

Seven Devils Public Safety Committee  
Tuesday March 3, 2020

MINUTES

Members Present: George Ehlinger, Jack Byrnes, Brad Lambert, Dick Nelson, David Hooper, Kay Lambert

Others Present: Debbie Powers (Town Manager), Johnathan Harris (Police Chief), Wayne Bonomo

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by George Ehlinger, Chairman.

George Ehlinger moved to have elections for officers at the May meeting. David Hooper seconded. All agreed.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Public Safety Committee's decision that it would not be able to organize and run SafetyFest 2020. George Ehlinger canvassed members by phone in January. Unfortunately there are not enough members to pull it together, our volunteer base for the event has waned the last few years making the 'day of' difficult and, more importantly, the Town's insurance will not cover events off of Town property (ie: parking lot for booths and activities for children). The majority of the members voted not to sponsor the event. At the meeting Dick Nelson asked if we could get a rider to cover the SafetyFest. The Town's insurance would not do so and the committee would not be able to cover the expense. It was pointed out that the music would not be able to be held at the Resort Club for the same reason and would most likely be at Old Town Hall. Dick requested a vote to be taken at the meeting so it could be recorded. The vote was 5 to 1 not to sponsor the SafetyFest with Dick Nelson being con. The 2019 SafetyFest was the 16th and over the years the events have brought residents and visitors together for a fun day and funds were raised to make it possible for the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments to purchase much needed safety equipment, protective clothing and boots, medical supplies, etc. Decorations and paper supplies will be available for future Town functions. The tables, chairs, tents and grills were signed over to the Town of Seven Devils.

Johnathan Harris and Kay Lambert have been in contact with the people responsible for the acquisition of a Lazarus Box for unused drugs to be gathered for safe disposal. Hopefully one will be in place at Town Hall soon.

Kay Lambert asked if the street light at the corner of Thorncliff and Wildcat Rocks can be repaired and lit - this is a tricky intersection for visitors and the plows. George Ehlinger said this light should be included with the others to be lit.

The Public Safety Committee needs more members, especially with George leaving in May. We also need a Chairman for the SD Emergency Shelter. These vacancies will be noted on the website and in the Echo.

Good news - Wayne Bonomo agreed to become a Public Safety Committee member. We look forward to his involvement.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.