

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

September 9, 2014

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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 Ed Evans. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

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 – MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Adopt minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—August 12, 2014

Approve Resolution of Appreciation—Public Safety Committee

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, reminded everyone that Watauga County Hazardous Waste Day and Operation Medicine Cabinet would be October 25, 2014. She also stated that if anyone was unable to make it to Operation Medicine Cabinet on October 25, the Seven Devils Police Department would take in and store the medicines for the event if brought in before that date.

Anne Fontaine, 127 W. Rocky Top, stated that the last month of the Seven Devils Walking Challenge had begun. The goal for the season had not been met yet, so she requested that everyone turn in their mileage soon so that the final number could be as accurate as possible. She announced that there will still be a celebration even if the goal was not met, on October 6 at 5PM at Town Hall. All present would take a group walk and come back to Town Hall for cake.

Bob Bridges, 147 Deepwood Court, asked the Council if the Town would consider sponsoring a CPR class for the citizens of Seven Devils to participate in, even if it meant paying a small fee. After some discussion Mayor Fontaine asked that the Public Safety committee coordinate an event the following summer season 2015. Mr. Bridges also thanked the Council for the new and very comfortable chairs in the meeting room.

PRESENTATION—RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION—LOIS DODSON—Mayor Fontaine presented a framed official copy of the Resolution of Appreciation to former ABC Member Lois Dodson by reading said Resolution to the audience present. The Council wished to express great thanks and appreciation for all the work she had done in the past with the ABC Board.

PRESENTATION—RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION—PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE—Mayor Fontaine presented a Resolution of Appreciation to the Seven Devils 2014 Public Safety Committee by reading said Resolution to the audience present. He also stated that an official copy will go to each Public Safety member and that the Town wanted to express great thanks and appreciation for all the hard work the Committee put in to have a successful SafetyFest 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR

Manager Evans stated that the ABC Board would meet on Thursday, September 11, at 4:00PM at the ABC Store. Manager Evans mentioned that a possible Otter Falls Planning Committee was suggested, and that perhaps the Recreation Commission and the TDA could come together to form this committee. Mayor Fontaine and the Council though this was a good idea, and asked that Manager Evans pass this along to both the Recreation Commission and TDA.

Manager Evans then stated that there were three members of the Council that still needed to meet their Ethics Training requirement. He proposed September 22 and September 24 as two available dates to hold a webinar at Town Hall. All three members chose September 24, 2014 at 9:00AM at Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM OWNER TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF ALPINE DRIVE EXTENSION TO THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS—After some discussion, the Council made a motion to approve the concept of a possible road dedication of Alpine Drive extension, **contingent** upon the improvements suggested by Public Works Director Kevin Aldrige and Town Engineer David Poore being completed, and that a gate never be placed at the entrance in the future. If these requirements are met, the Council will entertain accepting the dedication at the next Town Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made the motion, Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

UDO CHANGE—RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING BOARD—After some discussion, Member Ehmig made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Board for the UDO change regarding water connection fees and to schedule a public hearing for the next Town Council meeting. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. Mayor Fontaine and Mayor Pro Tem Lambert also asked that Manager Evans research the Town Ordinances to see what protects the Town against damage to roads when infrastructure is being installed for future construction and subdivision development. The topic will go before the Planning Board to discuss at a future meeting. **~OPEN~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

Public Works—No meeting

Public Safety Committee—No meeting

Recreation Commission—No meeting

TDA

ABC Board

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report—Mayor Fontaine pointed out that the Seven Devils Fire Department was awarded a \$170,000 95/5 matching grant to help purchase a compressor fill station for firefighting air packs. He and Mayor Pro Tem Lambert commended Fire Chief Powell for attempting to apply to all possible grants to aid Seven Devils Fire Department.

Financial Report

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—PERSONNEL MATTERS—

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion for the Council to enter into Closed Session at 6: PM, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6). Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

No action was taken.

Member Ehlinger made a motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:04PM. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Mayor Fontaine made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.