

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

December 8, 2015

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members David Ehmig and David Hooper. Council Member Kay Ehlinger was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Manager Powers called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE—COUNCIL MEMBERS

Town Clerk Sara Miller administered the oath of office to Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, and David Ehmig

MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM ELECTION

Manager Powers opened the floor for nominations of Mayor. Member Hooper nominated Larry Fontaine as Mayor. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. Manager Powers called for any additional nominations, and there were none. Manager Powers closed the nominations and called for a vote. The votes were as follows:

4 Ayes- David Ehmig, Brad Lambert, Larry Fontaine, and David Hooper

0 Nay-

Absent- Kay Ehlinger

Manager Powers opened the floor for nominations of Mayor Pro Tem. Member Hooper nominated Brad Lambert as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Fontaine seconded the motion. Manager Powers called for additional nominations, and there were none. Manager Powers closed the nominations and called for a vote. The votes were as follows:

4 Ayes- David Ehmig, Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, and David Hooper

0 Nay-

Absent- Kay Ehlinger

Town Clerk Sara Miller administered the oath of office to Larry Fontaine and Brad Lambert.

Manager Powers turned the meeting over to Mayor Fontaine.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

**ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—November 10, 2015
BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kay Lambert, 430 Wildcat Rocks Rd., wished to thank the Town employees and Public Works department for the beautiful and festive holiday decorations. She also wanted to thank the TDA, Manager Powers, and the Town Council for the collaborative support for the new children's library in the meeting room.

Sarah Manning, 277 Four Diamond Dr., stated that she struggled with finding a section of the Town website that listed what board and committee openings were available. Town Clerk Miller stated that it was on the website, but that she would make the information more readily available for the future.

Anne Fontaine, 127 W. Rocky Top Tr., stated that the TDA has funded a quarter page ad in the Charlotte Observer to be published the following Sunday, featuring Seven Devils tourism. She also stated that changes were coming for the tourism and visitor side of the website, to be watching for them.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers stated that there would be a State Health Plan Enrollment webinar on Thursday, December 10 for all employees to aid everyone in the enrollment process. She also stated that Town Hall would be closed on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE—TOWN MANAGER DEBBIE POWERS— Town Clerk Sara Miller administered the oath of office to new Town Manager Debbie Powers. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN DEVILS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WATAUGA COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION—Member Ehmig made a motion to appoint Skip Watts to the second seat on the Watauga County Recreation Commission. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No meeting

Public Works—No minutes

Public Safety Committee—No meeting

Recreation Commission—No meeting

TDA

ABC Board

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Hooper said that the Light the Night celebration was a very enjoyable evening and thank-you to all that helped set it up.

Mayor Fontaine stated that he wanted the Council members to consider the dates offered for a Leadership Workshop for Veteran Elected Officials, and that he would email the Council regarding what date works for whom.

Mayor Fontaine stated that a seat on the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) will be opening if current member Sue Sweeting does not wish to continue on the committee. Mayor Fontaine stated that he and Manager Powers would call the Blowing Rock Town Manager to discuss if they wanted Seven Devils to propose a Council member.

Mayor Fontaine wished to thank Attorney Angle for his hard work throughout the year, as well as the Council, and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas season.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion adjourn. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Sara Miller, Town Clerk