

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
November 14, 2011**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2011, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Dodson, Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Copley, Council Members Richard DeMott, Kay Ehlinger and David Ehmig. Also present was Town Attorney Rob Angle. Town Manager Ed Evans was absent and excused. The minutes were recorded by Beth Taylor, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2011

Member DeMott made a motion to adopt the minutes. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR

No comments

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Update on the Watauga County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Projected population and employment growth – Craig Hughes – HCCOG

Craig Hughes from the High Country Council of Governments gave a presentation to the Council regarding the information packet they received. He briefly reviewed the maps given and went over the goals and vision statement of the Watauga County Comprehensive Transportation plan. After some discussion by the Members, Member Ehmig made a motion to endorse the Watauga County Comprehensive Transportation plan. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The Members agreed unanimously. CLOSED

Transportation issues – NCDOT – Ivan Dishman

Ivan Dishman from NCDOT spoke briefly about the transportation issues concerning Seven Devils. When the topic turned to snow removal, Mr. Dishman stated that after the DOT had cleared the major roads, such as NC 105, Seven Devils road is their next priority. Member Ehlinger addressed the concern about some of the more dangerous parts of Seven Devils Road, such as the curves in front the Saddle Up ranch property, and wanted to know if there was anything the DOT could do to make them safer. Also, Mayor Pro Tem Copley wanted to know about the area of Skyland drive near Hawksnest, where the snow gets piled so high that it actually causes the road to narrow. Mr. Dishman said he would look into those concerns and any others that the Town has. CLOSED

Consideration of Christmas bonuses for employees

Mayor Pro Tem Copley recommended giving the employees the same bonus that has been given in previous years. Mayor Pro Tem Copley made a motion to give the employees a Christmas bonus of \$300. Member DeMott seconded the motion. The Members agreed unanimously. CLOSED

Clarify TDA By-laws – reference term expirations

After a brief discussion, the Members agreed unanimously that the TDA by-laws should be followed, rather than the terms listed in the minutes, when determining the length of term and expiration for each TDA member. CLOSED

Committee and Board Reappoint process

Mayor Pro Tem Copley stated that she had recently had a discussion with Town Manager, Ed Evans regarding the Committee and Board Reappoint process. They felt that there should be some mechanism for new applicants to be considered. They thought that applicants, whether new or seeking to be re-appointed, should complete an application for the position they are seeking. After some discussion by the Members, Member Ehmig made a motion that all applicants, including those seeking re-appointment, should complete an application for the position. Member DeMott seconded the motion. The Members agreed unanimously. CLOSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Board**– No meeting
- B. Public Works**
- C. Public Safety Committee** – No meeting
- D. Recreation Commission** – No meeting
- E. ABC Board**
- F. TDA**
- G. Public Safety Department**
 - i. Police Report**
 - ii. Fire Report**
- H. Financial Report**

Member Ehmig made a motion to accept the financial report. Mayor Dodson seconded the motion. The Members agreed unanimously

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member DeMott made a suggestion that the Council look into forming a Committee of maybe 6-8 people with the purpose of looking into planning ahead for the Town. He continued by stating that he would be happy to serve on the committee. Member DeMott stated that it is important for us to start thinking ahead and planning how we want to see the Town grow.

ADJOURN

Member DeMott made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Beth Taylor, Town Clerk