

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 5:30pm

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Town Hall. Attendance included: Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, and Council Members – Wayne Bonomo, Leigh Sasse and Jeffrey Williams. Staff included: Zoning Administrator Eddie Barnes, Town Attorney Rob Angle; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Town Council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All members agreed.

ADOPT MINUTES

Public Hearing FY24 & Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023 - Member Bonomo made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jim Shafer – 105 Longview Drive – Stated he objects to the (2) Rezoning applications and presented letters and signatures of other citizens not in favor of the rezoning.

Letters were provided to Town Clerk at meeting

Darlene Kronemann – 166 Cliff Dwellers Lane – Asked why her road has not been paved as it has water runoff problems and is dangerous. She has owned and paid taxes on her property for 44 years and requests the road be paved or reduce her property taxes.

Mayor Fontaine explained the process of the Blind Road Analysis in determining road projects.

Bill Prewitt – 277 Snowcloud Drive – Submitted a letter opposing the (2) Rezoning applications.

Tom Bookstaver – 231 Snowcloud Drive – Thanked the TDA, Staff & Kay Lambert for the efforts and support of the BBQ lunch on June 30th.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised Final Budget Amendment FY23

Increase of \$37,692 to General Fund:

\$12,692 = NC Sales Tax Refund

\$25,000 = HC ABC Board Bonus

Member Bonomo made a motion to approve the Revised Final Budget Amendment FY23; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed. **~CLOSED~**

NEW BUSINESS

(2) Revised Rezoning Applications – Lenny Cottom – 2058 Skyland Drive

Mayor Fontaine reported the Planning Board met on June 20, 2023 to review the (2) Revised Rezoning Applications submitted by Lenny Cottom, Applicant as follows:

- **17.32 acres HDR to LDR – Revised Application, dated 05/15/2023**
- **17.32 acres RB to HDR – Revised Application, dated 05/15/2023**

The action of the Planning Board was approval with recommendation to the Town Council. Mayor Fontaine stated a letter will be composed and mailed to the citizens outlining the timeline, factual information and other details in regard to this item of business, prior to the public hearing. All methods of Public Hearing notification for Rezoning will be met according to the NC General Statutes.

Member Sasse made a motion to set a public hearing for (2) Rezoning Applications; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed.

Public Hearing – Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:00pm – Town Hall

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Fontaine read the administrative update:

- The 2 webcams are now working – 1 at Town Hall and 1 at Seven Devils Community Center
- June 30th Community Celebration Day attendance recap – BBQ lunch = 236 Music event = 180
- Update on the new Seven Devils website – Estimated launch date to be October 1st.
- The Town’s audit process is underway.
- Filing with the Board of Elections for Town Council candidates is open until noon – July 21st.
- Voter ID & registration is required to vote in municipal elections Avery & Watauga counties.
- An update on a recent medical call (cardiac arrest) and arrival of the Town’s 1st Responders was given; the Town will be hosting a CPR Lunch & Learn on August 30th for all interested citizens.
- Parks & Recreation Meeting – July 13th – 9:00am
- TDA Meeting – July 25th – 9:00am
- Board of Adjustment Meeting – July 25th – 5:30pm
- Public Safety Committee Meeting – August 1st – 10:00am
- July 14th – Dog Costume Contest & Summer Concert

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – June draft minutes

Planning Board – June draft minutes

Public Works Committee – No meeting

Public Safety Committee – No meeting

Parks & Recreation Committee – June minutes

TDA – June minutes

ABC Board

Tree Committee – No meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

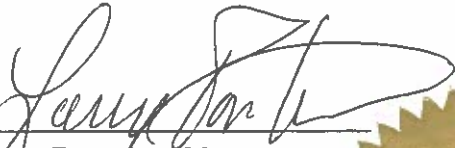
Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sasse requested the rezoning letter that will be mailed to citizens in the H20 bill, also be posted on the Town’s website with the rezoning map.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor




Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk