

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

**Call to Order**

The Seven Devils Planning Board met on Monday, April 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, Larry Fontaine and new member, Barry Isquith. Also present was Town Manager, Ed Evans. Anne Fontaine recorded the minutes.

**Swearing in of New Member**

Mayor Bob Dodson administered the oath of office to the new Planning Board Member, Barry Isquith.

**Adopt Agenda**

Member McLean moved to accept the Agenda. Vice Chairman Haugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval Minutes**

- March 15, 2009 Regular Minutes

Member McLean made a motion to approve the March 15, 2010 regular scheduled minutes as submitted. Member Tarlton seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Administrative Comments**

Town Manager Ed Evans thanked Anne Fontaine for taking the minutes for the last several months. Manager Evans commented that the only building permit issued last month was for repairing a deck and that building is still quite slow.

**Old Business**

- A. *Status of review of ordinances for recommendations from the High Country Council of Governments.* Representatives from the High Country Council of Government are reviewing the ordinances for two purposes. First they will

examine the documents for compliance with North Carolina general statutes. Secondly, they will look to evaluate the document for the betterment of the community. Items that need to be reviewed for change will be presented to the Planning Board. It is expected that their review will take approximately two months. Member Haugh commented that he plans to present a subdivision plat at the next meeting and questioned how the Board would handle the septic permit while the ordinance is under review and since the county no longer does this. Chairman Hooper indicated that they would review the plat and decide at that time how to handle any issues that arise.

- B. *Status of Planning Board recommendation to Town Council on the Tree Protection section of Zoning Ordinance.* The grant application to the U. S. Department of Agriculture Forestry Service was completed and submitted in a timely manner. The USDA Forestry Service will notify the awardees. The grant would include things like tree inventories and Tree Ordinance review. Community involvement will be required to serve on committees to assist in the tasks from the grant. The end result would be to review the Tree Ordinance and give an opinion as to its legality and equality. Awards are expected to be announced in June or July, 2010. The Planning Board will table the Tree Ordinance review until the grants are awarded.
- C. *Discussion of Town Council decision on Subdivision Ordinance and Ad Hoc Committee.* Chairman Hooper shared a recommendation form the he uses for sending items to the Town Council. Chairman Hooper is planning to attend the Public Works Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at 10 am. Information will be made available at this meeting concerning the Subdivision Ordinance and Ad Hoc Committee. Manager Evans commented that Town Council Member Copley and himself have gathered information regarding water and road planning for the Planning Board. The Planning Board will table this item until the information provided is reviewed to see if there are areas that could be looked into and further developed by the board. There was discussion regarding why the recommendations from the Planning Board to the Town Council were not included on the agenda.

## **New Business**

None

## **Other Business**

- A. *Board Member Comments.* None

## **Adjourn**

At 5:50 p.m. Member McLean made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Haugh seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.