

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 8, 2017**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger and David Ehmig. David Hooper was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Debbie Powers, the minutes were recorded by Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 11, 2107**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS- NONE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Manager Powers provided the following update:

The SafetyFest2017 Volunteer lunch was on July 18<sup>th</sup>, with 37 people attending.

Paving continues at Knob Hill, Deerwood, Woodwinds, W. Rocky Top; GreenCove is completed.

The Powell Bill process is completed for 2017.

Employee Performance Reviews are completed for FY18.

New signs with the casual 7D logo at the Tennis/Pickle Ball Court and Otter Falls has been installed.

The official Zoning Map approved on July 11, 2017 is on the website and at Town Hall.

Municipal filing period ended on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Five residents have filed for 3 Town Council positions. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

The Blue Ridge Conservancy hosted a "Meet & Greet" on 7/25 at Hawksnest Resort and was attended by 75 guests. The BRC newsletter featured this event.

The Grandfather Mountain Profile Trail Access Dedication will be held on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. Mayor Fontaine is a featured speaker.

Movie Night was held on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with 38 people viewing "Parental Guidance".

The final Music on the Lawn will feature Amantha Mill on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at the Resort Club; compliments of the TDA.

Manager Powers attended an Economic Development course at the UNC; A recap of the highlights of the course is available to the Town Council.

Manager Powers provided an update on Tree Permits, Projects, Complaints, Real Estate Closings.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.

New rack cards featuring Otter Falls were ordered by TDA; they have arrived and available at Town Hall.

RVSP's are needed for the upcoming HC COG Annual Dinner on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Bobby Powell has been re-elected to the Avery Fire Commission as President.

An informational meeting about the Skiview Parking area will be held on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30PM at Town Hall. Mayor Fontaine will facilitate the discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS- NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **8) A. AVERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGREEMENT**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve the Avery County Board of Elections Agreement; Member Ehmig seconded the motion; the members agreed unanimously.

~CLOSED~

#### **B. TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM**

After conferring with all candidates (Tina Bailey, Bob Dodson, Kay Ehlinger, Brad Lambert, Barrie Winn) in attendance at the Town Council meeting, the Town Council Candidate Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 6:30-9:30PM at Town Hall; Phyllis Miller has agreed to be the moderator; A Voter Information Group will be formed to gather resident questions. Residents will be notified of election/events in the September &

October water billing; Woodwinds community will be mailed a notification. No action taken. ~CLOSED~

**C. STATE HEALTH PLAN 2018 RATE INCREASE**

The Town Council reviewed the rate increase and the budget for the State Health Plan 2018. Manager Powers reported she and Helga Sappington, Finance Officer viewed a webinar about the details for the 2018 year. Manager Powers stated the FY18 budget is accurate to cover the increase. The State Health Plan is on a calendar year schedule vs. the fiscal year. Helga will meet with each employee to assist in the open enrollment process in October. No action taken. ~CLOSED~

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning Board—No July Meeting**

**Public Works—No July Meeting**

**Public Safety Committee—June Minutes**

**Recreation Commission – July Minutes**

**TDA – July Minutes**

**ABC Board – May Minutes & Budget FY18**

**Tree Committee – No July Meeting**

**Public Safety Department**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Financial Report**

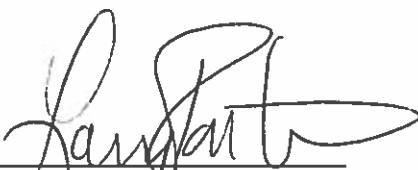
Miscellaneous Revenues include the PARTF Grant reimbursement & the Avery County Fire Commission extra \$5,300 for fire tax.

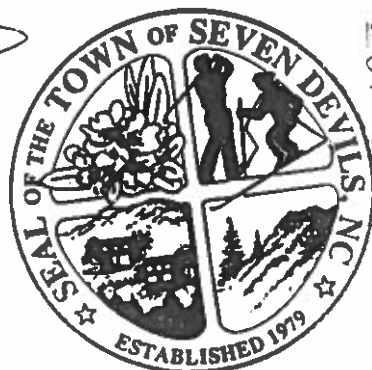
Administrative Expenditures include the annual liability insurance premium is paid in July.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS- NONE**

**ADIURN**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 6:07 PM.

  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor



  
Hillary Gropp  
Town Clerk