

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes--Regular Session
November 12, 2014**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 4:00 in Town Hall on November 12, 2014. Members present were Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, and Martha Stearns. Kay Ehlinger, Ed Evans, Larry Fontaine, and Brad Lambert also attended.

Chair Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda and called the meeting to order.

Kay Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014, and Leigh Sasse seconded the motion. It passed.

Anne Fontaine reported on the 2014 Walking Challenge. The Walking Challenge party was held at Town Hall on Monday, October 6. Participants walked a total of 8743 miles from May 1 through September 30, and the winners were as follows:

Overall most miles walked—728 by Glenda Rawlinson
Most miles walked by a male—560 by Lee Rawlinson
Most miles walked by a female—575 by Phyllis Miller
Most miles walked by a couple—530 by Frank and Barbara Bongiorno

Anne reported that she and Larry had sent a letter commending the Grandfather Mountain State Park staff to the head of North Carolina Parks and Recreation. She shared a letter of appreciation from Sue McBean, Superintendent at Grandfather Mountain State Park.

The Light the Night Christmas party will be held in Town Hall at 5:30 on Friday, December 12. Assignments are as follows:

Hot chocolate—Anne Fontaine
Paper products—Kay Lambert
Apple cider—Martha Stearns
Cookies or cake—Leigh Sasse

Anne Fontaine presented a list of topics to be discussed concerning the grand opening of Otter Falls, and we discussed each one.

Date and Time

We decided to have the ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on June 5, 2015 at the Otter Falls parking area. June 12, 2015 will be the backup date.

Guest List

The guest list will include staff from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the Conservation Fund, and government officials. These guests will be sent formal invitations. Local residents will be invited via the town website, a message on the water bill, e-mails, and an announcement on the town's electronic information board.

Ceremony and Dedication

The ceremony will include a speech by Mayor Larry Fontaine and a ribbon cutting.

Reception

A reception will be held at the Seven Devils Resort Club from 2:30-4:00 p.m. following the ceremony. Finger food and punch will be served.

Transportation and Safety

Parking will be at the Seven Devils Resort Club and possibly across from Town Hall in front of the condos. A shuttle service will move people to and from the Otter Falls parking area. This shuttle service may run from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., which would allow guests to hike to Otter Falls before or after the ceremony. We discussed renting two fifteen-passenger vans, but finding drivers with a chauffeur's license could be a problem. We will explore the possibility of using a transportation service such as the Boone Trolley.

There will be no guided hikes to the falls, and no rides will be provided to the falls. A small rescue vehicle will be available for emergency use.

Entertainment/Activities

We may have live music at the reception if the budget allows it. The reception will be an open house format.

Budget

We need to establish a tentative budget by our next meeting on December 9. Martha Stearns will determine the cost of invitations and postage. Kay Lambert will get an estimate of reception costs. Leigh Sasse will investigate transportation options. Everyone will look for trail head designs and options for donor recognition.

Trail Head

The trail head will display donors' names and giving levels (platinum, gold, silver). There will be a list of rules at the trailhead—no bikes, horses, motorcycles or trash left behind. There will also be information about difficulty and a map of the trail.

Our next meeting will be at 4:00 on December 9, 2014.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary