

Town of Seven Devils  
Planning Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
January 19, 2010

**Call to Order**

The Seven Devils Planning Board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at Town Hall. Chairman, David Hooper, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other members present were Vice Chairman Bob Haugh, Butch McLean, Mike Tarlton, George Ehlinger, and Larry Fontaine. Also present was Town Manager, Ed Evans. Anne Fontaine recorded the minutes.

**Election of Officers**

Member Ehlinger nominated David Hooper as Chairman. Member McLean seconded the nomination and moved that nominations be closed. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion and David Hooper was unanimously elected as Planning Board Chairman for 2010.

Member McLean nominated Bob Haugh as Vice Chairman. Member Ehlinger seconded the nomination and moved that nominations be closed. Member McLean seconded the motion and Bob Haugh was unanimously elected as Planning Board Vice Chairman for 2010.

**Adopt Agenda**

Member Butch McLean made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**Approval Minutes**

- November 16, 2009 Regular Minutes

Member Tarlton made a motion to approve the November 16, 2009 regular scheduled minutes as submitted. Vice Chairman Haugh seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Administrative Comments**

Town Manager Ed Evans commented that no new building permits had been issued since the November 16, 2009 meeting.

## **Old Business**

- A. *Review Zoning Ordinance for modification.* Town Manager Evans stated that the revisions to the zoning ordinance are in process and should be ready at the next regular meeting.
- B. *Review recommendations to Town Council on the Tree Protection section of Zoning Ordinance.* Tree Committee members Fontaine, Ehlinger, and McLean have been working on the revisions. Copies of the Tree Ordinances from Blowing Rock, Boone and Sugar Mountain have been obtained and will be reviewed by the committee. Town Manager Evans reported that the North Carolina and U.S. Forest Services are offering a grant opportunity to all municipalities and counties in North Carolina. The application deadline for the grant is March 31, 2010. Member McLean made a motion to continue working on the Tree Ordinance but to withhold any further recommendations to the Town Council while going through the grant application and awarding process. Vice Chairman Haugh seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved the motion.
- C. *Possible action on allowable number of people living in rental houses.* Manager Evans reported that he has contacted the Avery County Health Department and is waiting to receive information on allowable number of people living in single family dwellings. Member Haugh stated that these numbers are regulated by the Health Department and recommended that if a problem is discovered in Seven Devils relative to this problem, the Town or offended neighbor should contact the Health Department for resolution. Member Haugh and Town Manager Evans will pursue information from the respective Health Departments and report at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

- A. *Subdivision Ordinance.* Town Manager Evans highlighted areas in the Subdivision Ordinance relative to Certification of Approval that need to be updated. Member Haugh reported changes have been made by the Health Department on certifications, therefore, the entire document needs to be reviewed and revised to meet the new regulations. Member Haugh will pursue reviewing and revision of this ordinance and propose the new recommendations at the next regular Planning Board meeting.

## **Other Business**

- A. *Board Member Comments.* Member McLean reported that there is an opening on the Planning Board. Manager Evans will place an announcement on the Seven Devils website regarding the opening. Interested parties should submit a letter to the Town Clerk.

## **Adjourn**

At 6:25 p.m. Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Haugh seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.