

Seven Devils Public Safety Committee
October 3, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Wayne Bonomo, Tom Bookstaver, Brad Lambert, Phyllis Miller, Dick Nelson, Kay Lambert

Others Present: Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge, Larry Fontaine, Bob Bridges

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Chairman Wayne Bonomo.

The Amended Agenda and September 5, 2023 Minutes were accepted and approved.

Fire Chief Matt Millsaps was not present due to duty schedule. Town Manager Johnathan Harris and Tom Bookstaver filled in on Fire Department matters. The Emergency Helo Pad is up and running behind Town Hall. The lights are still on backorder. They are investigating various types of poles to mount the windsock, the ideal size of windsock, how to mount the windsock pole on the fire truck or The Park at Seven Devils sign when needed and where to store the lights and windsock pole. It was suggested that there might be a set stored at Town Hall and one in the Fire Bay.

Fire Chief Matt Millsaps is working on the Emergency Action Plan with map and instructions. It was suggested that he reach out to the COG for assistance with the map and digitalizing.

Fire Safety Awareness visit at Valle Cruis Elementary School with Shawneehaw will be October 11, 2023. PBSO sent a check for \$250 to Shawneehaw VFD Ladies Auxiliary to help defray the cost of handouts. A bill for an additional \$410 has been received. Fire Chief Millsaps will clarify the bill and see what might be done in the future to avoid confusion.

Air packs will need to be replaced in the near future. They are extremely expensive. Hopefully Fire Chief Millsaps will be able to get a grant to defray all or part of the cost. Tom Bookstaver reported that Virginia Foxx said she'd be willing to write a letter to be included in the grant application packet.

Parks and Recreation Director Jewel McKinney is working on a "Safety Echo" highlighting: Emergency Action Plan, general fire safety awareness, fire pits, chimney cleaning, future CPR and First Aid class, etc.

The CPR Class scheduled for September 7th was cancelled and another wasn't held due to confusion. Matt Millsaps is working on future dates for both.

After a recent "car off the road" incident, Dick Nelson asked if there was a need for a barrier or rail on that road. The Town Manager and Public Works Director both said it was an unfortunate accident but nothing is warranted at this time. There are numerous roads in Seven Devils and the High Country with steep banks on the side.

The possibility of an electronic sign warning of winter road conditions was discussed. The Town Manager will check into borrowing, renting, purchasing.

The Fire Department is checking on chains for the trucks. Public Works is good to go. Yes, WINTER is almost upon us.

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Classes are being held at the Community Center several times a week into early November. Numerous area fire departments have members attending.

Trunk or Treat will be Monday October 30th from 5pm to 7pm at The Park at Seven Devils. Both the Police and FD will have vehicles there.

Kevin Aldridge, Public Works Director, reported that all is good. The men have been busy cutting the banks (the tractor was out of service all summer), grass mowing, debris pickup, Fall banners up and preparing for winter. The project on Chestnut Ridge Trail should begin shortly with a 4 month finish date projected.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday November 7, 2023 at 10am. The location will be announced after it has been determined where "Elections" will be held - Town Hall or the Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

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