Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission Minutes--Regular Session May 14, 2015

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 4:00 in Town Hall on May 14, 2015. Members present were Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, and Martha Stearns. Brad Lambert, Barbara Tarlton, Sue Ehmig, Ed Evans, and Ed Beck were also present.

Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda and called the meeting to order. Leigh Sasse made a motion to accept the agenda. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed.

Anne Fontaine made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015, and Bob Bridges seconded the motion. It passed.

We discussed the Otter Falls Grand Opening on June 5:

Sixty-four people have accepted the invitation to attend the grand opening. Barbara Tarlton said that many volunteers have offered to prepare food for the reception, and we should have plenty. Anne Fontaine will get parking signs to direct attendees to parking areas. Public Works will erect a tent, and Kay Lambert will obtain a podium. Bob Bridges will direct traffic and parking at the resort club. Ed Evans will arrange for traffic direction at the other sites. We decided to have trail work days on May 16, 23, and 30, beginning at 9:30. Ed Evans will investigate ways to get the present decking at the falls removed.

Anne Fontaine reported that twenty people have registered for the Walking Challenge, but she expects many more. We will continue to promote it.

Bob Bridges will coordinate and lead group walks, and we decided to hold them monthly after the Recreation Commission meetings on June 11, July 16, August 13, and September 10. The walks will start at 10:15. Ed Evans will investigate liability issues connected with the walks.

Anne Fontaine said that Grandfather Mountain State Park Ranger Andy Sicard will lead a workshop about amphibians at the Otter Falls Trail Head at 4:00 on Friday, June 12. We decided to hold a CPR workshop on Friday, July 17 at 1:00. We will publicize this

workshop at SafetyFest and in the July water bill. Leigh Sasse will investigate the possibility of our sponsoring a fitness workshop.

We decided to meet at 10:00 on May 29 to clean up the playground.

Our booth at SafetyFest will be similar to last year's booth with children's activities.

Grandfather Mountain State Park's Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, August 22, and we will have our own booth that will focus on bears and how keep them from becoming a nuisance.

We decided to meet again on May 28 at 9:00 to finalize plans for the Grand Opening of Otter Falls. Our next regular meeting will be June 11.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Kay Lambert seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary