

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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#336535325 and In-Person at Town Hall on Tuesday, August 11, 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 5:30pm.

**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**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Adopt minutes of Town Council Meeting – July 14, 2020**

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Tom Bookstaver, **231 Snowcloud Drive**, commented on the error with the activity log in the June 2020 Fire Department report submitted with the agenda packet. Tom serves as a Volunteer.

Bob Bridges, **147 Deepwood Court**, requested the CPR course be rescheduled for citizens.

*Town Manager Powers to follow up with Fire Chief Bobby Powell on both of the above.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Avery County will hold a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- HC ABC Board distributed a \$20,000 bonus for FY19-20 to the Town.
- App Health Care has provided "Show Your Love" masks for COVID to be given out to citizens.
- NC Governor Cooper has extended Phase II until September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm
- Watauga Tax Assessor will be out for the 2022 revaluation; must be done at least every 8 years.
- New roof installation is complete at Town Hall. Final cost \$23,000, which is below the estimate.
- The winners of the bear decorating contest have been announced and featured on the website.
- BBT Bank is now Truist Bank at Shoppes of Tynecastle. Signage will be changing soon.
- The Town's on-site audit was performed on Tuesday – August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The PARTF meeting to announce grant recipients has been postponed until September.

Tree Permits – 6

Projects – 4

Fence Permits – 0

Complaints – 16

Violation Letters – 0

Stop Work Orders – 0

Real Estate Closings – 6

*With numerous complaints regarding Otter Falls parking issues, Council Member Sasse requested the contact info for the NC State Hwy Patrol be provided with State Road 101 information.*

*Parks & Rec Tech Jewel McKinney stated the trash on the trail is manageable however, to eliminate the overflow of garbage at parking, the small trash can has been removed and only dog waste bags will be provided by the Town. Signage is posted to alert citizens no garbage allowed, due to bears.*

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Parks & Rec Tech, Jewel McKinney gave a demonstration of the new feature that has been added to the Town's website. The "Map of Recreation" is an interactive Web App that provides details & photos of the various trails, walking paths, and recreation areas throughout the Town. This was a joint effort with Jewel and the HCCOG GIS Mapping- Jessica Wellborn. Photography by Helga Sappington. ~CLOSED~

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert shared additional good news, as a follow up to last month. The USS Eisenhower has returned from an extended seven month deployment. His son is now home and reunited with family.

**ADIURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor

  
Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

