

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

March 8, 2016

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Hooper and David Ehmig. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:35PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that New Business Item B, *Possible High Country Realtor Open House Discussion* could be done at the upcoming Town Council Retreat. Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, with New Business Item B removed. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—February 11, 2016

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kay Lambert, 430 Wildcat Rocks Rd., reminded everyone that SafetyFest would be held on Saturday, July 2, 2016—save the date!

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Fontaine gave a brief update on his initial talk with Skyline regarding the building at 157 Seven Devils Rd. He stated that he and Manager Powers have a meeting with Kim Shephard from Skyline on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 to tour the building and discuss the possible acquisition.

Manager Powers gave a summary of the administrative update. She stated that Town Hall would be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 for the Easter holiday. She also reminded everyone that the Town Council Retreat would be on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 10:00AM until 3:00PM at the Grandfather/Foscoe Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

TREE CITY USA & FIREWISE PROGRAMS— Manager Powers gave a brief introduction of both the Tree City USA and Firewise programs, stating that they would be a great benefit to the Town. Both programs would have requirements to fulfill which Manager Powers would handle, along with Fire Chief Bobby Powell for the Firewise program. Member Ehlinger asked if the Tree Board or Committee for the Tree City USA program would have the ability to enforce any Town Ordinances and would they do so on privately owned trees. Manager Powers stated that this program would only be used for public trees on Town owned property, and that she would still be the ordinance enforcer. She explained that the Tree Board or Committee would be more of an informational board. The Council agreed that both programs would be assets to the Town. No action was taken. **~CLOSED~**

RECOMMENDATION & APPROVAL OF TINA BAILEY AND JACK BYRNES AS NEW MEMBERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE/TINA BAILEY AS NEW RED CROSS SHELTER CHAIRPERSON

Mayor Fontaine stated that the Council needed to approve the recommendation by the Public Safety Committee for Tina Bailey and Jack Byrnes to be members of the Committee, and for Tina Bailey to be the new Red Cross Shelter Chairperson. Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve the recommendation. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No meeting

Public Works—No meeting

Public Safety Committee

Recreation Commission—No meeting

TDA

ABC Board

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that there would be a Public Works meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 10:00AM.

Member Hooper stated that at the Asheville training in February it was suggested to Council members to take on a project to better their Towns. After reading about the idea in a municipal magazine, Member Hooper wanted to have the Council's blessing to research more information about providing free WiFi for the Town. The Council agreed that it would be an asset to the Town. Member Hooper stated he would do more research and report back.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to recess to the Town Council Retreat on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 10:00AM. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 6:00PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Sara Miller, Town Clerk