

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes—Regular Session
January 8, 2013**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at Town Hall at 4:00 on January 8, 2013. Members present were Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, and Martha Stearns. Tom Bookstaver and Leigh Sasse were absent. Ed Evans and Larry Fontaine were also present.

Ed Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for nominations for chair of the Recreation Commission for 2013. Kay Lambert nominated Anne Fontaine; Martha Stearns seconded the nomination, and Anne was elected unanimously.

Ed Evans turned the meeting over to Anne Fontaine, who asked for nominations for vice chair of the Recreation Commission. Kay Lambert nominated Leigh Sasse; Martha Stearns seconded the nomination, and Leigh was elected unanimously.

Kay Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2012. Anne Fontaine seconded the motion, and it passed.

Ed Evans gave a slide presentation about the Otter Falls property. It is 9.78 acres and is presently owned by David Little, who paid approximately \$365,000 for the property. The asking price is now about \$100,000 less than this. A grant to buy the property was previously pursued by the town of Seven Devils, but the property was purchased by David Little before Seven Devils was able to obtain it. Seven Devils could now apply for a PARTF grant, but it would not be available until May at the earliest. A PARTF grant would pay for 50% of the purchase price plus other expenses, such as appraisal fees. This grant would be only for acquiring the property. Any development of the property would depend on future grants or other funding sources. The town needs to decide if the acquisition of this property should be pursued.

Anne Fontaine made a motion that the Recreation Commission in a vote make a recommendation to the Town Council to pursue the acquisition of the property and the funding through grant application and that we write a letter of support to the Town Council. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Anne Fontaine mentioned that we are down to five members, and we need at least one more member. Ed Evans will post the opening on the town website.

Anne Fontaine discussed our budget. Although we once had \$15,955.76, our balance is now \$22.84 because of expenditures for the playground, basketball goal, gravel, mulch, and the new sign identifying the playground. We still have \$578.65 from our line-item budget, and after outstanding expenses will have about \$470.00. Anne proposed that we use this remaining money to cover supplies for our upcoming workshops, which we will discuss at our next meeting on February 12, 2013.

Anne announced that on January 19 at 2:00 p.m., Grandfather State Park will have a workshop about wildflowers at their office on Highway 105.

The Great Backyard Bird Count will be February 15-18, 2013. We will host an information meeting about how to participate on Saturday, February 9, 2013, from 10:00-12:00 at Town Hall.

Submitted by:
Martha Stearns, Secretary