

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

January 14, 2014

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Hooper, and David Ehmig. Mayor Fontaine was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Ed Evans. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem stated that there was one change to the Consent Agenda. The Supplemental Mowing Agreement from the NC DOT needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda and would be addressed at the February Town Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert pointed out that there was an error within the agreement. Member Hooper made a motion to adopt the amended Agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Adopt Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—December 10, 2013

Travel Request—Manager to Annual NC City and County Management Seminar—February 5-7, 2014

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Dodson, 139 Moonlight Trail, wanted to congratulate the Town on the successful purchase of Otter Falls. He presented a donation check on behalf of the Seven Devils Resort Club to Mayor Pro Tem Lambert. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert and Manager Evans thanked the Resort Club for their generous contribution.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR—Town Manager Evans stated that the ABC Board had met on Thursday, January 9 at 4:00PM and would meet again on February 13, at 4:00PM. He also mentioned that Town Hall would be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION—MINI-PARKS (ROW)—Town Manager Evans stated that there was nothing new to report and no action was taken. **~OPEN~**

OTTER FALLS—DUE DILIGENCE ISSUES—Manager Evans stated that the purchase of Otter Falls was successful and occurred on December 31, 2013. The Town was very grateful for all those that made the purchase possible and for all those who donated to the project. He also stated that a more detailed summary was in the new Echo available via the Town website or in Town Hall. **~CLOSED~**

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ORDINANCE—The Council agreed to keep the matter in Old Business, and attempt to schedule a workshop date at the February Council meeting. **~OPEN~**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT STRUCTURE—Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that no action was needed, as the Council was waiting for a recommendation from the Planning Board, which would meet the next week. He also stated that the Council would schedule a public hearing on the topic at the February Council meeting. **~OPEN~**

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN AUDIT CONTRACT—Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that there were no changes within the contract, that it was the same as used the previous year. Member Hooper asked if the contract should state Town Council, or Board of Aldermen as seen on the first page. Manager

Evans stated that he would have the contract changed to say Town Council before signing. Member Hooper made a motion to approve the Town Audit Contract with one revision. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No meeting

Public Works—No meeting

Public Safety Committee—No meeting—Kay Lambert of the Public Safety Committee, wished to announce that SafetyFest would be held on July 5, 2014.

Recreation—No meeting

TDA—No meeting

ABC Board

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that the Seven Devils Fire Department was called on to respond to the Foscoe Christian Church fire that had occurred the previous week, but by the time we responded, the fire had progressed too far and it was too late.

Member Hooper stated the Beech Mountain request for part of the Watauga River to be renamed from high quality water to water supply, so they could take an additional 2 million gallons a day out of the river in the Sugar Grove area during a drought was strongly opposed at the Public Hearing held by the Watauga County Commissioners. He stated that they voted unanimously against the request, which was great news for the community and environment.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Brad Lambert, Mayor Pro Tem

Sara Miller, Town Clerk