

**TOWN OF SEVEL DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
February 8, 2010**

The Town of Seven Devils Town Council met on Monday, February 8, 2010, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Dodson, Mayor Pro-Tempore Kathy Copley and Council members Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig, and Richard DeMott. Also in attendance were Town Attorney Rob Angle, Town Manager Ed Evans and Lois Evans, who recorded the minutes in the Town Clerk's absence.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Ehlinger to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott and approved unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2009, JANUARY 11, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND JANUARY 25, 2010 CONTINUATION MEETING

Town Manager Evans noted an error that occurred in the printing of the December 14, 2009 minutes that were distributed to the Town Council.

1. Above “**COMMITTEE REPORTS**” remove the last paragraph and replace with the following two paragraphs:

Member Ehlinger noted the need to add in Rules and Procedures that no Town Council members may serve on the Planning Board. Following discussion, a motion to this effect was made by Member Ehmig, seconded by Mayor Dodson, and approved unanimously.

Member Ehmig initiated a discussion regarding Town Council members serving on the Board of Adjustment. He stated that he was not sure it was consistent with public, open meeting law for three or more members of the Town Council to serve on the BOA because it would constitute a meeting of the Town Council. The Town Council asked Rob Angle and Ed Evans to look into the matter.

2. Change “Demott” to “DeMott” where needed.

A motion was made by Member Ehlinger and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Copley to approve the December 14 minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

The following corrections were made to the January 11, 2010 minutes:

1. On page 2, line 2, add an “s” to “Board.”

2. On page two, under "B." add the following sentence following "twelve days": "Expenses are being taken from the \$92,000 budgeted for transfer to the Enterprise Fund."
3. On page 3, following "G." change "the reports" to "financial report."

A motion to approve the January 11 minutes as amended was made by Member Ehlinger, seconded by Member Ehmig and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the January 25 minutes as written was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Copley, seconded by Member Ehlinger and approved unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kay Lambert expressed appreciation to Public Works and the Police Department for the great job they have done during the winter weather.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

The Town Manager reported that Debbie Powers had surgery on February 2 and plans to return to work around March 2. The weather station has been installed and he hopes to have it operational by the end of the week. He reported that the High Country Council of Governments has scheduled an inter-council retreat on March 22 from 5-7 p.m. to solicit input from each town regarding the "Citizens' Plan for Watauga" and the new comprehensive plan for Appalachian State University. The Town Manager will confirm the location. He reported that the League of Municipalities would like to have a representative from this region to attend meetings in Raleigh two or three times a year. Member Ehlinger indicated that she is willing to serve in this capacity. The Town Manager stated that he is making frequent changes to the Seven Devils web site to provide current information to citizens.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ice storm – debris removal.** The Town Manager reported that he and Kevin Aldridge decided to lay off all crews except Tree Masters. He has received all bills for debris removal which total \$82,632. Right-of-ways are about 80% clear. FEMA will meet with town managers on Tuesday to give specifics for FEMA funding. There was discussion about debris removal on residents' property and vacant lots.
- B. **Planning Board Recommendation – Modify Zoning Ordinances 8.9.3.3.** There was consensus to remove this item from the agenda until the Planning Board has acted.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution adding Green Cove Drive to Powell bill as a Town Road.** The Town Manager stated that he had been contacted by the Department of Transportation asking if the Town planned to include any additional roads in the Powell bill. If so, they need a resolution by March 1. A motion to adopt a resolution to add Green Cove Drive from the intersection of Thorncliff Drive to the recently-created cul-de-sac at the lot boundary between lots 20 and 21, which is .26 mile in length, was made by Member DeMott, seconded by Member Ehlinger, and approved unanimously.

- B. Proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.** Mayor Dodson noted that some of the listed meetings may not take place but they must be scheduled. A motion to approve the budget calendar for 2010-2011 was made by Member Ehlinger, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Copley and approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Board**
- B. Public Works**
- C. Public Safety.** Member Ehlinger announced that Safety Fest has been scheduled for July 3.
- D. Recreation Commission** – no meeting held
- E. ABC Board**
- F. TDA**
- G. Financial Report**

A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Member DeMott, seconded by Member Ehlinger, and approved unanimously.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member DeMott announced that Operation Medicine Cabinet has been scheduled for May 22. They would like a resolution supporting the project and the use of Town Hall for that day. There will be a meeting of interested parties on March 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office. This topic will be included on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Copley noted the need to respond to Kevin McCarthy's question about the audit.

At 6:34 p.m. Mayor Dodson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott and approved unanimously.

Bob Dodson, Mayor

Lois Evans, on behalf of Town Clerk