

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes—Regular Session
April 15, 2021**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on April 15, 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, and Martha Stearns, Mark Williams was absent. Wayne Bonomo, Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, and Debbie Powers also attended.

Kay Lambert made a motion to approve the agenda. Lee Metzger seconded the motion, and it passed. Kay Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021, meeting. Faye Brock seconded the motion, and it passed.

Old Business

Debbie Powers reported that the soft opening of Old Town Hall was April 1. The date for the Grand Opening will be determined later. Eighty residents and fourteen town employees have obtained key fobs. Bob Bridges made three recommendations for Old Town Hall:

- (1) A list of available TV channels should be posted on the wall.
- (2) The telephone number for public safety should be posted in a prominent place.
- (3) There should be an AED machine in the exercise room so that someone doesn't have to leave the room to get one and risk being locked out.

Debbie Powers explained the advantage of leasing Old Town Hall (OTH), excluding the fire department, to the Tourism Development Authority (TDA). Two-thirds of TDA's income is required to be spent on tourism promotion, and one-third on capital improvements. Because of TDA's funding of OTH improvements, TDA has spent more than policy allows on capital improvements. Leasing OTH to TDA would allow TDA to be in compliance with the spending requirements.

Grading at New Town Hall will start as soon as the state issues a permit. The TDA has approved funds to purchase additional property adjacent to New Town Hall (NTH), but the closing has not occurred yet.

New Business

Debbie reported that some new summer activities have been added to the schedule since our last meeting. Dance Aerobics will meet bi-weekly from June 2 through August 25. The topic for the Ranger Workshop on August 12 will be "Weather on the Ones." Lee Metzger has scheduled three advanced pickleball clinics—Serving Strategy on June 23, Doubles Strategy on July 21, and Non-Volley Zone Strategy on August 18.

Two copies of each book to be discussed by the Book Club have been ordered, and they will be available in the Book Exchange.

Rack cards listing all the summer activities have been ordered. They are expected to arrive by the end of April and will go out with the May water bill. They will also be available in NTH and OTH.

There was a discussion about offering art classes. We decided to recommend that Jewel McKinney proceed with scheduling two or three art classes this summer. Art teachers will be responsible for sharing space in OTH with other activities and cleaning up after class.

Anne Fontaine suggesting providing some instruction for using the exercise equipment in the exercise room.

Debbie Powers reported that the TDA has approved funding for refinishing the tennis courts. This will be completed in July or August and will take ten to fourteen days. There will be two tennis courts and four pickleball courts. Tennis lines will be painted white, and pickleball lines will be painted yellow.

We discussed appropriate names for OTH. Kay Lambert made a motion to recommend that it be named Seven Devils Community Center. Lee Metzger seconded the motion, and it passed. We discussed the possibility of adding a Black Bear Park sign at the tennis court/playground area.

Bob Bridges thanked the TDA for their support in funding OTH improvements and recreation activities.

Faye Brock made a motion to adjourn. Martha Stearns seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns, Secretary