

**Town of Seven Devils  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes--Regular Session  
May 12, 2016**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on May 12, 2016. Members present were Ed Beck, Bob Bridges (by telephone), Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Debbie Powers and Brad Lambert were also present.

Anne Fontaine opened the meeting and distributed the agenda. Skip Watts requested that skateboarding be added to the agenda. Bob Bridges made a motion to approve the agenda. Skip Watts seconded the motion, and it passed.

Kay Lambert made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016, minutes with the following change: "Member Lambert stated that there would not be an Operation Medicine Cabinet event in the spring." Leigh Sasse seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Anne Fontaine reported that a public hearing was held on May 10, 2016 to give residents an update on the Seven Devils Recreation Plan. It was well attended, and Brad Lambert gave a very informative presentation. She said that there is a contract to resurface the tennis courts and paint pickle ball lines in a color that is different from the tennis lines.

So far, five people have registered for the "Let's Get Fit" Challenge, and they have reported 100 miles. The challenge started May 1 and will continue through September 30. Participants may record miles in a notebook in town hall or e-mail Anne.

Group walks will be held on June 16, July 14, and August 11, all starting at 10:15 a.m. after the Recreation Commission meetings. Bob Bridges said that the first walk will be a round trip of about four miles on a section of the Profile Trail in Grandfather Mountain State Park to a view of Grandfather Mountain. Ed Beck suggested that if each walk included two leaders, participants would have options about how far to go.

Grandfather Mountain State Park will have a Centennial Celebration August 26 and 27, and we have been asked to help host a talk by Dr. Patrick McMillan on August 26 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. It will be held in the ASU library, and the topic is "Exploring 100 Years of Grandfather Mountain". We will make plans about hosting at a later meeting. On August 27, there will a series of guided hikes in the park.

Skip Watts suggested that if skateboarders had a designated place with a half pipe, they would be less likely to use the tennis courts, and it would add another amenity in Seven Devils. Building one would be inexpensive, but finding a place for one could be a challenge.

Skip will offer free tennis clinics at the tennis courts for children ages 7 to 12. June 7 and 21, July 12 and 26, and August 9. All will start at 5:30 and last about an hour. Children should bring tennis racquets and wear tennis shoes.

Beth Watts will teach dance aerobics June 25 at 2:00, July 16 at 10:00, and August 20 at 10:00. Each class will meet about 45 minutes and will also include light weight training and stretching.

The following workshops will be offered by Grandfather Mountain State Park rangers:

Salamander Walk at Otter Falls at 10:00 on June 25

Science Behind Water at Otter Falls at 4:30 p.m. on July 16

Seasons at Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. on August 19

Berny Byrnes will offer art classes in Town Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on July 21 and August 18.

Movie Night will be at Town Hall at dusk on June 10. The movie shown will be *We Bought a Zoo*. Skip Watts and Bob Bridges will help to set it up. We may serve popcorn, and in case of rain, it could be moved into the lower floor of Town Hall. The license to show the movie will cost between \$150 and \$300. Music on the Lawn on August 12 will feature Amantha Mill, and it will be at the resort club if the board approves. Participants will be asked to bring their own chairs to both events.

The Seven Devils Garden Club will continue to operate this year, and the Art Guild may become active again.

Blowing Rock Fire Department will teach a CPR class if there are enough people from Seven Devils who want to take it.

We will have the same activities in our children's booth at SafetyFest on July 2 that we had last year. Anne Fontaine will order more prizes.

Ed Beck and Skip Watts will explore the possibility of hosting a 5K and/or 10K run in Seven Devils.

Leigh Sasse made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bridges seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary