

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes--Regular Session
April 14, 2015**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 4:00 in Town Hall on April 14, 2015. Members present were Bob Bridges (by telephone), Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, and Martha Stearns. Brad Lambert, Barbara Tarlton, Kay Ehlinger, Sue Ehmig, David Ehmig were also present.

Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda and called the meeting to order.

Kay Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2015, and Leigh Sasse seconded the motion. It passed.

Kay Lambert made a motion to change our meeting time to 9:00 a.m. on the first Thursday after each town council meeting. Leigh Sasse seconded the motion, and it passed.

We discussed the Otter Falls Grand Opening on June 5:

Anne Fontaine reported that 69 invitations had been sent by mail. There are extra invitations in Town Hall. Invitations were also included with the most recent water bills.

Sue Ehmig reported that all the materials for decorations for the reception have been gathered. Barbara Tarlton said that she had already heard from three people willing to prepare food. Food for the reception should be brought to the resort club between 10:30 and 11:00 on June 5.

Leigh Sasse reported that she had reserved three vans at Enterprise to be used to shuttle attendees between the ceremony location, the reception, and parking areas. She will obtain insurance on each van.

We decided to get parking signs to direct attendees to parking areas.

We will ask Public Safety to erect one or two tents and a podium. Anne Fontaine will provide a diagram about placement of these items.

Kay Lambert said she has reserved a speaker, and Kay Ehlinger will remind the Chamber of Commerce that we need to borrow ceremonial ribbon-cutting scissors. Anne Fontaine will get the ribbon.

We decided that the Walking Challenge will be held between May 1, 2015, and September 30, 2015, and our goal will be 10,000 miles. We will also try to get at least twenty new participants. We will send information about the Walking Challenge in the water bill.

Bob Bridges said that he would like to lead one or two group walks each month, including walks in the Bear Paw Natural Area and on Banner Elk trails. Brad Lambert mentioned that the directional arrows on the roads need to be repainted, and Martha Stearns suggested adding walks in the Lakes community.

Anne Fontaine said that Park Ranger Andy Sicard had contacted her about leading workshops. We would like for him to repeat the workshop about animal camouflage. We will also ask him to conduct a workshop about amphibians and snakes. He also suggested leading a guided hike to Otter Falls. We will join some wildflower walks in Grandfather Mountain State Park. We will schedule one workshop each month. Other suggestions for workshop topics were physical fitness, weight training, digital photography, fly fishing, and CPR. Bob Bridges suggested surveying residents to determine interests. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

We will have a clean-up day at the playground, and the date will be determined at our next meeting on May 14, 2015.

Kay Lambert made a motion to adjourn. Leigh Sasse seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary