

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

February 11, 2020  
5:30pm

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Members Wayne Bonomo, Kay Ehlinger and Jeffrey Williams. Also present were Town Manager Debbie Powers, Town Attorney Rob Angle, and Jewel McKinney, Parks & Recreation Program Tech; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for tonight's meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve the agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. All agreed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ADOPT MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN COUNCIL MEETING on January 14, 2020**

Member Bonomo made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes; Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS - None**

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Town Hall will be closed – Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – President's Day
- Public Hearing – PARTF Grant Application – Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm
- Primary Elections – Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Police Chief Harris attended Mayland CC to discuss BLET program; He also attended Chief School
- Jewel- Parks & Recreation Tech met with Jessica-HCCOG to create maps for Comprehensive Parks & Rec Plan 2020-2030; She attended RTP Grant conference call; She attended PARTF Grant webinar; She attended LWCF webinar; She met with trail builder for Peak Mountain Trail; And she met with advertisers
- Emma – Temp- has been working on special project with State Records Retention Schedule for NC Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources; Records have not been sent since 2012
- Fire Chief Powell attended the Fire Chief mid-winter conference in Concord; He also attended a Human Trafficking Awareness class in Boone; He hosted the local Fire Chief luncheon
- Public Works Director Aldridge & Town Clerk Gropp attended the DEQ water workshop
- Town Manager Powers met with NCLM Risk Manager to review Property & Liability policy & Workman's Comp policy; She met with vendors about copier lease renewal; She attended NCGS 160D workshop in Asheville; She met with Town Engineer to discuss New Town Hall property for future possibilities; She attended the quarterly Manager's luncheon
- New Town Zoning map & New Connect 7D map now displayed
- Three (3) thank you notes received from happy citizens

Updates for: Tree Permits, Projects, Fence Permits, Violations letters, Stop Work Orders, Complaints & Real Estate Closings.

**OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Tax Liens for 2019**

An updated list of delinquent taxpayers was provided to Town Council by Finance Officer Sappington; No action taken. ~CLOSED~


**B. Proposed Budget Calendar FY 2020-2021**

A list of dates, including workshops & Public Hearing for FY20-FY21; Town Council reviewed and agreed dates are acceptable. No action taken. ~CLOSED~

**C. Comprehensive Parks & Rec Plan 2020-2030**

The Town of Seven Devils Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan 2020-2030 has been written by Parks & Recreation Tech, Jewel McKinney and then reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Committee with recommendation to the Town Council to adopt with Resolution #2020-01.

**(i) Resolution #2020-01**



**RESOLUTION #2020-01**  
**TO ADOPT THE 2020-2030 COMPREHENSIVE**  
**PARKS & RECREATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recognizes the need to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which is to be renamed the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan. This Plan will provide goals, needs, assessments, standards, recommendations, and strategies for implementation over a 10-year period, in an effort to provide for, and continually improve park and recreational facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open spaces, and rehabilitate existing Town park(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the primary objective of the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan is to serve as a guide for the Town to make informed decisions relating to the development of recreation facilities & assets, seeking out new opportunities and meeting the needs of citizens throughout the next decade; and


**WHEREAS**, in order to address recreational needs in the future, Seven Devils has sought citizen input through committee meetings, public meetings, surveys and Town staff, and that input has been incorporated into the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan; and


**WHEREAS**, The Town of Seven Devils is enabled to acquire land, build facilities, and provide recreational outlets for the general public through the State of North Carolina's Recreation Enabling Law N.C.G.S. 160A, Article 18; and


**WHEREAS**, the Town of Seven Devils 2020-2030 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan is reasonable and in compliance with the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The Town of Seven Devils Town Council firmly resolves to accept and support the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan.

ADOPTED, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor

  
[Name], Town Clerk

Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-01; Member Williams seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

**D. Representative Ray Russell**

NC Representative Ray Russell (D) was invited as a guest speaker for tonight's Town Council meeting. Rep. Russell gave a background of his education and professional career. Afterwards, he answered questions about topics including Municipal Elections for the Town. Rep. Russell stated there are local bills that might allow for a single voting location for Avery & Watauga County citizens during Municipal Elections only; all other elections are mandated by the State Board of Elections.

Rep. Russell spoke of the impasse of approval of the NC State Budget, with unknown end to the impasse and working budget.

Other topics he spoke about include NCDOT project timelines & funding, Redistricting & Partisan gerrymandering maps, upcoming Primary elections, and his regular newsletter.  
No action taken. ~CLOSED~

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Board of Adjustment** - No meeting
- Planning Board** - No meeting
- Public Works** - No meeting
- Public Safety Committee** - No meeting
- Parks & Recreation Committee** - January minutes
- TDA** - January minutes
- ABC Board** - December minutes
- Tree Committee** - No meeting
- Public Safety Department**
  - Police Report**
  - Fire Report**
- Financial Report**


**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert attended the ASU Chancellor's Breakfast and provided an update about ongoing upgrades & construction to the campus/athletic facilities.  
Mayor Pro Tem Lambert also announced the passing of Bruce Nelson who has helped in past years with PBS&D & SafetyFest. Bruce is the brother of Dick Nelson - PBS&D.

**ADJOURN**

Member Bonomo made a motion to adjourn; Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor

  
Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

