TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2013

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Hooper, and David Ehmig. 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 Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Fontaine stated that one change to the agenda would be that they would adjourn instead of recess at the end of the meeting. Member Hooper made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION FOR CONSIDER</u>ATION

Adopt minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—October 8, 2013 Adopt Christmas Bonuses for All Employees

Flood Plain Ordinance & Resolution/Inter-local Agreement with Watauga County
After some discussion, Mayor Fontaine stated that the Flood Plain Ordinance & Resolution/Inter-local Agreement with Watauga County should be moved from the Consent Agenda to New

Business as item B. Member Hooper made a motion to approve the newly amended agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Member Hooper made a motion to adopt the amended consent agenda. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kay Lambert, 430 Wildcat Rocks Rd., wanted to thank everyone that participated in or helped make Operation Medicine Cabinet happen. The event was very successful and the next one should be in May of 2014.

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR</u>—Town Manager Evans stated that the ABC Board will meet on Thursday, November 14 at 4:00PM. Mayor Fontaine wished to recognize Fire Chief Bobby Powell for receiving the Avery County Fire Officer of the Year award. The Council congratulated him and requested that Town Manager Evans draft a letter to give to him on behalf of the Council.

<u>ABC BOARD INVESTIGATIVE REPORT</u>— Lois Dodson of the ABC Board gave a brief summary of what was being investigated. She also stated that the US Department of Labor was not issuing any fines against the High Country ABC, and that all those who had missed wages were being reimbursed according to the Department's request. Mayor Fontaine asked if the ABC Board was going to take measures to prevent this from happening in the future, and Mrs. Dodson stated that they had already begun doing so. There was no action taken by the Council. **~CLOSED~**

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION—MINI-PARKS (ROW)—Town Manager Evans stated that there was nothing new to report on the 2nd parcel of land, and that a closing on the property owned by Lannie Thomas could happen the following Friday or Monday. No action was taken. **~OPEN~**

OTTER FALLS—DUE DILIGENCE ISSUES—Town Manager Evans stated again that a Phase I Environmental from the Town was the only thing left to be completed, if necessary, and that he had someone ready to do so if needed. Otherwise, the one thing delaying closing was the Seller obtaining funds for closing. **~OPEN~**

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION—ACCOUNT SETUP WITH RAYMOND JAMES FOR STOCK

GIFTING—After brief discussion, Member Hooper made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Setup with Raymond James for Stock Gifting. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. Mayor Fontaine stated that he wanted Manager Evans to draft a letter to do a large mailing like the previously done fundraising letter. Manager Evans stated that he would begin on that as soon as possible. **~CLOSED~**

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FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION/INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

WITH WATAUGA COUNTY—After brief discussion, Member Hooper pointed out three typographical errors within the Flood Plain Ordinance. First, on page 9, section (vii), the sentence should of ended with a period and not a paren. Second, on page 10, section (h) should not be in italics. And third, on page 18, section 5d, a value for "(number of years)" needed to be inserted. Manager Evans stated that the changes would be made as soon as possible. Member Ehmig asked Manager Evans if the Town had any property in a flood plain, and Manager Evans stated that the only property was the newly annexed Aldridge Road property. David Hooper made a motion to adopt the amended Flood Plain Ordinance & Resolution as well as the Inter-local Agreement. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Fontaine congratulated the three candidates who were re-elected to the Town Council - Member Ehlinger, Member Ehmig, and Member Hooper, and thanked them for again, taking their seats on the Town Council. He stated that he was very happy to continue working with them and that he was thankful for all of their hard work.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor	Sara Miller, Town Clerk