

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

5:30 p.m.

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a Regular Meeting June 8, 2021, at 5:30PM at Town Hall in dual format: in person, and GoToMeeting #222-857-165. Present at the meeting were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Member Leigh Sasse, and Council Member Jeffery Williams; a quorum was met. Council Member Wayne Bonomo was absent. Manager Debbie Powers and Town Attorney Rob Angle were present; the minutes were recorded by Debbie Powers, Town Manager.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Larry Fontaine gave an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members, citizens, and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Adopt minutes of Public Hearing and Town Council Meeting – May 11, 2021

Member Sasse made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Town Manager gave an update of HB496 regarding Tree Ordinances.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. BUDGET ORDINANCE FY22. Town Manager/Budget Officer Debbie Powers gave a brief overview of the budget. There were no emailed citizen comments after the Public Hearing, which was held on May 11, 2021; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve; Member Sasse seconded. The Members agreed unanimously.

B. FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT FY21- Member Williams made a motion to approve; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded. The members agreed unanimously.

C. ARP – American Rescue Plan –Unclear treasury guidance currently; \$30,000 allocation soon from the state and another \$30,000 in approximately one year for a total of \$60,000. Town Manager Powers explained the process. Motion to authorize the receipt of the ARP funds and Authorize Town Manager Powers to Administer the paperwork made by Member Sasse and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lambert. The members agreed unanimously.

D. Member Sasse was re-appointed for another 3-year term for the ABC Board. Motion to Approve was made by Member Williams and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lambert. The Members agreed unanimously.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

A. Manager Powers provided the following update:

- ARP Update – No Funds received to date.
- State Permit Issued for soil and erosion for New Town Hall property – bid packages out to contractors, due by July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- TDA donated \$160,000 to Town for new park development. Formal plan is in the works and will be discussed at the next Parks and Rec meeting on Thursday at 10:00am.
- Watauga County State of Emergency was lifted on May 20, 2021. Seven Devils lifted its town State of Emergency on May 21, 2021.
- Board of Adjustment update: Roxanne Saltman has received her letter of approval for Variance application with conditions for her RV at Shoppes of Tynecastle while building her project. Conditions are 4 calendar days per week and 3 days out of public sight, until completion, or June 30, 2022.
- Clevon Woods Associates, LLC Application for Special Use Permit for WWTP will be the topic at the BOA Public Hearing on 6/21/2021 and meeting on 6/22/2021.
- The 2021 Activity Rack cards have been distributed. People are signing up for the activities with good participation.
- We received the CCR Water Report for 2020 and now is available on the website and at Town Hall.
- ABC Budget Public Hearing is 6/17/2021.
- Candidate filing is 7/2/2021 at noon until 7/16/2021 at noon at Watauga County Board of Elections office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Board of Adjustment – Public Hearing Minutes and Meeting Minutes
- B. Planning Board – No Meeting
- C. Public Works – No Meeting
- D. Public Safety – May Minutes provided at previous Town Council meeting
- E. Parks & Recreation Committee – May Minutes
- F. TDA – May Minutes
- G. ABC Board – April Minutes
- H. Tree Committee – No Meeting
- I. Public Safety Departments
  - (i) Police Report
  - (ii) Fire Report


ABC Board Member Anne Fontaine spoke about the ABC budget. Sales are strong, and new software online ordering system goes live July 1, 2021. Employees are still wearing masks; customers are not required. Year-end bonuses for Towns will be forthcoming.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** - None


**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Lambert; seconded by Member Sasse. All Members Agreed Unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

This the 8th day of June 2021.

  
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 Mayor Larry Fontaine



  
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 Town Manager Debbie Powers