

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 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 #982682077 and In-Person at Town Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert & Member Wayne Bonomo. Members Leigh Sasse & Jeffrey Williams 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 5:31pm.

PRAYER/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 Council member stated their name & announced their presence for the Roll Call.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Adopt minutes of Public Hearing & Town Council Meeting – June 25, 2020

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizens comments were emailed to the Town Clerk; No citizens comments In-Person.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Watauga County will be offering COVID19 testing at WHS on July 18th
- Staff attended 29 Zoom meetings in June
- SOE updates include extending Phase II until August 7th
- Town Summer events are being evaluated weekly, with cancellations as needed.
- (CRF) approx. Coronavirus Relief Funds to the Town by Avery = \$7,000 & Watauga = \$20,000
- Watauga County holds weekly Emergency Mgmt. meetings on Thursdays @ 4:30pm

Tree Permits – 6	Projects – 1	Fence Permits – 0
Complaints – 8	Violation Letters – 0	Stop Work Orders – 0
Real Estate Closings - 6		

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Police Officer

Police Officer Kent Howell was introduced to the Town Council. A ceremonial Oath of Office was given; the official Oath of Office was administered on Thursday, June 25th at Town Hall. ~CLOSED~

B. Proclamation of Recognition

Town Council presented a Proclamation of Recognition to Sarah Manning for her years of service on the High Country ABC Board. ~CLOSED~

C. Financial Trends

Manager Powers presented the Financial history of FY19-20 for the following: TDA, ABC and Sales Tax Distribution, which are 3 revenue sources for the Town. The graph reflects the decrease in Occupancy Tax & Sales Tax during the final quarter of the FY, with ABC remaining the same. Manager Powers will provide monthly Financial updates. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board of Adjustment - No meeting
- Planning Board- No meeting
- Public Works Committee - No meeting
- Public Safety Committee - July minutes
- Parks & Recreation Committee - No meeting
- TDA - June minutes
- ABC Board - May minutes & FY20-21
- Tree Committee - No minutes
- Public Safety Department
- Police Report
- Fire Report - None

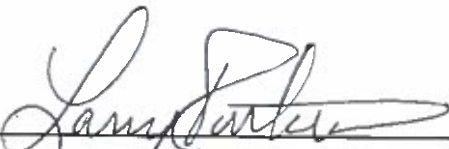
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert shared good news with fellow Council members about the promotion of rank/duties for his son and his service in the US Navy.

Member Williams commented to all to be diligent and wear a face mask during COVID19.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

