

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION  
January 12, 2009**

The Town of Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bob Dodson; Mayor Pro Tem Richard DeMott; and Council Members; Bill Wilkinson, Kay Ehlinger and Kathy Copley. Also in attendance were Town Manager Brad Lambert, Town Attorney Rob Angle and Zoning Administrator Don Fulkerson. Town Clerk Karen E. Daniels recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and Citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Member Wilkinson motion to adopt the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem DeMott seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

- December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting
- January 7, 2009 Continuation Meeting

Member Copley noted a scrivener error on page five (5) of the December 8, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve the December 8, 2008 regular meeting minutes as amended. Mayor Pro Tem DeMott seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Member Copley made a motion to approve the January 7, 2009 continuation meeting minutes. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kay Lambert, 430 Wildcat Rocks Road – Gave the Council an update on the health status of Loren Williams. She told the Council Loren is at his son Stephen's house in Deep Gap and said she has the address for anyone wishing to send cards.

**STAFF UPDATE**

Mayor Dodson congratulated the Town Manager Brad Lambert on being one of ninety eight North Carolina Credentialed Managers.

The Town Manager told the Council the Town of Seven Devils should find out their new fire rating from the North Carolina's State Fire Marshall's Office by the end of the week.

The Council received a final report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee regarding North Carolina's Alcohol Beverage Control System is outdated and needs modernization.

Mayor Dodson encouraged the Town Council to review this report and said there is a meeting on this subject this Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh. He told the Council Lois Dodson and the Store Manager Sarah Brewer will be attending the meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Storm Water Planning and Management Update – Adam Williams, Brushy Fork Environmental Consulting, Inc.** – Adam Williams presented the Council with a final agreement between the Town of Seven Devils and Brushy Fork Environmental Consulting. The Council reviewed the following agreement:

### **Town of Seven Devils/Brushy Fork Environmental Consulting, Inc. Agreement**

#### **Purposes:**

To enhance the stormwater networking and natural resources (e.g., Valley Creek) located in and contiguous to the Town of Seven Devils.

#### **Project Goals and Outcomes:**

- 1) To leverage Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) mini-grant funds to reduce flooding, maximize aquifer recharge, improve existing storm water management infrastructure (including applying best management practices to “hot spots”), improve ordinances as appropriate, educate citizens on best practices, and initiate appropriate riparian restoration.
  - a. More specific goals associated with #1 are outlined in the “Storm Water Management Ad Hoc Committee January 7, 2009” meeting minutes.
- 2) Pursue grant opportunities intended to upgrade storm water management infrastructure, maximize aquifer recharge, improve the ordinance and enforcement structure, and enhance Valley Creek and/or other bodies of water within the Town and in degraded areas surrounding the Town.

#### **To Be Provided by Brushy Fork Environmental Consulting Inc. (BFEC):**

Prepare all stormwater and natural resource enhancement grant application(s) including but not limited to:

- Budgets
- Narrative
- Maps
- Schematics
- Conceptual Plans

Assessment/Design/Implementation/Management of the Town of Seven Devils stormwater and natural resource project(s)

Regular Consultation with Town of Seven Devils representatives to ensure all goals are met

#### **To be provided by the Town of Seven Devils:**

Grant administration

Applicant for Grants drafted by BFEC

Grant Funds Distribution as guided by BFEC

Award of project to BFEC (if funded)

Provide matching funds required by funders

Acquire permission from property owners for land on which any grants will be implemented

Use of group mission statements, bylaws, budgets, tax ID numbers, non-profit status and other information pertinent to grant applications

*This agreement between BFEC and the Town of Seven Devils hereby authorizes BFEC and its employees to manage all phases the aforementioned stormwater and natural resource enhancement projects once funded by CWMTF and other grants if applicable.*

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*Adam Williams, President, Brushy Fork Environmental Consulting, Inc.*

*Date*

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*Bob Dodson, Mayor, Town of Seven Devils*

*Date*

Mayor Pro Tem DeMott made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Seven Devils and Brushy Fork Environmental Consultants as presented. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Mayor Dodson and Adam Williams signed the agreement. The Town Clerk was instructed to attach a copy of the approved January 7, 2009 continuation minutes to the agreement. **CLOSED**

- B. **Mr. Strickland Water** – The Town Manager told the Council the testing on Mr. Strickland's water meter has not been completed. The Council agreed this item should remain open until the water meter testing results are received. **OPEN**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Auditor Contract** – The Town Manager explained to the Council Young, Miller & Gillespie are a local Certified Public Accounting firm from Spruce Pine. He told the Council they are familiar with small towns and have provided financial service to many businesses in Mitchell County for approximately twenty five (25) years and Avery County for approximately fifteen (15) years. He told the Council their service for the Town of Seven Devils will be approximately twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) less per year than we are currently paying.

Member Wilkinson made a motion to accept the proposal from Young, Miller & Gillespie to provide financial service for the Town of Seven Devils. Member Copley seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **CLOSED**

- B. **Naming of Old Locust Lane** – Mayor Dodson read a letter from Robert S. Haugh of A & L Concepts requesting a private drive off Beucus Lane which will be providing access to three (3) homes be named *Old Locust Lane*.

Mayor Pro Tem DeMott made a motion to approve the naming of *Old Locust Lane* for the private drive off Beucus Lane. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **CLOSED**

Mayor Pro Tem DeMott suggested a map should be developed which would be color coded and would indicate whether a road is state, town or private. The Town Manager said he will see if this could be incorporated into an existing map.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Planning Board** – There were no additional comments.
- B. **Public Works** – Member Copley told the Council that Public Works had requested the Town Manager to get a cost for putting a line in from the Peregrine well to connect it to well six (6) and for the Beucus ditch.
- C. **Public Safety** – (No meeting held) Mayor Dodson reviewed the Seven Devils December 2008 Fire Department report.
- D. **ABC Board** - Member Copley asked about the details of the ABC building addition. Mayor Dodson said it is his understanding that the first floor will have more display space and the upstairs will be the manager's office and warehouse

space. He said Lois Dodson will bring the plans to the Council when they are completed.

- E. Financial Report – Member Wilkinson made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted. Member Copley seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.
- F. TDA – Member Wilkinson requested the Town Manager have the Tennis Court nets removed and stored for the winter.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Dodson asked the Council to review dates for the upcoming Budget process meeting. The Council agreed that Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> would be good dates. The Mayor requested the Town Clerk review the availability of Valle Crucis for these dates.

Member Copley told the Council Watauga County Humane Society has a program to spay female dogs and cats for thirty (\$30) dollars. She explained this special price is for residents of Watauga County and will run through April 2009.

### **ADJOURN**

At 5:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem DeMott made a motion to adjourn. Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

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Bob Dodson, Mayor

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Karen E. Daniels, Town Clerk