

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**January 13, 2015**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, and Council Member Kay Ehlinger. Members David Ehmig and David Hooper were absent. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Ed Evans. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adopt minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—December 9, 2014**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS--NONE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR**

Manager Evans stated that Town Hall would be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**OLD BUSINESS—NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSS AND ADOPT AN OTTER FALLS TRAIL AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN—**

Mayor Fontaine thanked everyone who attended the Town Public Meeting regarding Otter Falls that occurred on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. He stated that eighteen people came with great questions, and that Manager Evans gave a thorough presentation on the Otter Falls Park. He also stated that he talked with Council Members Ehmig and Hooper, that they had seen the plan and the minutes of the Public Meeting, a summary of the project, and potential expenses, and that they fully support the project even though they could not attend the Town Council meeting.

After brief discussion, Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve the Otter Falls trail and improvement plan presented in the public meeting and contained in the Town Council packet, and to have Manager Evans complete the application process for the PARTF grant. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve a limit on the PARTF grant application of up to \$45,000.00. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members voted and agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

**ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND NC PARTF BASIC FACTS AND ASSURANCES**

Mayor Fontaine read the Resolution in Support of Trail Development to the meeting audience. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert suggested that the last sentence of the Resolution be changed to read "...The Seven Devils Town Council firmly resolves to further develop the Otter Falls Park when sufficient funds are available to continue development..." The Council agreed on the change.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve and adopt the NC PARTF Basic Facts and Assurances for PARTF application and the Resolution in Support of Trail Development and Other Improvements at the Otter Falls Town Park with one revision. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

## Otter Falls Park

### Estimated Expenses for Trail and Park Development

Lower Creek Trail	\$17,110
Cliff Overlook Trail	\$4,080
Grandfather View Trail	\$3,594
Paving the Parking Lot	\$6,560
Safety Railing (in specific locations)	\$4,000
Signage on trails	\$2,500
Total	\$37,844

<b>N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)</b> <b>2014-15 Basic Facts and Assurances</b>	
<b>Local Government Name:</b> <i>Town of Seven Devils</i>	<b>County:</b> <i>Watauga</i>
<b>Federal Employer I.D. Number:</b> 56-	
<b>Local Government's Contact Person for the Grant:</b> Name: Mr./Ms. <i>Ed Evans</i> Title: <i>Town Manager</i> Organization: <i>Town of Seven Devils</i> Address: <i>1356 Seven Devils Road</i> City/State/Zip: <i>Seven Devils, N.C. 28604</i> Telephone: <i>828-963-5343</i> E-mail: <i>townmanager@sevendevils.net</i>	<b>Local Government Manager:</b> Name: Mr./Ms. <i>Ed Evans</i> Title: <i>Town Manager</i> Address: <i>1356 Seven Devils Road</i> City/State/Zip: <i>Seven Devils, NC 28604</i> Telephone: <i>828 963-5343</i> E-mail: <i>townmanager@sevendevils.net</i>
<b>Chief Elected Official:</b> Name: Mr./Ms. <i>Larry Fontaine</i> Title: <i>Mayor</i> Address: <i>1356 Seven Devils Road</i> City/State/Zip: <i>Seven Devils, N.C. 28604</i>	<b>Type of project:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition and Development
<b>Site Control:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned by local government <input type="checkbox"/> Owned by school board <input type="checkbox"/> Leased by applicant for 25 years or more <input type="checkbox"/> Easement	<b>Costs rounded to nearest dollar:</b> PARTF funds requested: \$ _____ .00 Local government's matching funds: \$ _____ .00 Total cost of project \$ _____ .00
<b>Recreation Resources Service (RRS) regional consultant:</b>	
<b>Short title of project:</b> <i>Otter Falls Park Project</i>	
<b>Provide a brief description of the project:</b> <i>Trail development and paving new parking lot, signage, safety handrails</i>	
<b>Approval by local governing board:</b> (The local governing board must approve this certification.) I hereby certify the information contained in the attached application is true and correct and the required dollar-for-dollar matching funds will be available during the project period.	
Date Adopted: <u><i>Jan 13, 2015</i></u>	
Chief Elected Official: _____ (Signature)	<u><i>Larry Fontaine, Mayor</i></u> (Print or Type Name and Title)
<small>(For applications sponsored by two or more local governments, or a local government and school administrative unit, one copy of this form must be completed and signed by each applicant. One of the local governments must be identified as the primary sponsor in the "Applicant" section at the top of this page.)</small>	



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE OTTER FALLS TOWN PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Seven Devils acquired the 9.78 acre Otter Falls Property on December 31, 2013 with help from NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and *The Conservation Fund*, and considerable financial support from Seven Devils citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this acquisition represents the only large parcel track owned by and available to the Town of Seven Devils that can be utilized as a public park, and has been dedicated to recreational hiking and nature-friendly activities, and:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Seven Devils has allocated considerable financial resources to the initial preparation and development of the tract for use by citizens by building a parking lot and a paved driveway to access the property, building hiking trails, and fencing the parking area for safety and visual appeal; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Town of Seven Devils have invested considerable time and labor into building trails on the property; and

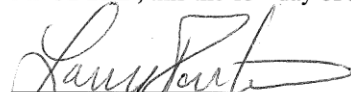
**WHEREAS**, the historical significance of the land containing Otter Falls includes use by Native Americans and part of the track bed for the original Tweetsie Railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens and neighbors of the Town of Seven Devils have shown their support for the Otter Falls Park with participation in an advertised public meeting, letters of support and cash donations, and continue to support the continued development of trails and other improvements to make it a beautiful and usable Town park;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Seven Devils Town Council firmly resolves to further develop the Otter Falls Park when sufficient funds are available to continue development.

**ADOPTED**, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor

  
Sara Miller, Town Clerk

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Recreation Commission**

**ABC Board**

**Public Safety Department**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**—Member Ehlinger stated that Fire Chief Powell had applied for a grant to help the Town acquire a RTV in the future. The Council thought this was a great idea.

**Financial Report**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mike Tarlton, 236 Edgecliff Lane, stood and gave a brief ABC Board update. He stated that the Board had met on January 8, 2015, and that sales were up significantly in the month of December compared to the previous year.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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Larry Fontaine, Mayor

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Sara Miller, Town Clerk