

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

May 9, 2017

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig and David Hooper. 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 5:30PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 11, 2017

ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP – APRIL 26, 2017

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Anne Fontaine, **127 West Rocky Top**, announced the Recreation Commission has many fun events planned for the summer season, including the Activity Fitness Challenge that began on May 1, 2017.

Kay Lambert, **430 Wildcat Rocks Rd.**, provided an update that preparations are underway for SafetyFest and volunteers are needed. Additionally, Operation Medicine cabinet will be Saturday, May 13, 2017 and held at Foscoe Fire Department with support by Seven Devils Public Safety staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers presented the Administrative Update as follows:

Hillary Gropp received additional utility training, compliments of Southern Software.

Real Estate sales activity in the High Country remains brisk, and March sales for the 4 counties totaled 172 units sold.

A display box has been relocated to Otter Falls and will feature photos of Otter Falls merchandise for purchase and notify visitors that donations can be made at Town Hall.

Residents can get a paving estimate by contacting Robert @ Moretz Paving – 828-297-5048

Verizon Wireless update – The Town of Seven Devils has submitted an engineering request to Verizon for consideration of installing equipment on our existing cell tower.

Hillary Gropp and Kevin Aldridge completed the training/set up for NC811 for tracking & locating utilities.

Skyline Drive waterline project is completed as of April 28, 2017, with payment in full.

Manager Powers completed all requirements for Zoning Certification @ UNC SOG.

Kevin Russell & Josh Hoilman completed PRV training with Singer, now allowing them to work & maintain our systems internally.

The Arbor Day celebration was held on Friday, April 28, 2017 with 54 participants. Photos will be featured on the 7D website.

Manager Powers provided an update on Tree Permits, Projects, Complaints, Real Estate Closings.

OLD BUSINESS

RTP Grant update – Manager Powers will be meeting next week with Kelly Coffey – HCCOG, Eric Hiegl– BR Conservancy, Deno Benchmark Trails to discuss the scope of work for a quote; The parking lot will be reviewed for environmental concerns. To date, the writing of the grant has begun.

Pet Safe “Bark for your Park” dog park grant is now open and staff will be working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

An application was received by Mike Tarlton for re-appointment to the ABC Board. Member Hooper made a motion to accept the application. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

Agenda Item **8) B. SNOWCLOUD LOT #312 – OFFER OF PURCHASE-** Limited discussion occurred as details of the offer will be reviewed and this item is to be tabled until a future date.

As a procedural task to become a Tree City USA, the Town Council discussed the need to recognize the official Tree Committee. Officers have been selected with Kay Lambert as Chair.

Member Hooper made the motion to approve an official Tree Committee. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No Meeting

Public Works—No Minutes

Public Safety Committee—April Minutes

Recreation Commission - April Minutes

TDA - April Minutes

ABC Board - March Minutes

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Fontaine reported his observation of construction sign for road improvements and the needed repairs.

Mayor Fontaine inquired about the landscaping occurring for property located at Robinson Residence - 103 Edgecliff Lane.

ADJOURN

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

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Hillary Gropp
Town Clerk