

Seven Devils Public Safety Committee
Tuesday August 2, 2016

AGENDA ITEM

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MINUTES

Members Present: George Ehlinger, Brad Lambert, Mike Tarlton, David Hooper, Dick Nelson, Jack Byrnes, Tina Bailey, Kay Lambert

Others Present: Debbie Powers (Town Manager), Chuck Davis (Police Chief), Bobby Powell (Fire Chief), Bob Garland

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by George Ehlinger, Chairman.

Mike Tarlton moved to accept the Agenda. David Hooper seconded. All agreed.

Brad Lambert moved to approve the June 7, 2016 Minutes. David Hooper seconded. All agreed.

SafetyFest 2016 Follow-Up:

- * Successful SafetyFest despite the rain that chased a few away.
- * Brad Lambert and Debbie Powers were thanked for the idea and decision to keep the Silent Auction up in the meeting room throughout the week prior and actual SafetyFest day.
- * Thank yous have been distributed to Sponsors, Placemat Ad Sponsors and Raffle/Silent Auction Contributors.
- * The Volunteer Appreciation Lunch was held July 19th - 32 attended.
- * George Ehlinger commented that having Town employees present to help before, during and after was a definite plus - could not have done it without them. Thank you all!!!

SafetyFest Suggestions:

- * Definitely have Town employees to help before, during and after the event.
- * Additional signs - i.e. "BBQ →".
- * A smoker near the fire bay for "aroma". It was explained by George and Bobby that the pork is cooked the day before at Maintenance where it is a more controlled setting, is under cover in case of rain, the grills can be washed for immediate return and it is SAFER!

Mike Tarlton reported that bills are in but there is an additional \$575 to come in. He felt that there are enough funds to grant \$3500 to each department - Police, Fire and Public Works, with an additional \$100 donated to Avery Co. Ladder Company (use of ladder truck at SafetyFest), \$100 to Blowing Rock Fire Department (use of bounce house at SafetyFest), and start-up money for SafetyFest 2017. Additional funds are generated throughout the year with the sale of SD mugs, caps, license plates, decals, tumblers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, extinguishers, etc. The Fire Department and Public Works Department submitted "Wish Lists"

for grant funds. Chuck Davis said that the Police would like to purchase a new radar detector (SD's would no longer be valid at the end of the year). Jack Byrnes moved that \$3500 be granted to each department. Dick Nelson seconded. All agreed.

George Ehlinger asked Tina Bailey about Red Cross Emergency Shelter supplies, training, etc. Tina is in contact with the area Red Cross about training sessions for herself, review for already trained shelter volunteers and recommended supplies to have on hand, including food. There is an allowance in the Town Budget and the Public Safety Committee will try to help if additional funds are needed.

Brad Lambert asked if it might be possible to have updates on the website concerning, bad weather, icy road conditions, power outages, water problems, etc. Debbie Powers said she'd work with Sara Miller (Town Clerk) and Chuck Davis on this. This information would need to be kept current depending on conditions.

George Ehlinger canvassed members as to the need of Public Safety Committee meetings the rest of the year. It was agreed that the next Seven Devils Public Safety Committee meeting will be Tuesday February 7, 2017 unless one is warranted. George will be informed of any concerns that need to be addressed and will act accordingly.

Brad Lambert moved to adjourn. Jack Byrnes seconded. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

See you February 7, 2017 at 5:30pm. STAY SAFE!!!!