

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes--Regular Session
March 11, 2014**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 4:00 in Town Hall on March 11, 2014. Members present were Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, and Martha Stearns.

Ed Evans was also present.

Chair Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda.

Ed Evans called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for chair of the Recreation Commission. Leigh Sasse nominated Anne Fontaine, and Martha Stearns seconded the nomination. Anne was elected unanimously.

Ed then asked for nominations for vice-chair of the Recreation Commission. Kay Lambert nominated Leigh Sasse, and Anne Fontaine seconded the nomination. Leigh was elected unanimously.

Kay Lambert made a motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2013. Leigh Sasse seconded the motion, and it passed.

Ed Evans gave an update on the Otter Falls purchase. He anticipates that Seven Devils may be able repay the loan from The Conservation Fund by the end of March. It will take about \$25,000 more to develop a parking area and a trail to the falls. On March 4, he explored the property with Tim Johnson, a trail expert from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and it is possible that Tim Johnson will design a trail. Tim Johnson also planned to bring a commercial trail design specialist to look at the property on March 12. Ed displayed a map showing a potential route for the trail.

Ed reported that the town staff hoped to install the shelter over the picnic table during the next week.

Anne Fontaine reported that the commission has a balance of \$336.70. It was decided that because we do not have any large projects planned, we will let the funds raised from the book sale at SafetyFest be used for SafetyFest projects.

Anne reported that the Walking Challenge of 2013 was very successful. With a goal of walking 3800 miles, 49 participants actually walked 5839.3 miles. We decided that the Walking Challenge goal for 2014 will be 6500 miles between May 1 and September 30. There was a discussion about starting the Walking Challenge with a walking 5K, but no decision was made.

We discussed plans for a children's booth at SafetyFest. We may be able to borrow a Bounce House from the Blowing Rock Fire Department. If so, we will not need as many other children's activities and will probably limit them to Putt-putt and Bean Bag Toss.

The Recreation Commission will sponsor workshops during the spring and summer. Possible topics are bears, kites, butterflies, wildflowers, and owls.

Grandfather State Park Family Day will be held at Grandfather Community Center on August 23, and the Recreation Commission will participate.

We decided to publicize the Art Guild in order to increase participation. The Art Guild will meet at Town Hall on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Anne Fontaine will write an article for *The Echo* about the Art Guild and the Walking Challenge.

We will discuss installing a pickle ball court on one of the tennis courts at our April meeting.

Submitted by:
Martha Stearns, Secretary