

**Town of Seven Devils  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes--Regular Session  
July 16, 2015**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on July 16, 2015. Members present were Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, and Martha Stearns. Ed Evans was also present.

Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda and called the meeting to order. Leigh Sasse made a motion to accept the agenda. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed.

The minutes of June 11, 2015, were corrected to read "The theme of our booth will be bears and how to keep them from becoming a nuisance."

Walking Challenge participants have reported 2400 miles walked, which is behind schedule if we are going to achieve our goal of 10,000 miles. Anne Fontaine will include a reminder about reporting miles walked in her next e-mail about recreation activities and events.

Several workshops are planned during July and August:

A CPR workshop will be held in town hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24.

An Animal Camouflage workshop will be led by Grandfather Mountain State Park ranger Andy Sicard at the Otter Falls parking area at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

A Bear workshop will be held in town hall at 10:00 a.m. on August 7.  
Kay Lambert will buy refreshments for these workshops.

We will have a booth at Grandfather Mountain State Park's Go G.R.E.E.N. event on August 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grandfather Community Center. The theme of our booth will be bears and how to keep them from becoming a nuisance. Anne Fontaine said that Randy Johnson had told her he would probably be able to borrow a cable and pulley system from the state park so we can demonstrate how campers' food can be stored in a bear-proof manner. We will display pictures of bears on a three-panel screen and pass out brochures about bear safety. Anne Fontaine displayed some pictures of bears that she had found. We will try to borrow a bear-proof trash can for our booth.

Bob Bridges reported that the June group walk in the Bear Paw Natural Area was a success. It was more of a hike than a walk, and all participants made it to an area where parts of Seven Devils could be viewed from above. The hike scheduled for today (June 16) is in Banner Elk, including a tour of Lees McCrae College campus with a stop in the new nursing education building. The group walk on August 13 will be around Price Lake on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Participants will carpool from town hall at 10:15.

Kay Lambert reported that she had picked up some beer cans from the Otter Falls parking lot and trail. She also expressed concern about the fire pit that is in the falls area. Ed Evans said that the fire pit would be removed and that he would recommend that a gate be installed to block the parking area from dusk to dawn. He will also ask the police to patrol the parking lot. A volunteer trail maintenance day will be scheduled soon.

Anne Fontaine said she had been approached by a citizen about having a Seven Devils Garden Club that would be responsible for one or more of the town's garden beds. Ed Evans suggested that we might want to have a Yard-of-the-Month award. Anne will ask the interested citizen if she would like to organize a garden club.

Anne Fontaine reported that she had gotten three or four responses about interest in pickleball. We decided to let those who are interested take the lead in adapting the tennis courts for pickleball and possibly organizing tournaments.

We will consider asking Stuart Scott from the Forest Service to lead a workshop on the value of trees and how to care for them.

Ed Evans said that a citizen had talked with him about having movie nights at town hall or on the lot across the street from town hall. She has had experience setting up movie nights and is willing to organize them. Ed will contact her about the details.

Our next regular meeting will be August 13, 2015, at 9:00.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Anne Fontaine seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary