

**Town of Seven Devils  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes—Regular Session  
May 13, 2021**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on May 13, 2021.

Bob Bridges called the meeting to order and called the roll. Members present were Ed Beck, Bob Bridges, Faye Brock, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Lee Metzger, Martha Stearns, and Mark Williams. Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, Jewel McKinney, and Debbie Powers also attended.

Faye Brock made a motion to approve the agenda. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed. Lee Metzger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021, meeting. Anne Fontaine seconded the motion, and it passed.

**Old Business**

Debbie Powers reported that a permit to begin grading at New Town Hall had been received. The next step will be to get bids to do the grading.

Jewel McKinney reported that she had posted a list of available TV channels on the wall in the exercise room at the Seven Devils Community Center. The list is a page and a half long and lists only the HD channels. There are actually additional available channels.

A key fob has been attached to the existing AED machine in the Community Center in order to allow access to the exercise room if someone leaves the exercise room without taking a key fob to get the AED machine. Key fobs will also be attached to all AED machines used by police, fire fighters, and first responders. This will avoid the expense of purchasing an additional AED machine for the exercise room.

Town Council has made Seven Devils Community Center the official name of the building formerly known as Old Town Hall. Bob Bridges suggested that signs with the new name be posted above the door and also facing Seven Devils Road.

**New Business**

Jewel McKinney said that a new class has been added to the schedule since we last met. It will be Acrylic Pour, taught by Jim Shafer, on June 28.

She reported that TDA has purchased four new pickleball nets, but they will not be placed on the courts until after the resurfacing is complete.

Bob Bridges discussed offering a Bearwise education class. It is possible to become a Certified Bearwise Community. Qualification will require an assigned representative and formal education. Prior to the Committee pursuing qualification and sponsorship, Town Council must authorize the desire for such designation.

The Bear Decorating contest theme will be Summer Olympics and will coincide with the Summer Olympics in Japan. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded.

Detailed discussion was held regarding the need for Town Council to be aware of and involved in significant expenditures as outlined in the minutes of the Town Council Annual Retreat dated April 8, 2021 ("Town Council should have knowledge with final approval for all major projects, purchases, expenses..." with this update to be communicated to TDA and the Parks and Recreation Committee) The clearing of and proposed development of the undeveloped New Town Hall 6.5 acres was the primary catalyst for this declaration from Town Council. Bob Bridges expressed concern that the minutes inferred that the Parks and Recreation Committee was spending money without appropriate oversight. It was acknowledged that, while the Parks & Recreation Committee proposes many projects that enhance the recreational activities of Seven Devils, Parks & Rec funds none of those recommended projects. All project costs are funded by TDA. It was concluded that this issue was the result of such a major project (development of the 6.5 acres) not having been attempted before and that there needs to be a coordinated effort involving Town Council and respective committees for future protocol.

Mayor Larry Fontaine talked about the need for a master plan for the development of the property at New Town Hall. This plan would involve the Parks & Recreation Committee, TDA, Town Council, and the town's administration. He suggested hiring a landscape architect to coordinate all the ideas that have been submitted.

Anne Fontaine said that there are so many ideas and planned projects relating to the 6.5 acres that funding them and implementing them will probably have to be done in phases. A landscape architect would help us plan the phases and the order in which projects would be accomplished. She also said that if we had a plan designed by a professional landscape architect, it would probably be easier to get grants to fund some of the projects.

We discussed the expectations of the Parks and Recreation Committee in this oversight/communication process. The minutes from all Parks and Rec Committee meetings are already included in monthly Town Council packets, available for Town Council review. Town Council members have a standing invitation to attend Parks and Recreation meetings. (several already do). A representative from the Parks & Recreation Committee will attend Town Council meetings to be available to answer any questions Council members may have regarding Park and Rec activities and project recommendations..

The first concert, which is scheduled for July 16, will probably be held behind the Seven Devils Community Center using the stage that has been used for concerts in previous years.

Faye Brock made a motion to adjourn. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by  
Martha Stearns, Secretary