

Town of Seven Devils
Planning Board Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Organizational Meeting
January 15, 2013

The Seven Devils Planning Board met on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at Town Hall. Chair Butch McLean called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present were George Ehlinger, Bob Haugh, Barbara Williams, Barry Isquith, Frank Sell, and new member Brady Sasse. Town Manager/Zoning Administrator Ed Evans was also present. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Butch McLean opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Member Haugh nominated Butch McLean. Member Williams seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations, so Member Isquith made a motion to close nominations and Member Sell seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. Butch McLean was reelected Planning Board Chair.

Butch McLean was elected as the new Planning Board Chairman and opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chair. Chairman McLean nominated Bob Haugh. Member Isquith seconded the motion. With no further nominations, member Williams made a motion to close nominations. Member Isquith seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. Bob Haugh was reelected Planning Board Vice-Chair.

Swearing in of New Board Member

Town Clerk, Sara Miller administered the Oath of Office to new member, Brady Sasse.

Adopt Agenda

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Isquith seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Approve Old Minutes – October 16, 2012

Member Sell made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Isquith seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Presentation—Otter Falls Park—potential acquisition and grant application—

Chairman McLean opened with comments regarding Otter Falls and turned the presentation over to Manager Evans, who gave a presentation about the property and the possible acquisition of the Otter Falls property from David Little to build a Town park and recreation area. He stated the Town

attempted to do this in 2005 unsuccessfully, and now the interest has peaked since the property is “for sale” again. He stated that the purpose for the current meeting presentation is to gauge the interest of Town citizens in this project and solicit public input for applying for a grant from NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. Member Williams made a motion of support by the Planning Board to the possible Town acquisition of the Otter Falls property. Member Sell seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously.

Public Comment Period—Otter Falls

Kay Ehlinger, 196 Thorncliff Drive, suggested that the Planning Board compose a letter as a body, like the Recreation Commission did, in support of applying for a grant and potential acquisition of the property. Manager Evans stated he would draft this letter.

Administrative Comments

Manager Evans then gave the board a Town construction update, stating that the house on Alpine Drive received a C.O., and is now for sale, that Mirta Fuentes was issued a building permit for a 2300 sq. ft. addition, and that permits have been issued for a detached garage on Telemark. Manager Evans stated that property closings seem to be on the rise, which is good for the Town.

Old Business—NONE

New Business

Subdivision—Preliminary Plat—Request for approval—Nettle’s Knob Phase II—Chairman McLean introduced the submitted plat for Phase II of Nettles Knob. Before discussion commenced, Member Haugh made a request to be recused from the discussion, because of his financial interest in the project. Member Isquith made a motion to recuse Member Haugh. Member Sasse seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously and member Haugh departed from the discussion. Chairman McLean stated that the plat had been looked over by Town Manager Evans, Joe Furman and Jimmy Warren with Watauga County Planning and Inspections, as well as Town Engineer David Poore. Manager Evans introduced the statement given to each member, which listed the changes he saw that would be needed to the preliminary plat. After discussion, two proposed additional Notes were requested to be added to the preliminary plat. The first was that the water lines for this subdivision be sleeved lines, and that the lines be marked on the plat for future reference. The second was the private roads/drives be inspected and signed off on by the Town Engineer, David Poore, to protect Seven Devil’s interests. Member Williams made a motion to make a recommendation of approval to the Town Council of the

Nettles Knob Phase II Preliminary Plat, which included the proposed changes within Manager Evans' statement as well as the two generated during the meeting. Member Isquith seconded the motion. All members agreed unanimously. ~**CLOSED**~

Citizen Comments

Earl Pariseau, 132 Meadowview Court, inquired if there would be an exit on the opposite end of the Nettles Knob Phase II subdivision. Member Haugh stated that there would not because the property is not owned by Mr. West.

Board Member Comments— Manager Evans asked the Board if they wished to go ahead and schedule the next meeting, or only call a meeting when needed. Chair McLean stated that they would continue to call each meeting when an issue arises. The other members agreed.

Adjourn

Member Isquith made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Member Williams seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Butch McLean, Chairman

Sara Miller, Town Clerk