

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2021
5:30PM

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a Regular Meeting and this meeting was dual format Electronic – Go To Meeting#814475349 and In-Person at Town Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, & Member Wayne Bonomo. Mayor Larry Fontaine & Members Jeffrey Williams & Leigh Sasse attended remotely with visible video display. Also present In-Person – Town Manager Debbie Powers & Town Attorney Rob Angle. The minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and Citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert, Members Bonomo, Sasse & Williams stated their name and announced their presence for the Roll Call.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Sasse made a motion to adopt the agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA


Adopt minutes of Town Council Meeting – January 12, 2021

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #2021-01


Resolution #2021-01
Charter Update – High Country Council of Governments

WHEREAS, the High Country Council of Governments was originally chartered in 1974, when created by the Counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey, then as "Region D Council of Governments"; and

WHEREAS, since formed, the High Country Council of Governments has adopted bylaws, and from time-to-time amended both its Charter and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the High Country Council of Governments has grown by adding municipalities, and its governance has evolved to include regular monthly meetings of the full board where all member counties and municipalities have voting representatives; and


WHEREAS, the Executive Board and management of the High Country Council of Governments have undertaken to update and modernize its Charter, with the proposed amended Charter attached hereto; and


WHEREAS, by Charter, two-thirds of the participating governmental units must approve of any Charter amendment; and


WHEREAS, this Town's Council has had opportunity to review the changes contained within the proposed amendments to the Charter attached hereto, and finds that those changes accurately reflect, modernize, and improve the High Country Council of Governments' ongoing organization, and operations and should be approved and adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Seven Devils Town Council that the attached amended Charter for the High Country Council of Governments should be adopted and approved.

Adopted this the 9th day of February, 2021.


Larry Fontaine
Mayor, Town of Seven Devils

ATTEST: 
Hillary Gropp
Clerk to the Board



Member Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-01; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

B. Planning Board Recommendations

(i) Nuisance Ordinance - Addition

a. Recreational Vehicles Prohibited

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adopt the Nuisance Ordinance; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

(ii) Nuisance Ordinance - Addition

a. Chain Law

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the Nuisance Ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

(iii) UDO Transition Chapter 160A to 160D

Preview of the UDO Transition was provided to Town council. A public hearing is set to occur on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 1pm. **No Action Taken**

C. Property Tax Lien 2020

A list of outstanding property taxes was provided to Town Council. Finance Officer to proceed with tax collection process. **No Action Taken**

D. FY21 Town Audit Contract

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve the FY21 Audit Contract with Sharon Gillespie, P.A.; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. ~CLOSED~

CITIZENS COMMENTS - NONE - No emailed comments

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Citizen compliment to the 7D police for recent assistance with a disabled vehicle.
- State Fire grant fund received - \$27,987.67.
- Police Vehicle - GMC production shut down; looking at other options.
- Greene - H2O tap request - currently on hold by owner.
- Whelan - Violation fine paid \$2,000/New meter install when weather allows.
- May - Construction update; Violation paid \$250/Owner to appeal decision to BOA.
- Osborne - New construction- Lot 36, Alpine Meadows
- NTH update - Application for NC DEMLR permit by Town Engineer.
- Planning Board reviewed and approved the UDO Transition from 160A to 160D; Public hearing to occur before approval by Town Council.
- Review of dates for Annual Town Council Workshop - April 8, 2021 1:00pm-5:00pm

Tree Permits - 1

Projects - 3

Fence Permits - 0

Complaints - Too Many

Violation Letters - 1

Stop Work Orders - 1

Real Estate Closings - 2

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment - No meeting

Planning Board - January minutes

Public Works - No meeting

Public Safety Committee - No meeting

Parks & Recreation Committee - January minutes

TDA - No meeting

ABC Board

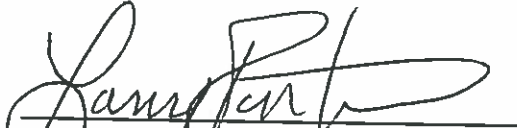
Tree Committee - No meeting

**Public Safety Department
Police Report
Fire Report
Financial Report**

COUNCIL COMMENTS - NONE

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

