

**Town of Seven Devils
Town Council
Minutes - Special Session**

March 14, 2012

The Town Council convened at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Valle Crucis Conference Center in Valle Crucis for its annual Town Council Retreat. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig, and David Hooper. Also present was Town Manager Ed Evans. Manager Evans recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously.

Town Council members had a general discussion about various items of interest including the following:

- Attempting to make scrivener error corrections in Town Council minutes before the Town Council meeting each month
- Team work discussion in reference to Peregrine Well and the roads in the Lakes Community
- Qualities of council members, including an exchange of ideas
- Discussion of designing a place on our website for public comment
- Discussion of putting Town Council Meeting packet information on our website
- Shortening the Town Council Minutes to only include what is necessary to properly convey information about what occurred
- Short discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan and its format
- Discussion of what Council members would like to see in Seven Devils in the future if we had unlimited funds
- Members discussed a slogan that could potentially be used in Seven Devils – “Stay in our world, play in theirs” in reference of how to promote Seven Devils

Finance Officer Debbie Powers arrived at 9:54 AM.

Short-term goals

Council members discussed goals for the upcoming year. Among the short-term goals named were:

- Engage in dialogue with the Lakes Community, as we work with them on their roads, to develop a recreation area and access to the ponds, and the potential creation of walking trails in the area
- Developing a PARS course
- Enhancing recreation opportunities in Town
- Developing an E-Democracy type site for greater transparency and public comment
- Developing a location for fishing (ponds)
- Developing trails
- Putting minutes of all boards and committees on our website
- Condensing short-term goals to bullet form to publish somewhere in Town Hall to keep items fresh
- Developing a thermometer type gauge/graphic to show accomplishments
- Discuss storm-water management with our Town engineer to understand requirements

Long Term Goals

- Fund a second road exit out of – Develop a plan
- Invest in snow removal equipment
- Purchase or otherwise acquire the Otter Falls property for a park
- Expedite installation of Snowcloud water infrastructure
- Review and revise storm-water management plan
- Review ordinances at least every five years
- Create a greater role for the Planning Board including potentially addressing the Storm-water management issue and ordinance

Finance Officer Debbie Powers left the meeting at 2:00PM.

Final comments included praise for the right-of-way clearing accomplished by the Public Works Department, and the possibility of using the website to make citizens aware of the role of our Public Safety personnel in Town (employees and volunteers) by outlining the valuable services these people do for our citizens, and some of the specific acts they have done.

At 3:11 PM Member Ehmig made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Ed Evans, Town Manager