

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS

Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
5:30pm
Electronic Meeting

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Agenda

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call
- 2) PRAYER/INVOCATION
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4) ADOPT AGENDA
- 5) CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION
 - (i) Approve minutes of Town Council Meeting – May 12, 2020
- 6) CITIZENS COMMENTS
- 7) ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE
- 8) OLD BUSINESS – NONE
- 9) NEW BUSINESS
 - A. ABC Board Application & Appointment – Anne Fontaine – *Term expires 06/30/2023*
 - B. Public Safety Committee Appointment – Wayne Bonomo
 - C. Budget Amendment FY20
- 10) COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Board of Adjustment – No meeting
 - B. Planning Board – No meeting
 - C. Public Works – May minutes
 - D. Public Safety Committee -March minutes
 - E. Parks & Recreation Committee – No meeting
 - F. TDA – May minutes
 - G. ABC Board – April minutes
 - H. Tree Committee – No meeting
 - I. Public Safety Department
 - (i) Police Report – May
 - (ii) Fire Report – May

11) COUNCIL COMMENTS

12) ADJOURN

Regular Town Council Mtg - June 9
Tue, Jun 9, 2020 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (EDT)

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**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
5:30pm**

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a Regular Meeting and the format of this meeting was dual Electronic – Go To Meeting #638660677 and In-Person at Town Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Members Wayne Bonomo. Member Jeffrey Williams attended remotely, with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also, present In-Person - Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp. Leigh Sasse attended remotely, with visible video display. Town Attorney Rob Angle was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave Invocation for the Council Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to Leigh Sasse by Town Clerk Gropp.

ROLL CALL

Each Member of the Town Council stated their name and announced their presence for the Roll Call.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adopt minutes of the Town Council Workshop – April 29,2020

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve & adopt the minutes; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS- NONE

No citizens comments were emailed to the Town Clerk; No citizens comments In-person at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.
- Blue Ridge Energy has been cutting tree branches on the ROW easements in the Town.
- The flagpole at OTH has been repaired with new USA & NC flags displayed.
- Boone Chamber will host a County Manager's meeting about Reopen Boone – May 13th @ 6pm
- App Health District will have an update meeting for Watauga County – May 15th @ 10am

Other updates included a recap of history on the COVID19 meetings, updates, and best practices for Town Staff & Citizens. New Town Hall & OTH remained closed to the general public, however the Town has continued to operate normal business hours without disruption for Citizens. NCLM has provided legislative updates, with templates for contacting Representatives & Senators.

Additional updates were given on: Tree Permits, Projects, Fence Permits, Complaints, Violation Letters, Stop Work Orders, Real Estate Closings

OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget Workshop Dates - Review

Wednesday, May 27th 10:00am – Noon - CONFIRMED to occur – Details to be posted

Wednesday, June 3rd 10:00am – Noon - IF NEEDED

B. Public Hearing – Budget FY21 – June 8, 2020 at 10:00am – Notice will be posted

C. Adoption of Budget Ordinance FY21 – to be adopted on June 9, 2020 at 5:30pm – Town Council Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Update of SOE

Manager Powers provided info on the current status of the State of Emergency for NC, Watauga & Avery County, as the effects for the Town. With the everchanging circumstances, the Town Website – ALERTS button provide links with the most updated details. ~OPEN~

B. Title VI Nondiscrimination

(i) Due to lack of official policy by the Town, as discovered recently by NCDOT, Needed item of business.



RESOLUTION #2020-03

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TITLE VI POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND IN ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, In 1964, Congress enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which included that section labeled Title VI which prohibits discrimination in any activity which is financed by federal funds or receives federal financial assistance; and

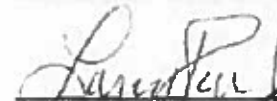
WHEREAS, since the adoption of Title VI, additional federal regulations and court decisions have further refined the definition of "federal financial assistance" and what entities are affected and controlled by Title VI; and

WHEREAS, a policy and procedure for reporting violations will provide guidelines for the Town, Town Departments and private persons and companies doing business with the Town and receiving federal financial assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Seven Devils, that the attached "Title VI Policy" is hereby adopted as the official policy of the Town of Seven Devils for applying, reporting and enforcing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager is authorized to approve this policy on an annual basis if no changes are made to it.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2020.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Attest:




Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve Resolution#2020-03; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. The members agreed. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment - No meeting

Planning Board - No meeting

Public Works - No meeting

Public Safety Committee

Parks & Recreation Committee - March minutes

TDA - No meeting

ABC Board - March & April minutes

Tree Committee - No meeting

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Reports

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made two comments. He is thankful the flagpole has been repaired and the US Flag & NC State Flag are now displayed again at OTH. Additionally, thank you to the staff involved with the installation of the Lazarus box at New Town Hall.

ADIJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Administrative Update

May 9, 2020

May 2020 items:

1. Reminder of upcoming Budget Meetings:
 - a. Tuesday, June 16 – Budget Workshop – 10am to 12 noon
 - b. Thursday, June 25 – Public Hearing – 10am
 - c. Friday, June 26 – Town Council – 10am
2. SOE updates:
 - a. EO 142 – extends utility restrictions
 - b. Phase 2 ends on June 26
 - c. Re-opening plans for NTH and OTH
 - d. Update on CRF (Coronavirus Relief Funds) from CARES act
 - e. Watauga Emergency Management team Zoom meetings
3. PARTF grant submitted & received
4. Parks & Rec – Seasonal activities – posted on website/Facebook
5. ECHO – new release June 1
6. Hillary – Clerk Certification from NCAMC – letter
7. BREMCO – tree work & debris – update
8. Public Works – new scheduled debris pick up – community event
 - Tree Permits – 3
 - Projects – 0
 - Fence Permits – 0
 - Complaints – 16
 - Violation letters –
 - STOP WORK ORDERS - 0
 - Real Estate Closings – 1

AGENDA ITEM 7) Complaints

<u>Date</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>St. #</u>	<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Complaint Topic</u>	<u>Complaint Specifics</u>	<u>Resolution</u>
4-May	Kathe		202	Grandview	tree question	"you planted tree at Resort Club; what kind is it?"	Town did not plant any trees at Resort Club on private property
4-May	Lookabill	Gene		Snowcloud	SOE	"when are you lifting restrictions - I don't want to be quarantined"	Town follows State and County regulations
4-May	numerous				OTH flags	Flags are missing	Harness on flagpole is broken; waiting on Ladder Truck to repair
4-May	McKinley	Debra	1648	Skyland	Barry	wants to use Town website and Facebook to entertain husband	Town website and Facebook is for public purposes; not personal
5-May	Lualdi	Margaret		HRV	OF parking	overflow parking at OF in HRV lot, posting signs and will tow	Welcome to post signage for private parking only
6-May	Castain	Andressa		Little Lake	pound	Town blew leaves into the pound in my backyard; "unacceptable", wants follow up action	Town does not maintain Green area behind her home; call Lakes HOA to complain
6-May	unknown			Roseway Bay	cutting trees	"Why is Town cutting my trees & what is helicopter doing here?"	Not the Town - Blue Ridge Electric is cutting their ROW.
10-May	Butler	Denise	262	HawksLake	cut my burning bush	someone cut my 2 bushes very upsetting; unacceptable	Not the Town - call your HOA or speak to your neighbors re: contractors
8-May	Taylor	Melisa	230	WindyKnob	trees	neighbor cut trees on my property; havent been there in 4 years	PD responded; previous neighbor cut trees as permitted (not on her property)
11-May	Kathe	Chris		Grandview	tree debris	BREMCO has left debris on ROWs; needs to be cleaned up	BREMCO reports that cut trees that are left on non-maintained prop will not be picked up
22-May	Meilus	Ed		5th Fairway	culvert tree debris	culvert on Skyland failed BREMCO has left debris messy; needs to be cleaned	contacted DOT to inspect BREMCO reports that cut trees that are left on non-maintained prop will not be picked up

22-May Butcher Marty	CRT	mailbox	"you knocked down my mailbox, you need to fix it"	Town did not touch his mailbox; contact prop mgmt to repair
26-May anonymous	DevilsLake	gravel	lots of loose gravel on road	<u>Corwin@1015 and McCue21017</u> contact both to rectify the gravel runoff from their shared driveway onto Devils Lake
28-May Gentry Byron	HRV	tree debris	talked to BREMCO in person they did not seem interested in picking up their debris	talked to wrong crew; they pick up debris on maintained ROWs only
28-May Shelton Karen	224 WW	debris	wants Town to pick up her debris	missed the Woodwinds spring pick up - will be picked up next community scheduled event
28-May unknown		drive-thru	"I want to file for unemployment" (angry)	gave him website to file

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
FOR: BOARD OR COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with North Carolina law, this application is a public record and will be disclosed upon request without notice. If there is any information you do not want released to the public, please do not include it.

FULL NAME: Anne Fontaine

LOCAL ADDRESS: 127 W Rocky Top Trail

EMAIL ADDRESS: anlafontaine@ gmail.com TELEPHONE: 828-963-2977

FULL-TIME RESIDENT of the Town of Seven Devils X YES _____ NO
If part-time, approximately how many months in a year do you live in Seven Devils? _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF SEVEN DEVILS? 12 Years

NAME OF BOARD OR COMMITTEE FOR WHICH APPOINTMENT IS SOUGHT:

- Board of Adjustment Public Works Committee TDA-Tourism Development Authority
- Planning Board Recreation Commission ABC Board

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD/COMMITTEE?

As a full time, permanent resident, I am so happy to be living in such a wonderful place that has so much to offer to its residents and visitors. It would be an honor to serve the Town by representing our community on the ABC Board.

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND THE VISION STATEMENT OF THE TOWN CONTAINED THEREIN? (It can be accessed at www.sevendevils.net)

I fully support the Vision Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It is very important to me that we as responsible citizens do our very best to protect and preserve the beautiful, natural setting in which we are so fortunate to reside. It is important not only to maintain the beauty of the area and to sustain this fragile environment for our use, but for our future generations as well. Through careful development oversight, we should be able to continue to grow as a community and do so in a balanced and responsible manner which encourages the preservation of the valuable natural resources of the area.

RATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE VISION STATEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

(with "1" signifying no support and "10" signifying great support): 10

WHAT SKILLS, EDUCATION, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE OR AREA(S) OF EXPERTISE WOULD YOU BRING TO THIS APPOINTMENT?

I've been serving as the Chairman on Parks & Recreation Committee and the Tourism Development Authority for many years now and I'm very excited about the progress and improvements we have made over the last decade. I have a Master's degree in Secondary Education and look forward to supporting the great work that the ABC Board does in educating students about the use of alcohol and its impact on their lives.

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND ANY PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE NOTICE OF THIS VACANCY? X YES ___ NO

DESCRIBE EXTENT AND MEETINGS ATTENDED: I attend most Town Council meetings; Board of Adjustment meetings, TDA meetings (which I am honored to Chair); and of course, Parks & Recreation meetings.

IF APPOINTED, DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST? ___ YES X NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

PLEASE LIST ANY CURRENT OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND ANY SPECIAL TALENTS:

BOARDS/CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS/TALENTS:	DATE FROM:	DATE TO:
Tourism Development Authority, Chairperson	<u>2011</u>	<u>Present</u>
Parks & Recreation Committee, Chairperson	<u>2011</u>	<u>Present</u>
Seven Devils Resort Club B.O.D	<u>2010</u>	<u>Present</u>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WHY YOU SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO THIS BOARD/ COMMITTEE:

Town representation on the ABC Board is very important to Seven Devils. If appointed, I will do my best to represent the best interests of our Town and the other communities affiliated with the local ABC. I look forward to serving our community, my home, in a new way and learning about the structure and operation of the ABC Board.

I certify this information is correct. I understand that this is an application to be considered for appointment to a Town Board or Committee and that final appointment is made by the Town Council of Seven Devils. I also understand that any service, if appointed, would be without compensation. This application will remain on file for a period of 12 months form the date of application.

Gender: F

Signature: Anne Fontaine

Date: 5/26/2020



AGENDA ITEM 9)B.
**Town of Seven Devils Public Safety
Committee**

Founder - Ed Rodgers

June 2, 2020

Town Council Members:

The Seven Devils Public Safety Committee would like to present the name of Wayne Bonomo as a candidate for membership on the Public Safety Committee. Wayne and his wife, Teri, are full-time residents of Seven Devils. He is a Town Council member and attends most Town committee and board meetings. He will be a valuable asset to the Public Safety Committee and we look forward to having him on our team and his input on "health, safety and welfare" in Seven Devils.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kay Lambert, Secretary
Seven Devils Public Safety Committee

**FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT
FY20**

	Current Budget	Actual 5/31/2020	Proposed AMENDMENT	FINAL BALANCE
Section 1. General Fund				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 806,000	\$ 811,460	\$ 6,000	\$ 812,000
State Share Revenues	\$ 120,510	\$ 86,991	\$ (10,510)	\$ 110,000
ABC Distribution	\$ 100,000	\$ 91,500	\$ 21,500	\$ 121,500
Powell Bill Allocation	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,756	\$ (1,244)	\$ 28,756
Permits & Fees	\$ 4,000	\$ 683	\$ (3,300)	\$ 700
Sales Tax	\$ 175,000	\$ 140,084	\$ (4,916)	\$ 170,084
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 123,930	\$ 79,810	\$ (8,930)	\$ 115,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 164,467	\$ -	\$ (21,357)	\$ 143,110
Government Grants	\$ 60,000	\$ 77,657	\$ 18,000	\$ 78,000
Sale of Assets	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ (20,000)	\$ -
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 186,805	\$ -	\$ (186,805)	\$ -
Occupancy Tax	\$ 150,000	\$ 178,284	\$ 30,000	\$ 180,000
Total GF Revenues	\$ 1,940,712	\$ 1,495,225	\$ (181,562)	\$ 1,759,150
Authorized Exp by Dept.				
Governing Board	\$ 100,050	\$ 20,589	\$ (77,050)	\$ 23,000
Administrative	\$ 485,856	\$ 415,002	\$ (40,856)	\$ 445,000
Public Safety	\$ 550,043	\$ 445,209	\$ (65,043)	\$ 485,000
Fire Protection	\$ 140,491	\$ 140,221	\$ 7,009	\$ 147,500
Planning/Zoning	\$ 1,500	\$ 649	\$ (850)	\$ 650
Public Works	\$ 482,772	\$ 416,172	\$ (34,772)	\$ 448,000
Powell Bill	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
TDA	\$ 150,000	\$ 178,284	\$ 30,000	\$ 180,000
Total GF Expenditures	\$ 1,940,712	\$ 1,646,126	\$ (181,562)	\$ 1,759,150
Section 2. Enterprise Fund				
Water Operating Revenues	\$ 244,500	\$ 203,181	\$ (4,500)	\$ 240,000
Water Taps/Connections	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
Non-Operating	\$ 1,296	\$ 809	\$ (396)	\$ 900
From Capital Reserve	\$ 64,867	\$ -	\$ (64,867)	\$ -
Total EF Revenues	\$ 312,663	\$ 203,990	\$ (71,763)	\$ 240,900
Authorized Expenditures				
Water Operating Exp	\$ 117,914	\$ 98,014	\$ 986	\$ 118,900
Water Non-Op Exp	\$ 142,249	\$ 58,222	\$ (52,249)	\$ 90,000
Capital Outlay	\$ 52,500	\$ 21,194	\$ (20,500)	\$ 32,000
Total EF Expenditures	\$ 312,663	\$ 177,430	\$ (71,763)	\$ 240,900

**Public Works Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
May 19, 2020 10:00am**

The Seven Devils Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and the format of the meeting was dual Electronic – Go To Meeting #169247709 and In-Person at Town Hall. Attendance In-Person were Jack Byrnes & Larry Fontaine. Attending remotely, with visible video display were Brad Lambert & Barrie Winn. Also present were Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge, Town Engineer David Poore and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER

Town Manager Powers called the Public Works meeting to order at 10:00am.

ROLL CALL

Each member of the Committee/Staff stated their name and presence for Roll Call.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Town Manager asked for nominations for Chair of Public Works Committee. Brad Lambert was nominated by Larry Fontaine; seconded by Jack Byrnes. All members agreed. Brad Lambert elected as Chair. Larry Fontaine was nominated as Vice Chair by Brad Lambert; seconded by Jack Byrnes. All members agreed. Larry Fontaine is elected as Vice Chair.

Due to sound quality that Chair Lambert was experiencing remotely, he asked that Vice Chair continue to lead the meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Byrnes made a motion to adopt the agenda; Vice Chair Fontaine seconded. All members agreed.

APPROVE MINUTES – April 16, 2019

Member Byrnes made a motion to approve the minutes; Chair Lambert seconded. All members agreed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Member George Ehlinger submitted a letter of resignation, dated April 30, 2020. Board/Committee vacancies will be posted in the future.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works Director Aldridge stated overall the Town roads are in very good shape, due to previous routine maintenance that has been done. Town Engineer Poore reports the exception is the need to resurface Woodwinds Lane from Woodwinds Circle to the end of the street. This street shows signs of surface distress and alligator cracking. The estimate to resurface in FY21 is \$15,000. To delay the needed resurfacing will cause further deterioration, and will cost significantly more in the future. (Estimate \$25,000+).

Gravel roads that need maintenance include:	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Chestnut Ridge – Edgecliff Lane – Knob Hill Lane	\$18,000
Cliff Dwellers Lane	\$2,800
Green Cove Road	\$2,700

Town Manager Powers reports decreased revenues for NCDOT with a reduction in Powell Bill funds. The Town should receive approximately \$22,500, down from expected \$30,000.

Discussion occurred with committee members with agreement to spend on what is necessary, but not to exceed the \$22,500 in Powell Bill funds. The Woodwinds road will be resurfaced, and the remaining funds will be used on gravel roads.

Additional projects to keep at the forefront are the replacement of PRV's. Currently, PRV #3 is in process of replacement, with completion soon. The cost has exceeded the budget amount of \$36,500 by \$3,000. The CIP has funds for additional PRV replacements.

Also, replacement of wellhouse & booster stations roofs, as past inspection reports by the DEQ noted this was needed.

Discussion occurred with committee members to hold off the PRV#4 replacement. If the revenues stabilize within FY21, then the situation will be reevaluated. Due to unknown budgetary restrictions, all additional projects will be reviewed in the future.

Public Works Director Aldridge suggested the Town revise the policy on debris pick up. Currently, the citizens call to request a debris pick up. Citizens are allowed 1 debris pick-up, per year, however, the inability to accurately track the requests allows for abuse of the policy. The manpower, time and equipment involved with multiple pick-ups is not cost effective, putting additional wear & tear on the trucks. Due to the success of Woodwinds HOA scheduling a community wide debris pick-up, his suggestion is to schedule a Town wide pick-up twice a year (June & October), with additional pick-up throughout the year for storms.

Committee members agreed this was a good idea and should be done.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS - None

Public Works Director Aldridge reported the Town's water loss is 2%, per the RWA.

ADJOURN

Member Byrnes made a motion to adjourn; Chair Lambert seconded. All agreed.
The meeting adjourned at 10:46am.

Brad Lambert, Chairman

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

DRAFT

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.

**Town of Seven Devils
Tourism Development Authority Meeting
May 26, 2020**

The Town of Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Town Hall. Chair Anne Fontaine, Member Richard Blonshine, Member Tom Gidley, Town Manager Debbie Powers, Parks & Rec Program Tech Jewel McKinney and Finance Officer Helga Sappington were present. Member Leigh Sasse joined the meeting remotely through <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/417463277>

Call to Order

Chair Anne Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to adopt the agenda and to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting. Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Brad Lambert joined the meeting remotely through <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/417463277>.

Old Business

- Town Manager Debbie Powers updated the TDA members on the RTP and PARTF grants.

New Business

- Parks & Rec Program Tech Jewel McKinney updated the TDA members on the cancellations and rescheduling of the planned activities in the Town of Seven Devils.
- Parks & Rec Program Tech Jewel McKinney updated the TDA members on Facebook stats and the status of the website interactive map for tourist promotion in the Town of Seven Devils.
- Member Tom Gidley made a motion to continue to contract with the freelance photographer for the purpose of promoting tourism in the Town of Seven Devils. The images will continue to be used on the Town's Facebook page, website and general advertisement. Member Richard Blonshine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Town Manager Debbie Powers presented the FY 21 budget to the TDA members. Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to approve the FY21 budget. Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was a discussion about moving away from print media and focusing more on digital media to promote tourism in the Town of Seven Devils. Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to transition away from print media to digital media. Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Town Manager Debbie Powers requested the TDA to fund the Parks /Rec position since all of the main job functions promote tourism in the Town of Seven Devils. Member Leigh Sasse made a motion to fund the position (\$48,000.00 total). Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was a discussion on funding for the remodeling of Old Town Hall for the purpose of promotion tourism in the Town of Seven Devils. The TDA members will revisit the discussion in September.
- The preview of the engineering drawing/layout for additional parking lot, walking trail, band stage, dog park at the New Town Hall was presented to the TDA members.

Email/Invoice Approvals:

Financial Statement

- Member Tom Gidley made a motion to approve the financial statements. Member Richard Blonshine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments

- The TDA members thanked the Staff and Management for all their work.

Adjourn

At 10.40 am, Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to adjourn. Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

High Country ABC Board Meeting

April 30, 2020

The High Country ABC Board held its monthly meeting, virtually, on Thursday, April 30 at 4:15 pm. Sarah Manning, board chair, Donna Dicks, board member, Winston Ammann, board member, Robin Dunn, alternate board member, David Miller alternate board member, Leigh Sasse, alternate board member, general manager Sara Brewer and Seven Devils Town Manager Debbie Powers were present.

Before the meeting, general manager Sara Brewer read the following conflict of interest statement; "In accordance with 18B-201, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interests and appearances of conflicts. Does any board member have any conflicts of interests or appearances of conflicts with any matters coming to the board today?" Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Upon motion duly made by Donna Dicks, seconded by Winston Ammann, it was voted to approve today's agenda. Upon motion duly made by Winston Ammann, seconded by Donna Dicks, it was voted to approve last month's minutes.

Sales for March were up \$17,611 over last year. Total sales were \$216,189. The board discussed the financial statements. The board asked that the interest income be corrected to include the interest earned on the CDs.

Old business:

- Mixed beverage buy-back program: we did not have any mixed beverage permittees bring back their product. General manager Sara Brewer asked the board if they wanted to change the store hours back to a longer day, possibly 9 am – 7 pm. The board agreed to wait until the May board meeting to decide on this matter.

New business:

- Sara Brewer reported that she and Bonnie Betz had conducted the employee evaluations and all employees were doing a great job. Sara and Bonnie have addressed areas that can be improved upon with each employee.
- Sarah Manning will compile the general manager's evaluation based on comments sent to her from board members and then email to all.
- The 2020-2021 budget was discussed. At this point it is not finished and Robin Dunn asked for input from board members. Robin will email budget to board as soon as she and Sara Brewer work out areas to increase/decrease.

Citizens Comments: Debbie Powers, Seven Devils Town Manager, thanked the board for the hard work they put into the budget and for the good work the store employees do.

David Miller asked that Sara look into the Federal CARES Act to see if the store would qualify for any relief money for payroll reimbursement due to the Covid 19 virus. Sara will email the ABC Commission.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 21 at 4:15 pm.

Upon motion duly made by Winston Ammann, seconded by Donna Dicks, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Sarah Manning, Board Chair

Donna Dicks, Board Member

Winston Ammann, Board Member date approved

Activity Log Event Summary (Cumulative Totals)

SEVEN DEVILS PUBLIC SAFETY

(05/01/2020 - 05/31/2020)

Alarm Activation	2	Assist Avery Sheriffs Office	1
Assist Other Department	2	Assist Resident	1
Assist Watuaga Sheriffs Office	1	Bank Deposit Escort	1
Business Check	692	Business Closing	6
Extra Patrol	16	Item(s) found	1
Noise Complaint	1	Open Door	2
Open Window	1	Other	1
Patrol	178	Suspicious Activity	1
Warning Citation	1		

Total Number Of Events: 908

SEVEN DEVILS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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(828) 963-5343 (828) 963-6760

Fax (828) 963-1129

Fire Chief Bobby Powell

May 2020

Fire Call:	1
Medical Call:	0
Training sessions:	4
Total Man-hours:	112 Hrs.

This month we received a North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshall fire grant for a total of \$60,093.00. This is a 50/50 matching grant. This grant will be used for firefighting, medical and rescue equipment. We are purchasing a propane generator for town hall it will automatically power town hall if the power goes out. Turnout gear and firefighting equipment with this grant.

All the fire trucks passed pump test this year and all have been serviced as required.

1 Fire Call: 1 Strange smell in Walgreens.
0 Medical calls: 0

Thank You,
Bobby Powell