

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

December 13, 2016

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger and David Ehmig. Member David Hooper 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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

**ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR RESCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING—Nov. 9, 2016.
BOARD & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kay Lambert, **430 Wildcat Rocks Rd.**, stated that the Christmas decorations in and around Town Hall were beautiful and wished to thank those who put them up for their hard work.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers presented the administrative update. She stated that the Blue Ridge Conservancy contacted her regarding the potential for trails connecting their recently purchased property and Otter Falls. Manager Powers told them that they would need to petition for annexation and the Conservancy seemed very open to the prospect.

Fire Chief Bobby Powell and volunteer fireman Luis Sanchez responded to the wildfire at Sampson Road in Blowing Rock on November 22, and helped save one of the residences by back-burning. Great job by the Seven Devils Fire Department.

Manager Powers presented the new E911 street map available in Town Hall, as well as the newly updated Otter Falls brochure, and the Town Christmas card distributed to vendors and contacts.

The newest Skyland Drive waterline project map was sent by Town Engineer David Poore and Manager Powers stated that Engineer Poore was waiting to hear from the NCDOT for final approval. Once the Town received approval the project would begin.

Town Hall would be closed on Friday, December 23, 2016 and Monday, December 26, 2016 in observance of the Christmas holiday, and Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Day.

OLD BUSINESS

GPS ROAD MAP RESEARCH—DISCUSSION—Manager Powers stated that Town Clerk Miller had done research regarding GPS road mapping, which was requested by Member Ehmig at the November meeting. Clerk Miller talked briefly about the research she had obtained both from online and a discussion with Jessica Welborn at the HCCOG. She stated that the United States government provided the satellites for the private companies such as Google and Apple to utilize in generating their maps for navigational equipment. Unfortunately, there was no formal process for governments to request changes in these maps, but individual residents could issue suggestions online to the companies. She stated that a copy of the information on GPS mapping was on the Town Announcements bulletin board in Town Hall. Mayor Fontaine stated that he thought it may be worth it to send in some suggestions to see if the problem areas in Seven Devils could be changed or deleted from these mapping systems. No action was taken. ~CLOSED~

NEW BUSINESS

ANNE'S FUN FACTS—RECREATION COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS—Anne Fontaine, chairman of the Recreation Commission, gave a presentation on the events of 2016. The events included a Town movie night, Music on the Lawn with *Amantha Mill*, numerous workshops, dance aerobics, and art classes. All events were primarily funded by the TDA with partial assistance by the Recreation Commission. She wished to thank the members of the Recreation Commission, Kay Lambert, Skip Watts, Ed Beck, Martha Stearns, Bob Bridges, and Leigh Sasse for their hard work and dedication. She hoped that 2017 would bring many fun events, including the first Seven Devils 7k race in September called *The Hawk*. No action was taken. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No Meeting

Public Works—No Meeting

Public Safety Committee—No Meeting

Recreation Commission

TDA

ABC Board

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert wished to thank the hard-working Town employees for all they do during the year. He stated that residents should continue to give positive feedback and encouragement to the employees, because the Town would not be what it was if it were not for the staff. He wished a Merry Christmas to everyone!

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Sara Miller, Town Clerk