

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

February 11, 2014

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger and David Hooper. Mayor Fontaine and Member David Ehmig were 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 5:35 PM.

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 – MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Adopt Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—January 14, 2014

NCDOT Mowing Contract with Town

BOA Appointments—Butch McLean and Michael Douglas as Alternates

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS—NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR—Town Manager Evans stated that the ABC Board was going to meet on February 13, at 4:00PM, but because of the possible severe forecast they rescheduled to meet on February 20, 2014 at 10:00AM. Manager Evans also stated that the High Country Municipal Association was scheduled to meet on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 6:00PM in Banner Elk.

OLD BUSINESS

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT STRUCTURE— Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated the Planning Board recommended the structure of the Board of Adjustment be changed to 5 voting members and 2 alternate members, from 7 voting members and 2 alternate members. He also stated that a Public Hearing would need to be held regarding this issue as well as for the Unified Development Ordinance changes regarding the Unified Development Ordinance, and that this should take place at the March Town Council meeting. Member Hooper made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing in March. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~OPEN~**

NEW BUSINESS

UDO CHANGES—The Planning Board of the Town of Seven Devils recommended the Town Council adopt the changes to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding the Board of Adjustment as written. As stated above, a Public Hearing would need to be held for public input regarding this matter and a motion was made by Member Hooper to schedule a Public Hearing in March. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously, this topic being included in the same motion for Old Business item: Board of Adjustment Structure. **~OPEN~**

POSSIBLE TOWN COUNCIL RETREAT DATES—Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that the Council should look over the proposed dates, and they would be discussed at the March Town Council meeting. No action was taken. **~OPEN~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Planning Board
- Public Works—No meeting
- Public Safety Committee
- Recreation—No meeting
- TDA
- ABC Board
- Public Safety Department
 - Police Report
 - Fire Report
- Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that he spoke with an Avery County Commissioner regarding a possible significant tax increase to offset the drop in tax value. He also stated that the last time he spoke with a Watauga County Commissioner, taxes were still slated to be distributed like last year which was good news financially for the Town.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Brad Lambert, Mayor Pro Tem

Sara Miller, Town Clerk