

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2016

The Seven Devils Public Works Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Town Hall. Present were Chairman Brad Lambert and Members Larry Fontaine and Brady Sasse. Vice Chairman George Ehlinger was absent. Also present were Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge, Town Engineer David Poore and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 10:07AM.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Fontaine made a motion to adopt the agenda. Chairman Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES— March 15, 2016

Member Fontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes from March 15, 2016. Member Sasse seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

Chair Lambert mentioned that he wanted to make sure the reflector project discussed in the March meeting was not forgotten. Public Works Director Aldridge stated he planned to try to complete the project before the fall season starts, and that he would not let it be forgotten. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

BLIND ROAD ANALYSIS—After much discussion the Committee, from the recommendations of Public Works Director Aldridge and Town Engineer Poore, decided to move forward with paving projects in the coming season, and delay water line projects until coming years.

Chair Lambert took questions from a citizen in the audience at that time.

Stephen Scales, 103 Edgefield Court, expressed concern with the water run-off issue on his street, that gravel comes down the steep incline of Edgefield Court every time it rains heavily. He stated that he was looking for advice from the Committee regarding the on-going issue. Public Works Director Aldridge stated that with any road on a steeper incline, you are going to have run-off issues, especially if it is a gravel road. Mr. Scales asked if Public Works Director Aldridge would speak to him outside of the meeting regarding the issue for advice and Aldridge agreed to do so.

Mr. Scales then asked if the Town planned to restripe the main road. Chair Lambert stated that Seven Devils Road and Skyland Drive were State maintained, so we were at the mercy of when the State saw fit to stripe. Public Works Director Aldridge stated he would call the NCDOT again to request the striping.

Chair Lambert stated that the Committee needed to make a motion regarding the paving decisions from the Blind Road Analysis. Member Fontaine made a motion to recommend to the Town Council paving the top ten roads on the Blind Road Analysis, roughly \$114,377.00 of paving, in place of the Edgecliff water project. Member Sasse seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

WATERLINE PROJECTS FOR FY2017 AND CIP—CHESTNUT RIDGE TRAIL WATER/STREET PROJECT FROM EAST ROCKY TOP TRAIL TO EDGECLIFF LANE—EDGECLIFF LANE WATER/STREET PROJECT FROM CHESTNUT RIDGE TRAIL TO KNOB HILL LANE—REPLACE EXISTING PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES—PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE—

The Public Works Committee made the decision to move forward with paving projects in place of water line projects in FY 2017, with the exception of replacing one existing pressure reducing valve. No action was taken. **~CLOSED~**

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS FOR FY2017 AND CIP— See discussion for Blind Road Analysis above. A motion was made to recommend the top ten roads be paved from the Blind Road Analysis. **~CLOSED~**

MASTER PARK PLAN—Chair Lambert wished to update the Committee on the Master Recreation Plan, which would be named “Connect 7D”. The Recreation Plan map presented included current features such as Otter Falls, Seven Devils playground, picnic area, Bear Paw natural area, Blue Ridge Conservancy land, and the mini-park by Saddle-Up Ranch stables. The Master Plan map also included future ideas such as several trails and greenways that would, if all were completed, connect the entire Town via trail. It would also include possible lake recreation and park areas by Town Hall and in Woodwinds.

Chair Lambert stated that after the May Town Council Public Hearing and Meeting, he hoped to have Engineer Poore make larger and easier to read maps of the Recreation Plan. Engineer Poore suggested that the Town Council adopt a resolution in support of the Recreation plan. Chair Lambert asked Manager Powers if she would handle drafting one. She stated she would. No action was taken. **~CLOSED~**

ROAD SHOULDER CLEAN-UP—Chair Lambert asked Public Works Director Aldridge if they planned to clean up road shoulders and ditches during the Spring season. Public Works Director Aldridge stated that they were already in the process of Spring maintenance on the mountain, and the road shoulders would be addressed.

Chair Lambert stated that the Public Works crew do a great job. He also suggested that they continue the clean-up during this time of year with extra caution using the blower, to not blow debris and chat on a resident’s home or vehicle. Public Works Director Aldridge stated that his crew is very careful but that he would reinforce the caution needed. No action was taken. **~CLOSED~**

CITIZENS COMMENTS—NONE

ADJOURN

Member Fontaine made a motion adjourn. Chair Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.

Brad Lambert, Chairman

Sara Miller, Town Clerk