

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, June 9, 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 #680091389 and In-Person at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert, and Member Wayne Bonomo. Members Jeffrey Williams and Leigh Sasse attended remotely, with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also, present In-Person – Town Manager Debbie Powers, Town Attorney Rob Angle; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adopt minutes of the Town Council Meeting – May 12, 2020

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS- NONE

No citizens comments were emailed to the Town Clerk, no citizens comments at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

Upcoming Dates for Town Council

- Budget Workshop on Tuesday - June 16th at 10:00am – noon
- Public Hearing FY21 on Thursday – June 25th at 10am
- Town Council adopts FY21 Budget – Friday – June 26th at 10am

State of Emergency update include:

- NC EO 142 – Extending the prohibition of utility disconnections, late fees for 60 days.
- Phase II may end on June 26th, but uncertain due to COVID19 trends.
- Protective plans for reopening of the Town Hall include sneeze guards & 6ft spacing; OTH might be opened limited hours with supervision by Parks & Rec Tech, as book exchange cannot open yet.
- Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES Act) – The Town will receive distribution of funds from each county. Avery = \$7,039 and Watauga = \$20,175; Expenses, Receipts will be kept for reimbursement of acceptable purchases/expenses.
- Watauga County is still holding bi-weekly Emergency Management Meetings via Zoom.
- PARTF Grant application was submitted in May, prior to June 1st deadline.
- Parks & Rec seasonal activities are posted on the Town's website & Facebook
- The Echo newsletter – Summer 2020 is available and posted on the website
- Town Clerk Hillary Gropp earned the NCCMC designation
- BREMCO has been working on utility easement maintenance. The results have caused complaints by citizens, with mess & debris. The Town advises contact BREMCO. Town Attorney Angle explained property deeds show utility easements.
- Public Works will begin a Town wide debris pick up on June 15th, and will no longer receive individual work orders for debris pick up.

- Public Works repaired a water line on Monday, June 8th at Knob Hill Ln & Edgecliff Ln. Some customers were without water and the notice was posted on the Town's website. Water has been tested and acceptable for drinking. Similar repairs will occur on Windy Knob Trail with notice posted on the website.
- The new Town Hall has needed maintenance on the air conditioning and dishwasher. Estimates are being requested for a new roof, due to leaks.
- Blue Ridge Conservancy would like to arrange a field trip with Council members to their new property in Banner Elk that features Peak Mountain. Details to come.
- Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 6th for Independence Day holiday.

Updates were provided for: Tree Permits – 3, Projects -0, Fence Permits -0, Complaints – 16, Violation Letters - 0, Stop Work Orders -0, Real Estate Closings -1

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

9) A. ABC Board Application & Appointment

Anne Fontaine submitted an application for the ABC Board -Regular seat, Effective July 1, 2020 and term ends 6/30/2023.

Member Sasse made a motion to approve the appointment for the ABC Board; Member Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Fontaine refrained from voting. Motion passed. ~CLOSED~

9) B. Public Safety Committee Appointment

Wayne Bonomo has agreed to join the Public Safety Committee, and the committee accepts.

Mayor Fontaine made a motion to approve Wayne Bonomo; Member Sasse seconded the motion; All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

9) C. 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

Member Sasse made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment FY20; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment - No meeting

Planning Board - No meeting

Public Works - May minutes

Public Safety Committee - March minutes

Parks & Recreation Committee - No meeting

TDA - May minutes

ABC Board - April minutes

Tree Committee - No meeting

Public Safety Department

Police Report

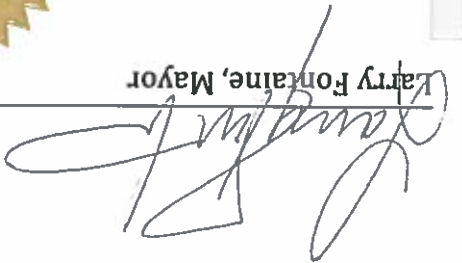
Fire Report

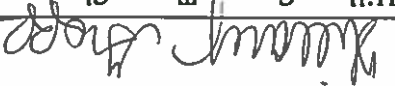
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion occurred among several Council members about audio/technical troubles with the set-up of dual format Town meetings, due to COVID19. Town Manager Powers to explore options to resolve.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

