution to oppose this.

Mayor Fontaine asked Town Manager Harris for an update on the broken webcam at the Seven Devils Community Center. No repairs have been scheduled yet. Town Manager Harris will follow up with other companies regarding repair options.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

Town of Seven Devils
Town Council FY24 Budget Workshop
Wednesday – May 10, 2023
10:00am

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a FY24 Budget Workshop on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Town Hall.

Attendance included: Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, and Council Members Leigh Sasse and Jeffrey Williams. Council Member Wayne Bonomo was absent.

Staff included: Town Manager Johnathan Harris; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the FY24 Budget Workshop to order at 10:04am.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. **Proclamation/Resolution Policy** – Discussion occurred about drafting a Town policy regarding requests of future proclamations and resolutions to the Town Council by the general public. Town Manager Harris to follow up with Zoning Administrator Barnes. **~NO ACTION TAKEN~**

- B. **Closed Session –General Account** – *Member Williams made a motion to enter Closed Session; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed. The Town Council entered Closed Session pursuant to the NC General Statutes listed below. Attendance included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Leigh Sasse & Jeffrey Williams, and Town Manager Johnathan Harris. Actions of the Town Council were recorded by Town Manager Johnathan Harris. Town Clerk Gropp was dismissed.*

NC GS 143-318.11 (a)(1)

Town Council reviewed current Closed Session minutes with approval to be unsealed and made public record with action as follows:

- (i) **January 12, 2021** – Mayor Fontaine made a motion to approve and unseal for public record; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed.
- (ii) **September 13th to October 5th, 2023** – Member Sasse made a motion to approve and unseal for public record all the closed session minutes of this duration; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed.
- (iii) **December 1, 2022** – Member Sasse made a motion to approve and unseal for public record; Member Fontaine seconded the motion. All members agreed.

NC GS 143-318.11 (a)(6) – Personnel

Closed Session ended – Open Session resumed.

C. Revised FY24 Budget Review

Town Manager Harris provided an update on revenues, expenditures, TDA donations and previously discussed revisions to the preliminary FY24 Budget as presented to Town Council on April 26, 2023.

Discussion items also included recognition of Volunteer Fire Department members who have achieved the EMR certification. Mayor Fontaine requested a formal recognition, followed by a reception at the June 13th Town Council meeting.

Town Clerk Gropp provided an update on the new website and estimated launch date of October 1, 2023.

The Town Council discussed recent town meetings and citizen concerns about accessible remote viewing and audio difficulties.

The new website will feature a live-stream connection and the boardroom will be outfitted with a camera installed for this purpose and microphones will improve the audio clarity.

Council members continued the discussion about the boardroom set up for Council members and other Boards/Committees with the current furniture layout.

Pricing has been researched on options for ready-made furniture, as well as custom built furniture to the measurements of the boardroom, is ADA compliant, has improved audio communications for now and future technology needs and allows for additional audience seating in the boardroom.

Mayor Fontaine made a motion to approve custom built furniture for the Town Hall boardroom; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion; All members agreed.

Samples of neighboring municipalities trash ordinances and violations will be reviewed to determine if the Town's FY 24 Budget Ordinance should be adjusted.

Town Manager Harris to follow up with Zoning Administrator Barnes.

Town Manager Harris to present a revised FY 24 Budget at the next meeting budget workshop.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

Upcoming dates for the Town Council:

May 24, 2023 – 10:00am – Public Hearing – UDO Edits

FY24 Budget Workshop to follow the Public Hearing.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed. The FY24 Budget Workshop was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

Town of Seven Devils
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Public Hearing – 10:00am
FY24 Budget Workshop – Following Public Hearing

AGENDA ITEM 9)A.(iii)

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a public hearing for UDO Edits on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, and followed by a FY24 Budget Workshop.

Attendance included: Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Wayne Bonomo, Leigh Sasse and Jeffrey Williams.

Staff in attendance: Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Zoning Administrator Eddie Barnes; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Public Hearing and FY24 Budget Workshop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Williams made a motion to approve the agenda; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Fontaine stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments for Planning Board recommendations to the UDO & Alternate Energy Ordinance.

Citizens who want to speak need to sign up at the podium and will be allowed 3 minutes. The Town Clerk controls the timer.

Member Sasse made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

Presentation – Eddie Barnes, Zoning Administrator

Zoning Administrator Barnes reported that Town staff and the Planning Board have identified text amendments to several of the town's ordinances. These text amendments will clarify ordinance language, eliminate contradictions, streamline some permitting requirements, follow requirements of the NC GS 160D for land use planning and remove actual dollar costs on applications/penalties and instead reference the Town's current annual operating budget.

The public hearing notice was published in the Watauga Democrat on May 10th and May 17th and posted to the Town's website.

Public Comments - None

At the conclusion of the presentation, discussion occurred about the difference between “condo” and “townhouse” as a permitted use in the UDO. Zoning Administrator Barnes explained “condo” is not permitted, however “townhouse” is permitted.

Member Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the Planning Board recommendations for UDO edits & the Alternate Energy Ordinance; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

~CLOSED~

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Member Sasse made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed.

RECESS

Member Bonomo made a motion to recess; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed. The Town Council recessed at 10:20am.

CALL TO ORDER

Member Williams made a motion to call the FY24 Budget Workshop to order from recess; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting resumed at 10:30am.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Town Manager Harris discussed FY24 Budget Ordinance Fees with Town Council.

Proposed Ordinance Fee Adjustments:

- Increase minimum water billing from \$40 to \$42 per month.
- Adjust water rate tiers to the following:

Minimum bill – 3,000 gallons	\$42.00
Additional gallons	
3,001 to 4,500 gallons	\$.02/gal
4,501 to unlimited	\$.05/gal
Water Bill for Well users	\$15.00 (Unchanged)
- Increase the Rezoning fee from \$500 to \$1,500.
- Increase Zoning Text Amendment from \$500 to \$1,000.
- Increase Fire Inspection fee from \$40.00 to \$50.00.
- Increase Notary Fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per document.

Discussion occurred about editing the language in the Nuisance Ordinance for fees. Zoning Administrator Barnes will have the Planning Board review with recommendations, specifically for trash violations, fire pits, as well as possible regulations for absentee owners/emergency contact info for violations. Zoning Administrator Barnes to follow up with Town Manager Harris.

Town Manager Harris gave an update on the FY24 Budget Ordinance with final changes as discussed at previous FY24 Budget Workshops. This final version of the FY24 Budget Ordinance will be presented and voted on at the Town Council meeting on June 13, 2023. A copy is available at the Town Clerk’s office.

The Town Council cancelled the FY24 Budget Workshop on June 7, 2023.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The FY24 Budget Workshop was adjourned at 12:20pm.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 12) A.

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
FOR: BOARD OR COMMITTEE**

PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with North Carolina law, this application is a public record and will be disclosed upon request without notice. If there is any information you do not want released to the public, please do not include it.

FULL NAME: Anne Fontaine

LOCAL ADDRESS: 127 W Rocky Top Trail

EMAIL ADDRESS: anlafontaine@gmail.com

TELEPHONE: 828-719-1422

FULL-TIME RESIDENT of the Town of Seven Devils X YES NO

If part-time, approximately how many months in a year do you live in Seven Devils?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF SEVEN DEVILS? 15 Years

NAME OF BOARD OR COMMITTEE FOR WHICH APPOINTMENT IS SOUGHT:

☐ Board of Adjustment ☐ Public Works Committee ☐ TDA-Tourism Development Authority
☐ Planning Board Recreation Commission ☒ ABC Board

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD/COMMITTEE?

As a full time, permanent resident, I am so happy to be living in such a wonderful place that has so much to offer to its residents and visitors. I have enjoyed serving on the ABC Board and representing Seven Devils and look forward to continuing to do so.

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND THE VISION STATEMENT OF THE TOWN CONTAINED THEREIN? (It can be accessed at www.sevendevils.net)

I fully support the Vision Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It is very important to me that we as responsible citizens do our very best to protect and preserve the beautiful, natural setting in which we are so fortunate to reside. It is important not only to maintain the beauty of the area and to sustain this fragile environment for our use, but for our future generations as well. Through careful development oversight, we should be able to continue to grow as a community and do so in a balanced and responsible manner which encourages the preservation of the valuable natural resources of the area.

RATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE VISION STATEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

(with "1" signifying no support and "10" signifying great support): 10

WHAT SKILLS, EDUCATION, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE OR AREA(S) OF EXPERTISE WOULD YOU BRING TO THIS APPOINTMENT?

I've been serving as the Chairman on the Tourism Development Authority for many years now and I'm very excited about the progress and improvements we have made over the last decade. I have a Master's degree in Secondary Education and look forward to supporting the great work that the ABC Board does in educating students about the use of alcohol and its impact on their lives.

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND ANY PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE NOTICE OF THIS VACANCY? X YES ___ NO

DESCRIBE EXTENT AND MEETINGS ATTENDED: I attend most Town Council meetings; Board of Adjustment meetings, TDA meetings (which I am honored to Chair).

IF APPOINTED, DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST? ___ YES X NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY CURRENT OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND ANY SPECIAL TALENTS:

BOARDS/CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS/TALENTS:	DATE FROM:	DATE TO:
ABC Board	2020	2023
Tourism Development Authority, Chairperson	<u>2011</u>	<u>Present</u>
Parks & Recreation Committee, Chairperson	<u>2011</u>	<u>2022</u>
Seven Devils Resort Club B.O.D	<u>2010</u>	<u>2022</u>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WHY YOU SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO THIS BOARD/ COMMITTEE:

Town representation on the ABC Board is very important to Seven Devils as it serves as a valuable income source to the town. If appointed, I will do my best to represent the best interests of our Town as well as the other two towns affiliated with the High Country ABC Store. As I complete my first three year term, I have learned a lot about how the store functions and how we serve the communities supported by the store. We donate a significant amount of dollars to alcohol education for our young people and I consider that to be an important and worthwhile endeavor.

I certify this information is correct. I understand that this is an application to be considered for appointment to a Town Board or Committee and that final appointment is made by the Town Council of Seven Devils. I also understand that any service, if appointed, would be without compensation. This application will remain on file for a period of 12 months form the date of application.

Gender: F

Signature: Anne Fontaine

Date: 5/12/2023

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 2023-2024



TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
NORTH CAROLINA

Adopted - June 13, 2023

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Seven Devils, North Carolina, that the following anticipated fund revenues and departmental expenditures, together with certain fees and charge schedules, and with certain restrictions and authorizations, are hereby appropriated and approved for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

<u>REVENUE SUMMARY</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</u>	
General Fund	\$ 2,623,763	General Fund	\$ 2,623,763
Enterprise Fund	\$ 978,740	Enterprise Fund	\$ 978,740
Total	<u>\$ 3,602,503</u>	Total	<u>\$ 3,602,503</u>

<u>Section 1. General Fund</u>		<u>Section 1. General Fund</u>	
Anticipated Revenues By Category-		Authorized Expenditures By Department-	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,151,708	Governing Board	\$ 43,160
State Shared Revenue	\$ 144,360	Administrative	\$ 403,995
ABC Distribution	\$ 180,000	Public Safety	\$ 821,215
Powell Bill Allocation	\$ 33,000	Fire Protection	\$ 76,013
Permits, Fees, and Licenses	\$ 7,000	Planning and Inspections	\$ 30,540
Sales Tax	\$ 215,000	Public Works	\$ 637,182
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 146,020	Powell Bill	\$ 15,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 209,214	Tourism Development Authority	\$ 395,000
Government Grants	\$ -	Parks & Recreation	\$ 201,658
Sale of Assets	\$ 15,000		
From Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 127,461		
Occupancy Tax	\$ 395,000		
Total	<u>\$ 2,623,763</u>	Total	<u>\$ 2,623,763</u>

<u>Section 2. Enterprise Fund</u>		<u>Section 2. Enterprise Fund</u>	
<u>Anticipated Revenues:</u>		<u>Authorized Expenditures:</u>	
Grant Project Ordinance (ARP)	\$ 700,000	Grant Project Ordinance (ARP)	\$ 700,000
Water Operating Revenues	\$ 270,640	Water-Operating	\$ 236,705
Water Taps and Connections	\$ 8,000	Non Operating	\$ 32,483
Non Operating Revenues	\$ 100	Capital Outlay	\$ -
From Capital Reserve Fund	\$ -	Capital Reserve	\$ 9,558
Total	<u>\$ 978,740</u>	Total	<u>\$ 978,740</u>

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
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FY 2023-2024**

Section 3. Levy of Taxes

An Ad Valorem tax rate of \$0.47 per one hundred (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2023, is hereby levied and established as the official tax rate for the Town of Seven Devils for fiscal year 2023-2024. The rate is based upon a total valuation of \$244,693,742. and estimated collection rate of 99.9%. The purpose of the Ad Valorem tax levy is to raise sufficient revenue to assist in financing necessary municipal government operations in Seven Devils.

Section 4. Fees and Charges

There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, various fees, charges and bonds as contained in this document.

Section 5. Capital Reserve Fund

Capital reserve funds are used to accumulate resources for ongoing or future projects. The Capital Reserve Fund established by this ordinance is to be used to finance the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. The Town Council shall use the budget process to expend Capital Reserve Funds.

Section 6. Restrictions

- A. Inter-fund and interdepartmental transfer of moneys, except as noted in Section 7(B) and (C), shall be accomplished only with specific advanced approval of the Town Council.
- B. The utilization of any contingency appropriation, in any amount, shall be accomplished only by the prior authorization from the Town Council. Approval of a contingency appropriation shall be deemed a budget amendment, which transfers contingency funds from the contingency appropriation to the appropriate line item of expenditure.

Section 7. Special Authorizations, Budget Officer

- A. The Town Manager shall serve as the Budget Officer.
- B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate any appropriations within departments.
- C. The Budget Officer is authorized to effect interdepartmental transfers of funds not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the appropriated funds for the department's allocation that is being increased or decreased.
- D. Notification of all such transfers and reallocations shall be made to the Town Council at the next regular meeting of that body following the transfers. Approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting in which such notification is given shall be deemed a budget amendment.

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FY 2023-2024**

Section 8. Classification and Pay Plan

Town employees shall be given a cost-of-living increase of five percent (5%) and shall begin with the first payroll in the new fiscal year. The Town Manager will make salary adjustments in line with the Salary Survey completed for the Annual Budget Workshop, as approved by the Council.

The Town will match an employee's 401(K) contributions up to five percent (5%) of the employee's wage. This benefit only applies to employees who contribute to their 401(K) plan.

Section 9. Travel Costs

Upon prior authorization by the Town Manager, Town employees and Officials may be reimbursed for the cost involved with official travel. Travelers may be authorized actual costs of lodging and meals plus mileage up to the maximums and provisions set forth in the Town's Personnel Handbook.

Section 10. Budget Amendments

The North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act allows the Town Council to amend the budget ordinance any time during the fiscal year, so long as it complies with the North Carolina General Statutes. The Town Council must approve all budget amendments.

Section 11. Fund Balance Policy

The Fund Balance Policy for the Town of Seven Devils is to maintain a minimum fund balance of 50% of operating expenditures. These funds will be used to avoid cash-flow interruptions, generate interest income, eliminate the need for short term borrowing, and assist in obtaining and maintaining an investment-grade bond rating.

Section 12. Debt Limit Policy

The general obligation debt of the Town of Seven Devils will not exceed eight percent (8%) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the Town. Capital projects financed through the issuance of bonds shall be financed for a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the project. The Town of Seven Devils shall not knowingly enter into contracts creating significant unfunded liabilities.

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Section 13. Utilization of Budget Ordinance

This ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Town of Seven Devils municipal government during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Any change to this Budget Ordinance upon approval and entry into the minutes of a Town Council meeting, shall be deemed a Budget Amendment. The Budget Officer shall administer the Annual Operating Budget and shall insure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget.

The Finance Officer shall establish and maintain all records that are in compliance with this ordinance, and the appropriate state statutes of the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 13th day of June 2023.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

WATER ACCOUNT FEES – as specified in the Water Ordinance

Reconnection Fee after non-payment	\$ 100.00
Request for Disconnection and Reconnection of Service. (First Four Sets Free)	N/C
Request for Disconnection and Reconnection of Service. (Each Set Thereafter)	\$ 50.00
Short Notice Fee for Disconnection or Reconnection (Less than 48 hours' notice)	\$25.00 each
Additional Meter Readings, per homeowner request	\$25.00 each
Meter Testing per Homeowner Request	\$200.00

WATER (per month) – as specified in the Water Ordinance

Minimum Bill (3,000 gallons)	\$ 42.00
Additional gallons:	
3,001 to 4,500	\$.02/gal
4,501 to unlimited	\$.05/gal
Water Bill for Well Users	\$ 15.00

WATER TAP FEES – as specified in the Water Ordinance

Residential Tap Fee (3/4" Tap)	\$2,000.00
Any Larger Size Tap	Cost plus 15%
	With a \$ 2,500 minimum

BUILDING PERMITS – Collected by Watauga County Planning and Inspections

Interior heated space	\$.30 per square foot
Unheated space	\$.15 per square foot
Modular Home	\$ 300.00 + \$.15/sq. ft. for basement
Penalty for Building without Permit	Double permit fees
Electrical Permit	\$75.00
Trip Fee	\$75.00
Remodel Permit	\$75.00 per trade
Floodplain Permit	\$150.00
Compliance & Review	\$40.00/permit, \$100/site plan
Road Name Change	\$500.00
Wireless Communication Tower Site	\$750.00
Wireless Co-Location Permit	\$150.00
Wind Energy Systems	\$150.00 small \$750.00 large
Administrative Fee for Refunds	\$30.00 plus \$75.00/inspection

Miscellaneous Building Code Fees

Reasonable Fees not specifically addressed elsewhere in this ordinance may be charged at the discretion of the Town Manager/Zoning Administrator or her designee, and may not be less than: \$ 75.00

Renewing Expired Permits

If any building permit expires or is revoked by Watauga County Planning and Inspections or any other permit issued by Seven Devils becomes invalid because of no activity, the applicant must apply for a new permit to be issued by the respective authority and pay the appropriate fees.

Permit Fees for Entities of Government

No permit fees shall be charged to any Federal, State, or Local Governmental entity, or its department within the Town of Seven Devils jurisdiction.

Failure to Secure Permits

For the failure to secure any required permits prior to starting construction, double fees will be charged in order to cover extra administrative costs associated with enforcement actions.

SIGN PERMITS

Freestanding Signs on premise/Billboards	\$ 50.00/\$100 one-time
Temporary Signs	\$ 15.00
Real Estate Signs	\$ 15.00
Off-Premise Signs	\$ 50.00

Failure to obtain required sign permits or allowing sign permits to be displayed after they expire will result in a civil penalty of \$50.00 plus the cost of the required permit. Failure to pay the civil penalty will result in being unable to obtain a new sign permit until such penalties are paid.

PLANNING & ZONING

Zoning Permits/Site Plan Review	\$ 300.00
Rezoning	\$1,500.00
Zoning Text Amendment	\$ 1,000.00
Special Use Permit	\$ 750.00
Variance, Waiver, and Administrative Review	\$ 300.00/action/lot
Petition for Annexation	\$ 1000.00

DEVELOPMENT FEES

Subdivision Plat Review	\$ 300.00
Re-submittal of Preliminary Plat	\$ 150.00
Driveway Permit	\$ 250.00
Grading Permit	\$ 250.00
Town Engineer Review Fees	\$1,250.00

Review of Construction plans:	To be determined at the time of approval for the preliminary plat.
Inspections:	To be determined at the time of approval for the preliminary plat.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES

Fire Inspection	\$ 50.00
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ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Copier usage (Per Page)	\$.10 B/W, \$.15 Color
Returned Check or Denied Draft Fee	\$ 25.00
Notary Fee (per document)	\$ 10.00

OTHER FEES

High Weeds or Grass	\$50.00 + cost of cutting
Tree Permits	No Charge
Cutting Trees without Permit	\$1,000 per tree

Non-Moving Violation Fees

\$50.00 Violation:

- Blocking Intersection
- No Parking Area
- Parking in Travel Lane

\$250.00 Violation:

- Fire Hydrant
- Fire Lane
- Handicapped Zone
- Other_____

SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING BUILDING BOND**\$ 5,000.00**

Prior to issuance of a building permit for a single-family dwelling, a deposit is collected to cover the cost the Town may incur, such as: water loss, road damage, job cleanups, or legal fees incurred by the Town that are the result of construction of the dwelling. Additionally, the deposit serves as a guarantee by the property owner to meet all requirements of the Town of Seven Devils regarding the completion of the site including drainage issues and landscaping.

SUBDIVISION PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE**125% of costs**

The Subdivision Ordinance requires a Performance Guarantee prior to approval of a permit for construction of the improvements required by the Ordinance. Such guarantee must be in the form of a surety bond made by a surety company licensed to do business in North Carolina or other guarantee acceptable to the Town of Seven Devils.

SUBDIVISION IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT**10% of estimated costs**

Prior to approval of the Final Plat the Town requires an irrevocable Letter of Credit guaranteeing utility taps, curbs, gutter, street pavement, sidewalks, drainage facilities, water and sewer lines and other improvements against defects for two (2) years. The developer shall submit either an engineer's certified estimate of cost of install all improvements or a copy of the executed contract for the installation of all improvements.

CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE BOND**125% of costs
(\$5,000.00 minimum)**

Prior to the issuance of a construction permit, Section 2 of the Construction Ordinance requires a performance bond to be made to the Town of Seven Devils naming Seven Devils as the beneficiary, to insure completion of work related to the project including, but not limited to, grading, drainage, erosion control measures, driveway construction, landscaping, and retaining walls. The bond shall be in the form of a surety bond made by a surety company licensed to do business in North Carolina, for 125% of the cost based upon either an engineer's estimate or cost or copy of a contract to perform the work. The minimum shall be \$2,500. If the work is not completed within one year, the Town of Seven Devils may make demand on said guarantee/bond. The Town may grant the contractor up to one additional year to complete the improvement if justified.

Notes on Final Budget Amendment FY23

Every Fiscal Year, at our June Council meeting, we closely examine our current budget vs. actual expenditures. When looking at these numbers, we must adjust each line item to cover both our Revenues and Expenditures, to comply with State statutes and LGC audit requirements.

In reviewing the attached Final Budget Amendment FY23 sheet:

- The first column (white) reflects the financial categories that the Council reviews and approves each month.
- The second column (green) reflects our current budget – this column includes the budget amendments that we have made throughout the current fiscal year.
- The third column (yellow) is the proposed amendment that needs approval by the Council to cover all anticipated revenues and expenditures that may occur between now and the end of June, or the current fiscal year.
- The fourth column (blue) is the anticipated final balance in each of the line items.

Bottom line: Both Sections (1 and 2) must balance the Revenues and Expenditures.

The auditors will closely examine the budget vs. actual number and will write a violation if the budget is exceeded.

Johnathan Harris

Town Manager/Budget Officer

FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

FY23

	Current	Proposed	FINAL
	Budget	Amendment	BALANCE
Section 1. General Fund			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,122,231	\$ -	\$ 1,122,231
State Share Revenue	\$ 134,360	\$ 23,435	\$ 157,795
ABC Distribution	\$ 200,000	\$ (15,000)	\$ 185,000
Powell Bill Allocation	\$ 93,000	\$ (60,264)	\$ 32,736
Permits and Fees	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ 9,500
Sales Tax	\$ 215,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 225,000
Misc Revs, Govt Grants, Sale of Assets	\$ 209,670	\$ (74,900)	\$ 134,770
Capital Reserve Fund/FB	\$ 252,836	\$ 70,355	\$ 323,191
Occupancy Tax	\$ 395,000	\$ -	\$ 395,000
Total GF Revenues	\$ 2,631,597	\$ (46,374)	\$ 2,585,223
Authorized Exp by Dept.			
Governing Board	\$ 19,960	\$ 12,000	\$ 31,960
Administrative	\$ 506,590	\$ (27,000)	\$ 479,590
Public Safety	\$ 700,988	\$ 22,000	\$ 722,988
Fire Protection	\$ 98,728	\$ -	\$ 98,728
Zoning	\$ 32,544	\$ (4,000)	\$ 28,544
Parks & Rec	\$ 194,862	\$ (45,000)	\$ 149,862
Public Works	\$ 619,925	\$ (7,100)	\$ 612,825
Powell Bill	\$ 63,000	\$ 2,726	\$ 65,726
Tourism Development Authority	\$ 395,000	\$ -	\$ 395,000
Total GF Expenditures	\$ 2,631,597	\$ (46,374)	\$ 2,585,223
Section 2. Enterprise Fund			
Water Operating Revenues	\$ 256,500	\$ 39,000	\$ 295,500
Water Taps/Connections	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Non-Operating	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 450
From Capital Reserve	\$ 46,671	\$ 47,123	\$ 93,794
Grant Project Ordinance (ARP)	\$ 68,838	\$ (34,419)	\$ 34,419
Total EF Revenues	\$ 378,459	\$ 51,704	\$ 430,163
Authorized Expenditures			
Water Operating Exp	\$ 197,935	\$ 38,045	\$ 235,980
Water Non-Op Exp	\$ 31,471	\$ -	\$ 31,471
Capital Outlay	\$ 42,000	\$ 51,874	\$ 93,874
Capital Reserve	\$ 38,215	\$ (38,215)	\$ -
Grant Project Ordinance (ARP)	\$ 68,838	\$ -	\$ 68,838
Total EF Expenditures	\$ 378,459	\$ 51,704	\$ 430,163

Administrative Update – May 2023

- 1) Both PRV's have been installed and are working properly.
- 2) CCR /Annual Drinking Water report is available at Town Clerk's office and online.
- 3) Filing dates for Town Council candidates begin at noon July 7th until noon July 21st.
- 4) Voter ID will be required to vote in Municipal elections.
- 5) Staff were treated to lunch by donations from citizens.
- 6) Parks & Recreation meeting – June 15th – 9:00am
- 7) Planning Board meeting – June 20th – 5:30pm
- 8) June 27th TDA meeting – 9:00am and Board of Adjustment – 5:30pm
- 9) Independence Day BBQ – June 30th at Seven Devils Community Center – Noon – 2pm

2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Seven Devils

PWSID #: 01-95-118

Date: 5/16/23

AGENDA ITEM

Admin
update 2)

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about your source(s) of water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water and to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies. **If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Water Quality Labs at 828-898-6277, or Seven Devils Town Hall at 828-963-5343. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water.**

What EPA Wants You to Know

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Seven Devils is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

When You Turn on Your Tap, Consider the Source

Our water source is from six (6) wells located within the Town limits of Seven Devils.

Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Public Water Supply (PWS) Section, Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) conducted assessments for all drinking water sources across North Carolina. The purpose of the assessments was to determine the susceptibility of each drinking water source (well or surface water intake) to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs). The results of the assessment are available in SWAP Assessment Reports that include maps, background information and a relative susceptibility rating of Higher, Moderate or Lower.

The relative susceptibility rating of each source for the water system was determined by combining the contaminant rating (number and location of PCSs within the assessment area) and the inherent vulnerability rating (i.e., characteristics or existing conditions of the well or watershed and its delineated assessment area). The assessment findings are summarized in the table below:

Susceptibility of Sources to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs)

Source Name	Susceptibility Rating	SWAP Report Date
Well #1	Moderate	September 9, 2020
Well #2	Moderate	September 9, 2020
Well #3	Moderate	September 9, 2020
Well #4	Moderate	September 9, 2020
Well #5	Moderate	September 9, 2020
Well #6	Moderate	September 9, 2020

The complete SWAP Assessment report for the system may be viewed on the Web at: <https://www.ncwater.org/?page=600> Note that because SWAP results and reports are periodically updated by the PWS Section, the results available on this web site may differ from the results that were available at the time this CCR was prepared. If you are unable to access your SWAP report on the web, you may mail a written request for a printed copy to: Source Water Assessment Program – Report Request, 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1634, or email requests to swap@ncdenr.gov. Please indicate your system name, number, and provide your name, mailing address and phone number. If you have any questions about the SWAP report please contact the Source Water Assessment staff by phone at 919-707-9098.

It is important to understand that a susceptibility rating of “higher” does not imply poor water quality, only the system’s potential to become contaminated by PCSs in the assessment area.

Help Protect Your Source Water

Protection of drinking water is everyone’s responsibility. You can help protect your community’s drinking water source(s) in several ways: (examples: dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center, volunteer in your community to participate in group efforts to protect your source, etc.).

Violations that Your Water System Received for the Report Year

During 2022, or during any compliance period that ended in 2022, we had no violations.

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

- **Not-Applicable (N/A)** – Information not applicable/not required for that particular water system or for that particular rule.
- **Non-Detects (ND)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at the level of detection set for the particular methodology used.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)** - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

- **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/L)** - One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/L)** - One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- **Variances and Exceptions** – State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or Treatment Technique under certain conditions.
- **Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA)** – The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters under the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule.
- **Running Annual Average (RAA)** – The average of sample analytical results for samples taken during the previous four calendar quarters.
- **Level 1 Assessment** - A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment** - A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Extra Note: MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Water Quality Data Tables of Detected Contaminants

We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables below list all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for each particular contaminant group. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2022.** The EPA and the State allow us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE

Microbiological Contaminants in the Distribution System

Contaminant (units)	MCL Violation Y/N	Number of Positive/Present Samples	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (presence or absence)	N	0	N/A	TT*	Naturally present in the environment
<i>E. coli</i> (presence or absence)	N	0	0	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is <i>E. coli</i> -positive or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i> -positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i> <u>Note:</u> If either an original routine sample and/or its repeat samples(s) are <i>E. coli</i> positive, a Tier I violation exists.	Human and animal fecal waste

* If a system collecting fewer than 40 samples per month has two or more positive samples in one month, an assessment is required.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Antimony (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride (ppm)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	0.0376	0	0.1130	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Mercury (inorganic) (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Selenium (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Thallium (ppb)	08/09/22 12/06/22	N	N/D	N/A		0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Nitrate/Nitrite Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	5/18/22	N	1.56	1.4	1.7	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Chemical (SOC) Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
2,4-D (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		70	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
2,4,5-TP (Silvex) (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		50	50	Residue of banned herbicide
Alachlor (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	2	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Atrazine (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH) (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	200	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
Carbofuran (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		40	40	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
Chlordane (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	2	Residue of banned termiticide
Dalapon (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		400	400	Discharge from chemical factories
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
DBCP [Dibromochloropropane] (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	200	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
Dinoseb (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		7	7	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
Endrin (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		2	2	Residue of banned insecticide
EDB [Ethylene dibromide] (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Heptachlor (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	400	Residue of banned pesticide
Heptachlor epoxide (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	200	Breakdown of heptachlor
Hexachlorobenzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	1	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
Lindane (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
Methoxychlor (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		40	40	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
Oxamyl [Vydate] (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls] (ppt)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	500	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
Pentachlorophenol (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Picloram (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		500	500	Herbicide runoff
Simazine (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		4	4	Herbicide runoff
Toxaphene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	3	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle

Volatile Organic Chemical (VOC) Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Benzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Carbon tetrachloride (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
Chlorobenzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		100	100	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		600	600	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		75	75	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2 – Dichloroethane (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1 – Dichloroethylene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		70	70	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		100	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		700	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Styrene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		100	100	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
1,2,4 – Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		70	70	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,1,1 – Trichloroethane (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		200	200	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2 – Trichloroethane (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		3	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Trichloroethylene (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	5	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Toluene (ppm)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories
Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	08/09/22	N	N/D	N/A		0	2	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories
Xylenes (Total) (ppm)	11/27/17	N	N/D	N/A		10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

Lead and Copper Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	# of sites found above the AL	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm) (90 th percentile)	8/18/22	0.153	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb) (90 th percentile)	8/18/22	ND	0	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Radiological Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range Low High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	08/28/17	N	ND	N/A	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitters (pCi/L)	08/28/17	N	1.93	N/D 5.8	0	50 *	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	08/28/17	N	N/D	N/A	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	08/28/17	N	ND	N/A	0	20.1	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectant Residuals Summary

	MRDL Violation Y/N	Your Water (highest RAA)	Range Low High	MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	N	0.58	0.2 1.41	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Compliance - Based upon Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA)

Disinfection Byproduct	Year Sampled	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water (highest LRAA)	Range Low High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (ppb)	2020	N			N/A	80	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
B01			N/D	N/A			
HAA5 (ppb)	2020	N			N/A	60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
B01			N/D	N/A			

The PWS Section requires monitoring for other misc. contaminants, some for which the EPA has set national secondary drinking water standards (SMCLs) because they may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, and/or color) in drinking water. The contaminants with SMCLs normally do not have any health effects and normally do not affect the safety of your water.

Other Miscellaneous Water Characteristics Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	Range Low High	SMCL
Iron (ppm)	08/09/22 12/6/22	N/D	N/A	0.3 mg/L
Manganese (ppm)	08/09/22 12/6/22	ND	N/A	0.05 mg/L
Nickel (ppm)	08/09/22 12/6/22	ND	N/A	N/A
Sodium (ppm)	08/09/22 12/6/22	36.06	6.19 89.20	N/A
pH	weekly	7.8	N/A	6.5 to 8.5

2023

July 7: Candidate filing for Beech Mountain, Blowing Rock, Boone, and Seven Devils municipal elections opens at 12 Noon. Filing fee is \$5.

July 21: Candidate filing for Beech Mountain, Blowing Rock, Boone, and Seven Devils municipal elections closes at 12 Noon.

October 13: Voter Registration Deadline - 5:00 p.m.

October 19: One Stop Early Voting Begins

October 31: Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot 5:00 p.m.

November 4: One Stop Early Voting Ends.

November 7: Election Day - Municipal Election Day Voting Sites Open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Deadline to Return Civilian Absentee Ballot 5:00 p.m.

November 17: County Canvass at 11:00 a.m.

Avery County Board of Elections
200 Old Montezuma Road, Suite 307
Newland, NC 28657
828-733-8282

Watauga County Board of Elections
842 W. King Street, Suite 6
Boone, NC 28607
828-265-8061

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Patrick Gannon, Public Information
Director

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

[Email](#)

10 Facts About NC's Photo ID Requirement for Voting

RALEIGH, NC – The following are 10 facts about North Carolina's photo ID requirement for voting:

1. **Voters will be asked to show photo ID when voting in North Carolina, starting with the 2023 municipal elections.** Those elections occur in September, October, and November, depending on the town or city. (Find your local election details at ncsbe.gov/voting/upcoming-election.)
2. Most voters will simply show their NC driver's license, but many other types of photo ID will be accepted. See the list of acceptable IDs at ncsbe.gov/voter-id.
3. Voters without ID can get a **"No Fee ID Card" from the NCDMV**. Soon, voters will also be able to get a free ID from their [county board of elections](#).
4. The State Board is developing a process for approving student and public employee IDs for voting. Lists will be added to the [Voter ID website](#) as soon as IDs are approved.
5. When a voter checks in to vote at a polling place, they will be asked to show an acceptable photo ID. Election workers check to see if the picture on the ID reasonably resembles the voter. The address on the photo ID does not have to match the voter registration records.
6. **All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID.** If the voter does not show an acceptable ID, the voter may vote with an ID Exception Form and a provisional ballot, *or* vote with a provisional ballot and return to their [county board of elections office](#) with their photo ID by the day before county canvass. (For municipal elections in September and October, this deadline is the Monday following Election Day. For all other elections, the deadline is the second Thursday following Election Day.)
7. Permitted exceptions to the photo ID requirement include the following:
The voter has a reasonable impediment to showing photo ID (lack of

- transportation, lost or stolen ID, disability or illness, family responsibilities, etc.); the voter has a religious objection to being photographed; or the voter was a victim of a natural disaster within 100 days of Election Day.
8. When a registered voter cannot produce a photo ID, the county board of elections must count that ballot if the voter properly completes the ID Exception Form or brings an acceptable ID to their county board of elections before the county canvass.
 9. Voters who vote by mail will be asked to include a photocopy of an acceptable ID inside the photo ID envelope that comes with their ballot. If they are unable to include a photocopy of their ID, they may complete an ID Exception Form with the absentee ballot return envelope. Photo ID is not required for military or overseas voters who vote using special absentee voting procedures that federal law makes available for such voters.
 10. For more information, see ncsbe.gov/voter-ID and "FAQ: Voter ID". These web pages will be updated frequently with the latest information.

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Email parksandrec@sevendevils.net

Seven Devils Public Safety Committee
June 6, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Wayne Bonomo, Tom Bookstaver, Brad Lambert, Dick Nelson, Phyllis Miller, Kay Lambert

Others Present: Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Fire Chief Matt Millsaps, Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Chairman Wayne Bonomo.

The Amended Agenda and April 4, 2023 Minutes were accepted and approved.

Old Business

- * SD Emergency Helo Pad Site - Fire Chief Matt Millsaps reported that there was a training exercise with Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport (HEART) at The Park at Seven Devils on May 23, 2023. It looks like the site will be suitable for emergency transport if needed. He already has a windsock and will purchase two sets of portable lights for use designating the landing site.
- * Fire Chief Millsaps reported that the "Level of Fire Threat for Burning" sign will be erected soon on Seven Devils Road.
- * Committee members thanked Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge and Town Manager Johnathan Harris for "encouraging" DOT to repaint the lines on Seven Devils Road. Phyllis Miller noted the grooves that were etched in the road surface prior to painting and asked if that could be done to some of the Town roads. Kevin Aldridge wasn't sure of the equipment needed and cost.
- * Fire Chief Millsaps reported that Seven Devils has six NC Certified Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) and there are medical bags for all. Kay Lambert asked if any supplies or drugs (i.e. epi pens, Narcan) were needed to complete the bags. He and the Town Manager felt that a few doses of Narcan and a few epi pens can be purchased or gotten from the Health Dept. and made available to the on-duty police officer.
- * Wayne Bonomo opened discussion on sense of direction and goals of the Public Safety Committee. All agreed that the health and safety of the community are paramount. Additional street lights have been turned on, an emergency helo pad is in the works, a "Fire Threat for Burning" sign will go up shortly and the lines on Seven Devils Road have been freshly painted. We will check to see if the Town still has reflectors for mailboxes and 9-1-1 numbers, if not more will be procured.

New Business

- * Tom Bookstaver reported that Fire Safety Awareness Month is October. Seven Devils Fire Department will team with Shawnee Hall at Valle Cruis Elementary School. Tom will check with them about handouts for the children and offer to help with the cost.
- * The Town Manager and Fire Chief are looking into whether it would be advisable

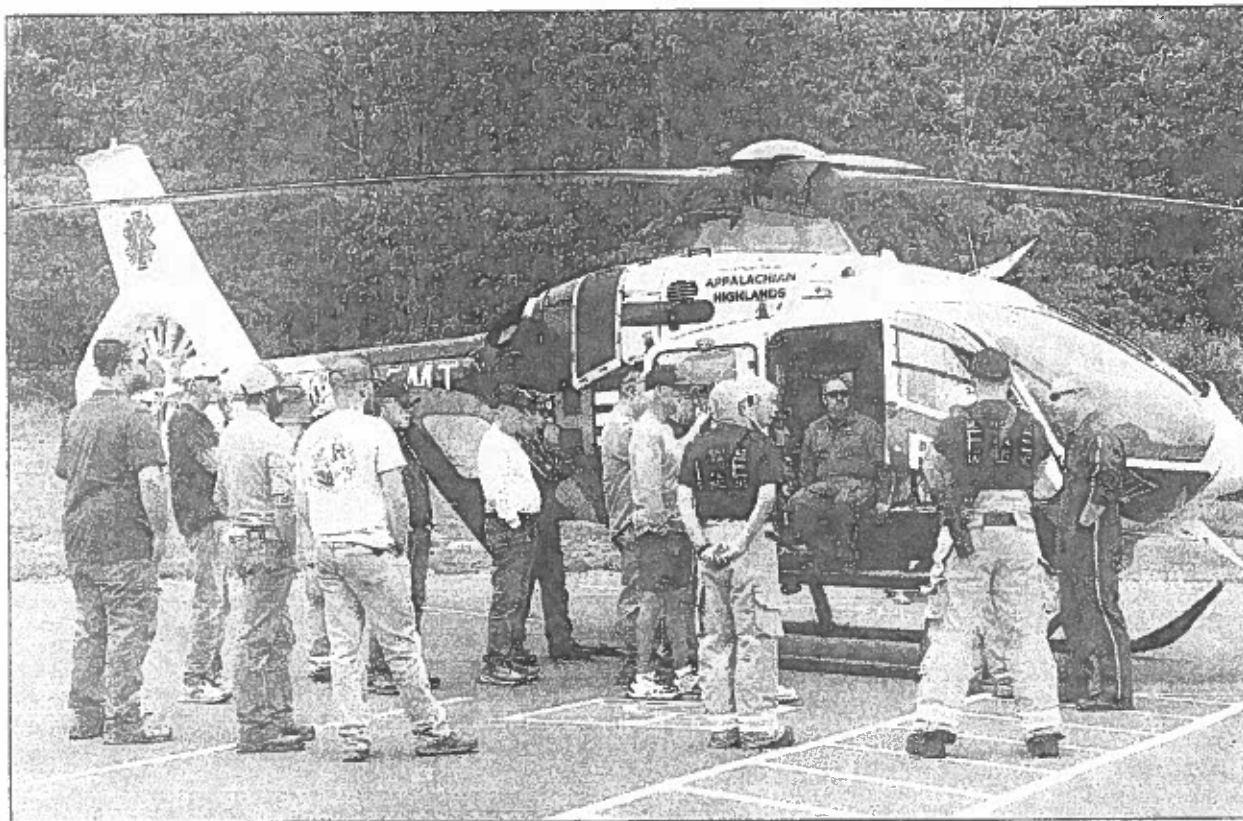


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Seven Devils Fire Department members learn about HEART during a training.

Seven Devils Fire Department conducts landing zone training with HEART

BY MOSS BRENNAN

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SEVEN DEVILS — Seven Devils Fire Department worked with Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport (HEART) to help better serve the community.

The HEART helicopter landed at The Park at Seven Devils on May 23. Seven Devils Fire Chief Mat-

thew Millsaps said they trained on establishing and setting up a landing zone and the precautions to take. They also learned about the different capabilities of the helicopter and the proper timing to best request their assistance if needed.

"We have numerous new members who have not had any experience with medical helicopters, and this provided a controlled setting to gain

experience," Millsaps said.

HEART provides emergency medical air transportation and is typically operated by a pilot, flight nurse and flight paramedic. The organization has bases in Elizabethton, TN; Marion, VA; Jenkins, KY; and Greeneville, TN.

They also recently landed in Watauga County for Emergency Fest in Boone.



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THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES - REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11, 2023

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 AM in Town Hall on May 11, 2023.

Town Manager Johnathan Harris called the meeting to order at 9:04 and chaired the meeting until Chairman Bob Bridges arrived. Members present were Marino Fernandez, Rebecca Ryan, Ed Beck, Freddie Blonshine and Joe Alfonso via zoom. Faye Brock, Kay Lambert, and Mark Williams were absent. Town Manager Johnathan Harris also attended.

Marino Fernandez moved to approve the Agenda, and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The motion was approved.

Ed Beck moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS - Chairman Bob Bridges arrived and took over the Chair at this point in the meeting.

- A. **The Park at Seven Devils Update** - Town Manager Johnathan Harris reported that the landscaping is complete. Three dead trees were removed from the Park. The PARTF grant application was submitted, the results should be available late summer or early fall. The next step will be a site visit. The Committee recommended that the Town Manager get a proposal from Hawk Mountain to create a native garden behind the seating area in the concert area.
- B. **Arbor Day** - There was record attendance at Arbor Day, 83 attendees as opposed to 37 last year. A total of 98 seedlings were distributed.
- C. **Trash Can Update** - Four animal proof trash cans were purchased. One for Otter Falls, one for Black Bear Park, and two for the Park at Seven Devils. They have small openings and will not be able to be used for household trash.
- D. **Summer 2023 Update** The Rack Card is final and has been distributed. There is one addition: Tai Chi was not finalized before the cards were printed. This will be promoted through the internet and posted in the gym and other buildings. Events should be noted by the MC at the opening of the concerts. Town Manager Johnathan Harris will negotiate for a dessert food truck for the first concert.

NEW BUSINESS -

- A. **Volunteer Opportunities** - volunteers are needed to help break down the stage and clean up after the concerts.
- B. **New Title** - Johnathan Harris advised the Committee that Jewel McKinney has a new title, Director of Parks and Recreation.

MEMBER COMMENTS - Marino Fernandez and Ed Beck reported on the effort to clean up trash. It was decided that the MC at the concerts will ask for volunteers to help with this effort. Rebecca Ryan would like for the town to replace the Bradford Pear trees in front of City Hall, as they are invasive, have little to no value to wildlife and displace native trees.

Freddie Blonshine moved to adjourn the meeting and Ed Beck seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Submitted by:

Freddie Blonshine
Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary

**Town of Seven Devils
Tourism Development Authority Meeting
May 23, 2023**

The Town of Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Town Hall. Chair Anne Fontaine, Member Leigh Sasse, Member Alejandra Fernandez and Member Rick Blonshine attended in person. Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Finance Officer Helga Sappington and Parks & Recreation Director Jewel McKinney were present.

Call to Order

Chair Anne Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to adopt the agenda; motion was seconded by Member Leigh Sasse; the motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023, meeting was made by Member Leigh Sasse and seconded by Member Alejandra Fernandez; all approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Parks & Recreation Director Jewel McKinney updated the TDA Members on the ongoing Summer Events.

New Business

- Member Alejandra Fernandez made a motion to approve giveaways (\$ 4,000.00) for the 2023 Independence Day BBQ to promote tourism in the Town of Seven Devils; motion was seconded by Member Leigh Sasse; the motion passed.
- Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to sponsor the food from Carolina BBQ (\$ 3,500.00) for the 2023 Independence Day BBQ to promote tourism in the Town of Seven Devils; motion was seconded by Member Alejandra Fernandez; the motion passed.
- There was a discussion about the need for Food Trucks at the 2023 Town Events. Parks & Recreation Director Jewel McKinney will contact some of the vendors in the area.
- Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to approve (\$4,500.00) for Design and Plans of Council Boardroom Furniture and (\$3,625) for the Council Boardroom Furniture; motion was seconded by Member Leigh Sasse; the motion passed. This would cover 25 percent of the total cost.
- Member Leigh Sasse made a motion to approve the FY24 Budget; motion was seconded by Member Rick Blonshine; the motion passed.

Financial Statement

Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to approve the financial statements; Alejandra Fernandez seconded; all approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

Larry Fontaine, Brad Lamber and Wayne Bonomo were present.

Larry Fontaine asked the Parks & Recreation Director Jewel McKinney to look into Fall-Prevention-Classes combined with the scheduled Tai Chi Classes.

Larry Fontaine recapped some of the TDA revenue predictions from the ADC meeting.

Larry Fontaine thanked the TDA members for their generosity and support of Town functions and activities.

Town Manager Johnathan Harris updated the TDA members on the Web cam repair at the Seven Devils Community Center and the new Web Cam request at Town Hall.

Board Comments

None

Adjourn

At 10:05 am, Member Leigh Sasse made a motion to adjourn; Alejandra Fernandez Sasse seconded; all approved. Motion carried.

High Country ABC Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm ABC Store

The High Country ABC Board (Board) held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Board Chair Anne Fontaine; Board Member Robin Dunn; Board Member Winston Ammann via ZOOM; Alternate Board Member Donna Dicks; Alternate Board Member Leigh Sasse and Alternate Board Member David Miller via ZOOM; General Manager Bonnie Betz and Rob Corn, guest of Donna Dicks, were present.

In advance of the meeting, Board Chair Anne Fontaine read the following conflict of interest statement: "In accordance with 18B-201, it is the duty of every Board Member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Does any Board Member have any conflicts of interests or appearances of conflicts with matters coming before the Board today?" Hearing none, the meeting commenced.

Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve the April 20, 2023 agenda. Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 Board meeting.

The General Manager reported that total sales for the month of March 2023 were \$282,050, which was down \$29,896 from last year's sales of \$311,946. Retail sales for March were \$240,714, up \$16,577. Mixed beverage sales for March were \$41,336, down \$46,473 from last March sales of \$87,809.

The General Manager reported that the available balance in the business checking account at First National Bank was \$150,229. The money market account balance was at zero but will be left open until the end of the month in order to have online access to reconcile at the end of the month. It will be closed at the beginning of May. The available balance in the Mountain Community Bank checking account was \$299,384. The available balance in the Mountain Community Bank money market account was \$50,001.

The six-month CD for \$50,000 with a 3.211% rate at First National Bank matured at \$50,803.78 and has been cashed out and put into a six-month CD at Mountain Community Bank at a rate of 4.39%.

The General Manager reported to the Board that she is going to make three line item adjustments to the budget as follows:

Increase	Amount	Currently	New Amount
Office Expenses	+\$2,000	\$3,767	\$5,767
Credit Cards	+\$10,000	\$76,765	\$86,765
Equip. Lease	+\$500	\$31,832	\$32,332
Total	\$12,500	\$112,364	\$124,864

Decrease	Amount	Currently	New Amount
Maint./Repairs-Bldg	-\$2,000	\$4,500	\$2,500
Insurance-Group	-\$10,000	\$70,000	\$60,000
Postage & Delivery	-500	\$7530	\$7,030
Total	-\$12,500	\$82,030	\$69,530

The General Manager announced that there was an issue with Mountain Community Bank's online bill pay. In the online banking program, the bank has a daily cap of \$20,000 that is allowed to pay bills. The General Manager contacted Hallie, the bank's Relationship Manager, and stated that this should have been discussed while we were interviewing local banks since this does not work for our store, as the ABC store has various liquor vendors with bills well over \$20,000 for one payment. Hallie and their IT Department suggested that the ABC store may want to move to ACH payments which would be much safer and quicker for vendors to receive payments. Hallie was very assuring that they will help us find a solution and will help us any way possible. The General Manager sent a letter to the liquor vendors asking who would be interested in receiving ACH payments along with their printed check and invoice to show it was not a fraudulent letter. The reception from the vendors has been very good with many asking to receive this type of payment. The Mountain Community Bank's IT Department will train the General Manager on

Tuesday, April 25, on how to enter the vendors into the ACH system and how to pay them using ACH payments.

Old Business:

The General Manager presented a draft copy of the 2023-2024 budget for the Board's review. She will ask the three Town Managers what they are suggesting for wage and cost of living increases to be given to their employees, per the Board's request. She will have their responses before the budget workshop set for May 11th at 4:00 pm. She will confirm with the CPA office the original budgeted amount given to the three Towns for fiscal year 2021/2022.

The General Manager emailed all alcohol education grantees to see if they have new grant requests or need additional funding for currently supported programs. They were given a deadline of April 18 to apply for additional support. Quarterly reports were received from High Country Caregivers, William's YMCA Media Detective Program, Western Youth Network, Club 12, and Mountain Alliance.

Western Youth Network sent a request for \$3,000 for their Youth to Youth program. Due to a timing constraint, the Board voted to approve their request of \$3,000 via email.

Club 12 sent in their request of \$5,000 for additional funding. Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve giving \$5,000 additional funding to Club 12.

Mountain Alliance requested \$5,000 for their new Rolling Academy Leadership Expedition (RALE) Program. Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve the \$5,000 request.

The General Manager reminded the Board that the ABC store will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 for the Memorial Day holiday.

There were no citizens in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting is the budget workshop on Tuesday May 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be on Thursday May 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm, per a rescheduling request from Robin Dunn.

Robin Dunn made a motion to adjourn today's Board meeting. It was seconded by Winston Ammann and approved by all in attendance.

Anne Fontaine, Board Chair

Robin Dunn, Board Member

Winston Ammann, Board Member

Date approved

High Country ABC Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm ABC Store

The High Country ABC Board (Board) held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Board Chair Anne Fontaine; Board Member Robin Dunn; Board Member Winston Ammann via ZOOM; Alternate Board Member Donna Dicks; Alternate Board Member Leigh Sasse and Alternate Board Member David Miller via ZOOM; General Manager Bonnie Betz were present.

In advance of the meeting, Board Chair Anne Fontaine read the following conflict of interest statement: "In accordance with 18B-201, it is the duty of every Board Member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Does any Board Member have any conflicts of interests or appearances of conflicts with matters coming before the Board today?" Hearing none, the meeting commenced.

Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve the May 25, 2023 agenda. Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Board meeting.

The General Manager reported that total sales for the month of April 2023 were \$278,091, which was down \$168 from last year's sales. Retail sales for April were \$224,587, down \$1,395 from last April's sales of \$225,982. Mixed beverage sales for April were \$53,504, up \$1,227 from last April sales of \$52,277.

The General Manager reported that the available balance in the business checking account at Mountain Community Bank was \$401,206. The available balance in the Mountain Community Bank money market account was \$100,015. The General Manger stated that she had moved \$50,000 from the First National Bank's checking account to the Mountain Community Bank money market account since we had agreed to keep a minimum of \$100,000 in the account. The First National Bank checking account has a remaining balance of \$31,734.

We put \$50,803.78 into a six-month CD at Mountain Community Bank at a rate of 4.39% but it will not show any interest until May. The 6-month CD 7973 at First National Bank has a ledger balance of \$50,845 and will mature on

07/20/23. The Jumbo CD 7976 at First National Bank has a ledger balance of \$153,151 and will mature on 10/20/23.

Old Business:

After reviewing the budget letter and the draft copy of the 2023-2024 budget, the Board agreed to adopt the proposed budget. Upon a motion duly made by Robin Dunn and seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve the 2023-2024 proposed budget. Copies will be sent to the three Towns and to the Commission and our CPA. Notice of our public budget hearing will be posted on our website and on the ABC store door with the date and time of the public hearing.

Donna Dicks updated the Board with regard to her alternate replacement. She had spoken to Rick Owen and since it has been many years, he needed to develop an application and will have it ready at the July Town Council. Rob Corn should be our new alternate starting in July.

All the Board members received the High Country Caregivers Spring newsletter.

There were no citizens in attendance.

The public hearing for the 2023-2024 budget is scheduled for Thursday June 15, 2023 at 4:45 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be on Thursday June 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Robin Dunn made a motion to adjourn today's Board meeting. It was seconded by Winston Ammann and approved by all in attendance.

Anne Fontaine, Board Chair

Robin Dunn, Board Member

Winston Ammann, Board Member

Date approved

HIGH COUNTRY ABC BOARD

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

The annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (FY2023-2024) has been prepared in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes 18B-702 "Financial operations of local boards".

The main concerns during the preparation of this budget included projected operating costs required to sustain acceptable levels of customer service during fiscal year 2023-2024 and the need for revenues sufficient to fund capital improvements as well as to provide distributions to beneficiaries.

The projected operating revenues reflect a 3% increase from the 2022-2023 fiscal year revenues. We anticipate that this increase will be due to a conservative improvement in the economy.

The budget consists of projected revenues from liquor sales and other receipts of \$5,532,494. Appropriations consist of taxes of \$1,355,567 based on sales, cost of sales of \$2,914,212, salaries and employee benefits of \$405,677. We do not anticipate any capital expenditures for this fiscal year and do not anticipate any debt assumption. The budget also shows a comparison of FY 2022-2023 actual and estimated revenues and expenditures to the previous fiscal year.

Pay increases will go up to 5.5-6% for all employees. Health insurance premiums should not exceed the amount shown on the budget. The Board will employ six (6) full-time positions.

The Board expends a minimum of 5% of its profits on law enforcement and a minimum of 7% on alcohol education each year, as required by law. The total amount budgeted for law enforcement is \$40,193 which includes the contracted ABC officer.

Each of the three towns will have received \$203,333 by the end of the FY2022/2023 fiscal year. Each town is budgeted to receive \$180,000 for FY2023/2024. This amount is well above the mandatory 3.5% required by law.

With the attached budget, the Board has met the required minimum amount of working capital requirements at no less than two weeks average gross sales of the last fiscal year.

The Board does not have any debt at this time and does not anticipate incurring debt during this budget year.

BUDGET WORKSHEET **ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE - REVENUES**

Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024								
Account	Last Year 21/22	Current Year 2022-2023				Next Year 2023-2024		
	Actual	Budget	Actual to March 31	April - June Estimated	Totals for Year	Requested	Recommended	Approved By Board
Liquor Sales	\$ 3,758,803	\$ 4,018,733	\$ 3,021,502	\$ 1,007,167	\$ 4,028,669	\$ 4,149,529		
Mixed Beverage Sales	\$ 1,353,518	\$ 1,407,098	\$ 996,674	\$ 332,225	\$ 1,328,899	\$ 1,368,766		
Wine / Mixer Sales	\$ 6,159	\$ 6,522	\$ 6,967	\$ 2,322	\$ 9,289	\$ 9,568		
Investment Income	\$ 2,395	\$ 1,934	\$ 3,372	\$ 1,124	\$ 4,496	\$ 4,631		
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Totals	\$ 5,120,875	\$ 5,434,287	\$ 4,028,515	\$ 1,342,838	\$ 5,371,353	\$ 5,532,494	\$ -	\$ -

BUDGET WORKSHEET		HIGH COUNTRY ABC BOARD		Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024					
ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE - EXPENDITURES									
	Last Year 21/22	Current Year 2022-2023			Next Year 2023-2024				
	Actual	Budget	Actual Thru March	Estimated Apr-June	Year Total (Round Up)	Requested	Recommended	Approved By Board	
Taxes Based on Revenue:									
NC Excise Tax	\$ 1,098,487	\$ 1,161,128	\$ 867,227	\$ 289,076	\$ 1,156,303	\$1,180,915			
MXB Tax (Dept. of Rev.)	\$ 89,199	\$ 147,745	\$ 62,804	\$ 20,935	\$ 83,739	\$ 143,720.00			
MXB Tax {DHHS}	\$ 8,920	\$ 14,071	\$ 6,273	\$ 2,091	\$ 8,364	\$ 13,688.00			
Rehabilitation Tax	\$ 10,094	\$ 16,277	\$ 7,788	\$ 2,596	\$ 10,384	\$ 16,555			
Wine/Mixer Sales Tax	\$ 431	\$ 470	\$ 488	\$ 163	\$ 651	\$ 689			
Total	\$ 1,207,131	\$ 1,339,691	\$ 944,580	\$ 314,860	\$ 1,259,440	\$ 1,355,567	\$ -	\$ -	

Employee Travel	\$ 3,459	\$ 6,334	\$ 1,716	\$ 572	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,200	
Licenses & Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Delivery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Supplies	\$ 3,285	\$ 5,767	\$ 3,348	\$ 1,116	\$ 4,464	\$ 4,687	
Janitorial Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Professional Fees	\$ 11,756	\$ 17,585	\$ 8,970	\$ 2,990	\$ 11,960	\$ 12,558	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,430	\$ 3,795	\$ 2,981	\$ 994	\$ 3,975	\$ 4,173	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 11,777	\$ 12,361	\$ 7,197	\$ 2,399	\$ 9,596	\$ 9,136	
Maintenance Agreements				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment Lease	\$ 34,269	\$ 32,332	\$ 21,481	\$ 7,160	\$ 28,641	\$ 30,073	
Training	\$ 3,459	\$ 6,334	\$ 1,666	\$ 555	\$ 2,221	\$ 6,500	
Security	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Data Processing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Vehicle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 66,650	\$ 86,765	\$ 60,180	\$ 20,060	\$ 80,240	\$ 84,252	
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Audit	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	
Postage	\$ 329	\$ 400	\$ 384	\$ 128	\$ 512	\$ 538	
Bank Charges	\$ 568	\$ 722	\$ 389	\$ 130	\$ 519	\$ 545	
Contingencies	\$ 7,992	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,366	
Total	\$ 195,573	\$ 374,732	\$ 187,779	\$ 234,723	\$ 407,354	\$ 219,576	\$ -

HIGH COUNTRY ABC BOARD

ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE - EXPENDITURES

Account	Last Year 21/22	Current Year 2022-2023				Next Year 2023-2024	
	Actual	Budget	Actual Thru March	Estimated Apr-June	Year Total (Round Up)	Requested	Recommended
Capital Outlay:							
(Debt Proceeds)							
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service/Lease:							
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Total Estimated Expense	\$ 4,423,404	\$ 5,007,730	\$ 3,531,338	\$ 1,349,243	\$ 4,865,100	\$ 4,908,631	\$	-	\$	-
Total Revenue-Total Expenses						\$ 623,863				
Distributions:										
Law Enforcement	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000				
Alcohol Education & Rehab.	\$ 40,093	\$ 47,352	\$ 33,190	\$ 11,063	\$ 44,253	\$ 43,670				
Municipal	\$ 480,000	\$ 575,523	\$ 448,500	\$ 120,000	\$ 568,500	\$ 540,000				
ABC Officer	\$ 28,638	\$ 33,081	\$ 23,709	\$ 7,903	\$ 31,612	\$ 33,193				
Other Distributions-ABC car	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 750	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				
Total	\$ 555,731	\$ 662,956	\$ 510,649	\$ 140,716	\$ 651,365	\$ 623,863	\$	-	\$	-
Total Expenditure Summary	\$ 4,979,135	\$ 5,670,686	\$ 4,041,987	\$ 1,489,959	\$ 5,516,465	\$ 5,532,494	\$	-	\$	-
Working Capital Retained										
							\$	(0)	\$	-

Activity Log Event Summary (Cumulative Totals)

SEVEN DEVILS PUBLIC SAFETY

(05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023)

<No Event Type Specified>	1	Alarm Activation	6
Assist another officer (Seven Devils)	1	Assist Other Department	3
Business Check	342	Complaint	1
Damage to property	1	Item(s) found	1
Larceny	1	Medical	1
Other	2	Patrol	66
Property Retrieval	1	Speeding	1
Training	14	Vehicle Stop	7
Warrant	2		

Total Number Of Events: 451



SEVEN DEVILS FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1356 SEVEN DEVILS RD
SEVEN DEVILS, NC 28604
FIRE CHIEF MATTHEW MILLSAPS**

May 2023

We've had a great month here at Seven Devils Fire Department. We had twenty-four members combined for almost a hundred hours of training. We welcomed HEART (Highlands Emergency Air Rescue Transport) on May 23 to our day training to inform us on precautions to setting up landing zones for medical helicopters and when and what patients we should contact them.

We responded to two calls, one which was called a potential fire (no fire was found) and a medical call.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at matthew.millsaps@sevendevils.net

Fire Chief

Matthew Millsaps