

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

January 12, 2016

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Hooper and David Ehmig. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Ehlinger 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—December 8, 2015

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 Public Works department for putting up the new winter themed banners. They look great!

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers gave a summary of the administrative update. She stated that Town Hall would be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS**RESOLUTION—SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA GOV. MCCRORY'S CONNECT NC BOND PROPOSALS**

Mayor Fontaine introduced the Resolution in Support of Governor McCrory's Connect NC Bond Proposals. He stated that it is a proposed \$2.85 billion bond initiative intended to connect North Carolina cities and towns. Mayor Fontaine said that he and Manager Powers, as well as Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge and Fire Chief Bobby Powell, went to a meeting regarding these bond proposals the same morning. These proposals by the Governor's office will go towards things such as improving parks and recreational facilities, upgrading technologies, improving water infrastructure, and multiple other beneficial projects statewide. Mayor Fontaine read the resolution out loud for the citizens present. He then called for a motion in support of the proposals and to adopt this resolution. Member David Hooper made a motion to adopt the Resolution of the Town of Seven Devils Supporting NC Governor Pat McCrory's Connect NC Bond Proposals. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~



A Resolution of the Town of Seven Devils
Supporting North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory's
Connect NC Bond Proposals

WHEREAS, Governor Pat McCrory has proposed a \$2.85 billion bond initiative intended to connect North Carolina cities and towns in the 21st century by building roads, upgrading technology, constructing and improving educational facilities, enhancing medical services, supporting our military installations, improving parks and recreational facilities, and building and improving port and rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these strategic investments, as proposed, are designed to benefit every community across this great State and will create jobs and improve the quality of life and environment for every community across this great State and will create jobs and improve the quality of life and environment for every North Carolinian; and

WHEREAS, because of North Carolina's fiscal strength and strong balance sheet, no tax increase will be required to fund these bonds, and in addition, the State's Triple A bond rating will be preserved; and

WHEREAS, by not addressing our serious infrastructure deficiencies now, our State will lose its ability to compete in the future, interest rates will go up, costs to taxpayers will increase, congestion will worsen and jobs will not expand at the rate needed to sustain a healthy and vibrant North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the bond proceeds will benefit projects in the northwestern North Carolina High Country Region that includes Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey Counties; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Carolina must be allowed to make the important decision of investing in the opportunities provided to our future generations through the Connect NC bond initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seven Devils support Governor McCrory's Connect NC bond initiative and encourages the General Assembly to allow North Carolina's citizens to vote on this critical bond proposal to ensure North Carolina's future on the global stage.

BY VOTE OF THE Seven Devils Town Council

UPON MOTION BY: David Hooper, Council Member AND SECONDED BY Kay Ehlinger, Council Member

THIS THE 12th DAY OF January 2016.



COMMITTEE REPORTS**Planning Board—No meeting****Public Works—No meeting****Public Safety Committee—No meeting****Recreation Commission—No meeting****TDA—No meeting****ABC Board****Public Safety Department****Police Report**

Fire Report—Member Hooper stated that he wished to point out something from the November 2015 fire report. He wanted to congratulate volunteer fireman Tom Bookstaver on receiving the Fire Officer of the Year award for 2015 from the Avery County Firefighter Association.

Financial Report**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Fontaine passed a copy of the ad that was placed in the Charlotte Observer about the Town of Seven Devils. He stated that the TDA funded the ad, and received a great deal on the one day run.

Mayor Fontaine stated that the Town well monitoring system was getting older and had recently needed quite a bit of maintenance. Manager Powers gave an overview of her and Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge's visit to the Linville water system at Eseeola. Mayor Fontaine stated that this water system was an example of what the Town could be converting to. Manager Powers stated that Public Works Director Aldridge was obtaining price quotes, so that the Town could possibly move forward with the update.

Mayor Fontaine stated that the large tank located on the empty lot next to the Speedway station was in fact a part of the sewage plant that could possibly go on the annexed lot with the conditional use permit on Aldridge Road. He asked Manager Powers if she had any new contact with the owners of the Aldridge road property, and she stated that she had not.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion adjourn. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.

 Larry Fontaine, Mayor

 Sara Miller, Town Clerk