

**Town of Seven Devils  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes—Regular Session  
February 15, 2018**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on February 15, 2018. Members present were Bob Bridges (by telephone), Ed Beck, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, and Martha Stearns. Brad Lambert, Larry Fontaine, and Debbie Powers were also present.

Skip Watts was absent.

Ed Beck made a motion that we accept the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the January 11, 2018, regular meeting. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the agenda and the minutes were approved.

Debbie Powers gave an update on grant applications for the Peak Mountain trail. The town will apply for an RTP grant for \$100,000, which requires a \$25,000 match from the town. The grant application is due March 2, 2018. The town will also apply for a PARTF grant for \$80,000, which requires a \$40,000 match from the town. This grant application is due May 11. Debbie reported that Seven Devils' tree ordinance needs to be tweaked in order to include more protection for trees on public property before we are eligible to become a Tree City USA.

Anne Fontaine presented a revision of the 4/20/2016 Recreation Master Plan. She and Debbie Powers had made some updates and revisions. After a discussion, we made a few more revisions. Kay Lambert made a motion to accept the revised Recreation Master Plan. Martha Stearns seconded Kay's motion, and it passed.

Anne Fontaine gave an update on the Art Guild. There are now three artists on the planning committee—Berny Byrnes, Debra Isquith, and Nancy Cope. There will be art shows on July 21, 2018, and August 18, 2018, both outside if weather permits. If not, the shows will be inside Town Hall. Artists will be allowed to display and sell their work. To raise awareness and allow artists to prepare, flyers will be inserted into April water bills. There will be an arts and craft booth where attendees will be able to paint plaster masks. Door prizes will be given away each hour. TDA will provide water. Bob Bridges suggested that a caricature artist would be a nice addition.

Ed Beck gave an update on The Hawk. He expects to receive sponsorships from most of last year's sponsors. Racing Toes may give us a reduced price again, but it will probably be higher than last year's price. We had a discussion about several aspects of the race—whether or not to have different sponsorship levels, whether or not to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Blue Ridge Conservancy, what type of shirts to order, whether to keep the same race route or change it slightly, and how many hats to order. We will poll some of last year's race participants about their shirt preferences. We decided that all this needs to be firmed up by April. Ed reported that *Running World* will advertise The Hawk for \$55.00 a month if it is advertised for three or more months. He said some runners might want to enter as a team. Kay Lambert will include our order for

mugs, koozies, and hats with the SafetyFest order. Ed and Beth Beck will have a booth at SafetyFest to provide information about The Hawk and allow runners to sign up. Bob Bridges suggested that we have separate meetings to discuss matters about The Hawk. We decided this would a good idea.

There are many planned activities for summer of 2018. There will be rack cards listing summer activities. Bob Bridges reported that the Music on the Lawn group for June 15 is yet to be determined. On July 20, the Jeff Little Trio will perform. On August 10, Amantha Mill will perform, and on September 7, Presley Barker and his band, ShadowGrass, will perform.

Anne Fontaine said she had contacted Andy Sicard about summer workshops, but that he hadn't responded yet. They will be planned later.

Bob Bridges announced that there will be a moonlight canoe trip on June 29. Priority will be given to those who haven't participated previously. Hikes will take place on the Friday after Thursday Recreation Commission meetings, and hikers will leave Seven Devils at 9:00 a.m.

Skip Watts will offer junior tennis clinics. A CPR course will be offered. Martha Stearns will contact Paige Patterson about garden workshops or programs.

Kay Lambert announced that the Arbor Day celebration will be April 27, 2018. There will be a brief program, and lunch will be served. A Japanese maple will be planted, and 100 red maple seedlings will be given away. Dignitaries will be invited, and tours of the town, including Otter Falls, will be offered.

Our next regular Recreation Commission meeting will be March 15, 2018.

Ed Beck made a motion to adjourn. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns