

**Town of Seven Devils  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes—Regular Session  
January 11, 2018**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on January 11, 2018. Members present were, Bob Bridges (by telephone), Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Brad Lambert, Larry Fontaine, Debbie Powers, Berny Byrnes, and Debra Isquith were also present.

Ed Beck was absent.

Debbie Powers opened the meeting and asked for nominations for chair of the Recreation Commission. Kay Lambert nominated Anne Fontaine, and Skip Watts seconded her nomination. She was elected unanimously. Debbie turned the meeting over to Anne, who asked for nominations for vice-chair. Martha Stearns nominated Skip Watts, and Kay seconded his nomination. He was elected unanimously.

Kay Lambert made a motion that we accept the agenda (with the addition of a CPR workshop under summer activities) and the minutes from the October 12, 2017, regular meeting. Skip Watts seconded the motion, and the agenda and the minutes were approved.

Debbie Powers reminded Recreation Commission members that we have mailboxes at Town Hall where we might receive important information

Debra Isquith and Berny Byrnes presented their proposal for a Seven Devils Artists' Guild. It would be open to full and part-time residents. There would be two art shows annually where artists could display their work. Future activities might include monthly meetings, educational presentations, and workshops. Debra and Berny will work with Debbie Powers and Anne Fontaine to set dates for the 2018 art shows.

There was a discussion about ordering cotton or cotton blend shirts for the 2018 Hawk. Skip Watts noted that cotton shirts ordered from Racing Toes would be less expensive than the ones we ordered last year. We will make a decision at a future meeting. We also discussed the possibility of changing the race route to avoid possible confusion at Town Hall. There are concerns about starting a new course record and new personal records. If Town Hall is not on the course, we would have to provide portable toilets on the route or have runners leave the course to use a restroom at Town Hall. If we maintain the 2017 route, we will provide more direction at Town Hall and let runners know at the beginning of the race that they will be running through the Town Hall driveway. We decided to keep our assignments from the 2017 Hawk. Kay Lambert asked us to decide which Seven Devils items (mugs, etc.) we need so they can be included in a large order with SafetyFest items. We will address this in our February meeting.

There was a discussion about possible summer activities. We decided to cancel the activity challenge, because interest seems to be waning. Bob Bridges reported that he

was disappointed in participation for walks last summer, but he wants to continue monthly hikes. Anne Fontaine suggested that we try to offer concerts June through September at the resort club if the resort club board approves. She and Bob will discuss possible groups to invite and decide on dates. We will decide later about offering a movie. We would like to offer Grandfather Mountain State Park ranger workshops in May through September, possibly at the Profile Trail parking lot in May and September and in Seven Devils in June, July, and August. Skip Watts will offer tennis workshops again, and pickleball sessions will continue. Bob Bridges suggested that there always needs to be a first-aid kit at these sessions. We will offer a CPR workshop again. Certifications from the one offered two years ago are expiring. Some events last year had low attendance, and we need to improve our publicity.

Our next Recreation Commission meeting will be February 15, 2018.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Skip Watts seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns