

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 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 #638660677 and In-Person at Town Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Members Wayne Bonomo. Member Jeffrey Williams attended remotely, with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also, present In-Person - Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp. Leigh Sasse attended remotely, with visible video display. Town Attorney Rob Angle was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave Invocation for the Council Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to Leigh Sasse by Town Clerk Gropp.

ROLL CALL

Each Member of the Town Council stated their name and announced their presence for the Roll Call.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adopt minutes of the Town Council Workshop – April 29,2020

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS- NONE

No citizens comments were emailed to the Town Clerk; No citizens comments In-person at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.
- Blue Ridge Energy has been cutting tree branches on the ROW easements in the Town.
- The flagpole at OTH has been repaired with new USA & NC flags displayed.
- Boone Chamber will host a County Manager’s meeting about Reopen Boone – May 13th @ 6pm
- App Health District will have an update meeting for Watauga County – May 15th @ 10am

Other updates included a recap of history on the COVID19 meetings, updates, and best practices for Town Staff & Citizens. New Town Hall & OTH remained closed to the general public, however the Town has continued to operate normal business hours without disruption for Citizens. NCLM has provided legislative updates, with templates for contacting Representatives & Senators.

Additional updates were given on: Tree Permits, Projects, Fence Permits, Complaints, Violation Letters, Stop Work Orders, Real Estate Closings

OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget Workshop Dates - Review

Wednesday, May 27th 10:00am – Noon - CONFIRMED to occur – Details to be posted

Wednesday, June 3rd 10:00am – Noon - IF NEEDED

B. Public Hearing – Budget FY21 – June 8, 2020 at 10:00am – Notice will be posted

C. Adoption of Budget Ordinance FY21 – to be adopted on June 9, 2020 at 5:30pm – Town Council Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Update of SOE

Manager Powers provided info on the current status of the State of Emergency for NC, Watauga & Avery County, as the effects for the Town. With the everchanging circumstances, the Town Website – ALERTS button provide links with the most updated details. ~OPEN~

B. Title VI Nondiscrimination

(i) Due to lack of official policy by the Town, as discovered recently by NCDOT, Needed item of business.

(ii) Resolution #2020-03



RESOLUTION #2020-03

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TITLE VI POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND IN ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, In 1964, Congress enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which included that section labeled Title VI which prohibits discrimination in any activity which is financed by federal funds or receives federal financial assistance; and

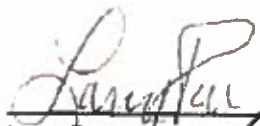
WHEREAS, since the adoption of Title VI, additional federal regulations and court decisions have further refined the definition of "federal financial assistance" and what entities are affected and controlled by Title VI; and

WHEREAS, a policy and procedure for reporting violations will provide guidelines for the Town, Town Departments and private persons and companies doing business with the Town and receiving federal financial assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Seven Devils, that the attached "Title VI Policy" is hereby adopted as the official policy of the Town of Seven Devils for applying, reporting and enforcing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager is authorized to approve this policy on an annual basis if no changes are made to it.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2020.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Attest:




Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve Resolution#2020-03; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. The members agreed. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

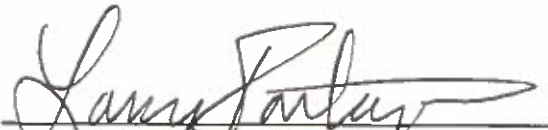
- Board of Adjustment** – No meeting
- Planning Board** – No meeting
- Public Works** – No meeting
- Public Safety Committee**
- Parks & Recreation Committee** – March minutes
- TDA** – No meeting
- ABC Board** – March & April minutes
- Tree Committee** – No meeting
- Public Safety Department**
 - Police Report
 - Fire Report
- Financial Reports**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made two comments. He is thankful the flagpole has been repaired and the US Flag & NC State Flag are now displayed again at OTH. Additionally, thank you to the staff involved with the installation of the Lazarus box at New Town Hall.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

