

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes—Regular Session
March 12, 2020**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on March 12, 2020. Members present were Bob Bridges (by Facetime), Ed Beck, Faye Brock, Anne Fontaine, Lee Metzger, and Martha Stearns. Debbie Powers was also present.

Kay Lambert was absent.

Ann Fontaine called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a report about the Old Town Hall Repurposing Committee recommendations and the minutes of the February 10 2020, meeting. Faye Brock made a motion to approve them. Lee Metzger seconded the motion, and it passed.

Anne Fontaine reported that the Old Town Hall Repurposing Committee had analyzed the public survey about desired amenities and activities and had made recommendations based on the top ten wants from the survey. After we discussed the survey results and recommendations, Faye Brock made a motion to send the OTH Repurposing Committee's recommendations to the TDA. The TDA will get quotes and start funding equipment and labor costs. Ed Beck seconded the motion, and it passed.

Debbie Powers made a presentation about the proposed Peak Mountain Trail. She provided a map of the proposed trail that would connect a proposed parking area beyond the end of Skiview Road with the Otter Falls Trails. The Blue Ridge Conservancy, which owns Peak Mountain, has given Seven Devils a 20-foot easement on which to build the trail. The trail will be built by a professional trail builder. The town is in the process of getting quotes from three professional trail builders. A portion of the trail will be ADA accessible. The town wishes to apply for a PARTF grant to support funding for this trail. Bob Bridges made a motion to support the PARTF grant application project. Martha Stearns seconded Bob's motion, and it passed.

Debbie Powers reported that Jewel McKinney, the Parks and Recreation Program Tech, has designed updated signs at the Otter Falls parking area and the tennis courts, and the new signs have been installed. A dog waste station has also been installed at the Otter Falls Parking area.

Jewel McKinney has produced a list of 2020 town summer events. Rack cards will be made when the calendar is finalized.

Anne Fontaine announced that the bear decoration contest will continue this summer with a theme of "Summer Olympics."

Anne Fontaine mentioned that there seems to be more trash along Seven Devils Road and Skyland Drive. We might want to schedule a community clean-up project.

Lee Metzger made a motion to adjourn. Faye Brock seconded the motion, and we adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns, Secretary