

Town of Seven Devils
Planning Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2010

Call to Order

The Seven Devils Planning Board met on Monday, May 17, 2010 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman David Hooper. Other members present were Vice Chairman Bob Haugh, George Ehlinger, Larry Fontaine, Butch McLean, Mike Tarlton, and Barry Isquith. Also in attendance was Ed Evans, Zoning Administrator. Town Clerk Bethany Higgins recorded the minutes.

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval Minutes

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Member Mike Tarlton made a motion to approve the April 19, 2010 regular scheduled minutes as submitted. Member Fontaine seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Administrative Comments

Town Manager Ed Evans told the Planning Board that the High Country Council of Governments is still working on the Town's Ordinances and hope to have them completed by the next Planning Board meeting or certainly by the next. In terms of building permits, Mr. Evans had nothing to report for new building permits issued since the last Planning Board meeting. There was one building permit issued for a roof over a deck on a house on Skiview.

Old Business

- A. Status of review of ordinances for recommendations from the High Country Council of Governments – Chairman Hooper said that as Mr. Evans had commented earlier, the review was still in the works.
- B. Status of Planning Board recommendations to Town Council on the Tree Protections section of the Zoning Ordinance – Committee report –Larry

Fontaine – Chairman Hooper affirmed that the status was unchanged; still waiting to see if Seven Devils receives an Urban Forestry Grant.

- C. Discussion of Town Council decision on Ad Hoc Committee – Chairman Hooper said that the Planning Board’s recommendation to the Town Council to form an Ad Hoc Committee was tabled, and in lieu of forming an Ad Hoc Committee, the Public Works committee put together an information packet attached to the agenda covering their planning efforts for primarily Roads and Water as well as Capital Improvement Projects. The Town Manager discussed projects in the planning stages that are included in the proposed CIP, consisting of water infrastructure and road paving projects. Additionally, Manager Evans discussed attempts to obtain funding and the ways projects can be paid. The Town Council has decided that the four (4) CIP priority projects are Grandview, Snowcloud, Four Diamond Water Lines, and Four Diamond Pressure (Tank & Hydrants). Mr. Evans said that the recent increase in the water rates (\$5.00/month/customer) generates an additional \$30,000/year which is to be allocated for water projects that are approved in the Budget. Chairman Hooper wanted to know if the Public Works Committee planning packet took into consideration other long range planning initiatives such as recreation and other infrastructure needs of the Town that isn’t covered in the committee’s planning report and Manager Evans reported that they are not. Member Bob Hough asked about where the short and long term goals could be found. Ed Evans replied that the long and short term goals formed by the Town Council at the March 18th, 2010 Workshop in Valle Crucis could be found in the minutes online at www.sevendevils.net (information tab, meeting minutes, Town Council meeting minutes). Member Bob Haugh requested copies be made and distributed to the Planning Board members.

Town Manager, Ed Evans left the room at 5:46 pm to make copies.

The Planning Board ended the discussion by suggesting that they offer feedback for short and long term planning goals to the Public Works committee.

New Business

Chairman Hooper asked if any Planning Board member would volunteer to serve as a member of the Public Works committee. George Ehlinger volunteered. Bob Haugh made a motion to recommend George Ehlinger to become a member of the Public Works committee, and Mike Tarlton seconded. The motion for Chairman Hooper to recommend to Town Council that member George Ehlinger serves as volunteer on the Public Works committee carried unanimously by the members.

Town Manager, Ed Evans returned to the room at 5:50 pm to distribute copies.

Other Business

In the Board Member comments, Chairman Hooper passed out copies of the CIP Plan—long and short term goals that were part of the minutes of March 2010 Budget Workshop produced by Kathy Copley. Following a brief review of the information, Member McLean asked for general comment about road prioritization. Town Manager answered that the road prioritization was brought about via the Blind Road Analysis.

Adjourn

At 5:59 p.m. Member McLean made a motion to adjourn. The members agreed unanimously.

David Hooper, Chairman

Bethany Higgins, Town Clerk