

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2018

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at Town Hall. Present were Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig and Tina Bailey. 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 5:32PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – April 10, 2018

ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP FY19 – April 18, 2018

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kay Lambert – **430 Wildcat Rocks Road** – Arbor Day Celebration was on April 27th; thank you to Town Hall Staff, Public Works Department, and Public Safety, this event was sponsored by TDA. Operation Medicine Cabinet took place on April 28th at Foscoe Fire Department and thank you to Fire Chief Bobby Powell who volunteered his time. Additionally, Assistant Police Chief Jimmy Keener was assisting at the event; Resident volunteers included Mike Tarlton, Brad & Kay Lambert. SafetyFest will occur on Saturday, June 30th; a volunteer sign-up sheet is located at Town Hall.

Anne Fontaine – **127 West Rocky Top** – The Recreation Commission has been very busy planning activities during the summer. A rack card featuring the calendar was mailed in the recent utility billing. The next Recreation Commission meeting is Thursday, May 10th and it will be followed by a special meeting for the “The Hawk”.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers provided the following update:

A death due to medical reasons had occurred the previous night in the Woodwinds Community.

Debbie Powers and Frank Sell will attend a Planning Board workshop in Asheville on Thursday, May 10th. On Friday, May 11th, Debbie will attend another workshop on Public Employment Law.

The Recreational Needs Survey was mailed on April 6th to 575 recipients and replies will be accepted until June 1st; to date, 106 have been returned. Additional hiking trails is the top requested item in the survey.

The new Town Zoning Map is updated as of April 10, 2018; the Kathe Annexation is completed.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

Grant updates: RTP Grant has passed the 1st step, 2nd application due July 13th; PARTF was submitted on April 30th.

As part of the planned Otter Falls parking lot expansion the Town is waiting for the survey work to be completed.

The Town Council held a Budget workshop on April 18th. A public hearing will occur in June for the Budget Ordinance FY19.

A Uniform Guidance webinar on April 24th was attended by Debbie Powers, Helga Sappington and Bobby Powell.

The Arbor Day celebration occurred at Town Hall on Friday, April 27th; due to weather conditions it was held inside. Lunch was provided and 47 attended.

Operation Medicine Cabinet was held on Saturday, April 28th at Foscoe Fire Department.

A new sign is now displayed for the Belle Fields Memorial Book Exchange at Town Hall.

The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, May 15th at 5:30pm.

An update was provided for tree permits, projects, fence permits, complaints, and real estate closings.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

8) A. SEVEN DEVILS SCRAPBOOK – Presented by Abby Cockerham, ASU Intern

Abby Cockerham presented the Seven Devils Scrapbook which features the folklore, as well as the business of the Town throughout the years. With more documents than pages in the scrapbook, a digital format of additional historic documents will be available at Town Hall. No action taken.

8) B. RE-APPOINTMENT HIGH COUNTRY ABC – Sarah Manning, Alternate Member
Member Ehlinger made the motion to approve the Re-Appointment of Sarah Manning as Alternate Member for the High-Country ABC Board; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment-No April Meeting
Planning Board—April Minutes
Public Works—No April Meeting
Public Safety Committee—April Minutes
Recreation Commission – April Minutes
TDA – No April Meeting
ABC Board – March Minutes
Tree Committee – No April Meeting
Public Safety Department
 Police Report
 Fire Report
Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert commented about the importance of Citizen participation, such as Volunteering for SafetyFest, “The Hawk” and various board positions. There is value in learning the Citizen’s point of view on Town Business. He encourages everyone to vote in the mid-term elections on this day; the polls are open until 7:30pm.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Larry Fontaine
Mayor

Hillary Gropp
Town Clerk