

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS**  
**TOWN COUNCIL – PUBLIC HEARING – UDO Transition 160A to 160D**  
**March, March 8, 2021**  
**1:00pm**

The Seven Devils Town Council held a Public Hearing with the format of this meeting being dual Electronic – Go To Meeting #842515309 and In-Person at Town Hall on Monday, March 8, 2021. Attendance In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert & Member Wayne Bonomo. Members Jeffrey Williams & Leigh Sasse attended remotely with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also, present In-Person were Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Fontaine explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment about changes to the UDO 160A to 160D as required the state.

Member Williams made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

**TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS/PRESENTATION**

Town Manager/Zoning Administrator Powers explained this change for 160A to 160D is required by the State of NC by July 1, 2021. With the Town already having a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) – Adopted October 8, 2012, many of the changes were technical terminology, with some additions mandated. The Planning Board met, reviewed and recommends this to be adopted by Town Council.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Fontaine explained if any citizens would like to comment at the Public Hearing, they will need to sign up and comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Town Clerk controls the timer. Mayor Fontaine stated that since the Public Hearing is occurring during a State of Emergency, due to COVID19 and being attended remotely by some Town Council members, that citizens will be able to email comment to the Town Clerk for 24 hours following the recess of today's Public Hearing. Any emailed comments will be provided to Town Council prior to the adoption of the UDO 160D. Town Clerk Gropp noted Public Hearing was published in the Watauga Democrat on February 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – No citizens signed up to comment.**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Member Sasse made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Member Williams seconded the motion. All members agreed. The Public Hearing closed at 1:11pm.

**RECESS**

Member Bonomo made a motion to recess; Member Sasse seconded the motion. All members agreed. Town Council recessed at 1:11pm, until Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30pm.

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 5:30pm**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**In-Person at Town Hall &**  
**Electronic – Go To Meeting #864139605**

In-Person included Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert & Member Wayne Bonomo. Members Jeffrey Williams & Leigh Sasse attended remotely with visible video display. A quorum was met. Also, present, In-Person were Town Manager Debbie Powers, Town Attorney Rob Angle; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for the Council meeting. Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER FROM RECESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made the motion to end the Recess at 5:34pm; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

Mayor Fontaine amended the agenda, reversing Items 8) Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance and 9) Call to Order from Recess. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adopt the amended agenda; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Adopt minutes of Town Council - February 9, 2021**

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS/EMAILED COMMENTS – NONE – No emailed comments**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Police Oath** – The Police Oath of Office was administered to new officer, Racion Rouse.

*\*Clerk's Note, this was a ceremonial oath, as official oath was performed in Town Hall at earlier date. ~CLOSED~*

**B. Adopt Budget Calendar** – Town Council discussed & agreed upon dates for FY22 Budget Workshops. Clerk will amend the Town meeting schedule and post. **~NO ACTION TAKEN~**

**C. UDO Changes as required by NCGS 160A to 160D** – The UDO updates were reviewed and are recommended by the Planning Board. Public Hearing occurred on Monday, March 8, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adopt the Town of Seven Devils UDO 160D; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. **~CLOSED~**

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Town Manager Powers provided the following update:

- TDA has secured a contract to purchase 2.5 acres adjacent to the New Town Hall property. Purchase price is \$70,000 and will be donated to the Town for future zoning as a park.
- A Dodge Durango has been ordered for the Police Department. Estimated delivery 8-12 weeks.
- Tree City USA annual recertification has been completed by Parks & Rec Tech.
- COVID19 – Updates, SOE, etc.
- Zoning Office Updates
  - New Construction meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup> – Overcash – Lot 3, Skiview
  - Inquiry-New Construction – Casalino – Lots 69,70,71, Chestnut Ridge Trail
  - Inquiry-New Construction - Haigh – Lot 13, Grandview Drive
  - Inquiry-New Construction – Pittman – Lot 43, Windy Knob Trail
- New Town Hall update – Town Engineer submitted application for Soil & Erosion permit from the State of NC on February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Turn clocks ahead this weekend – Spring is coming

Tree Permits – 1  
Complaints – 7+  
Real Estate Closings - 3

Projects – 1  
Violations – 1 Warning  
& 1 Ticket

Fence Permits – 1  
STOP WORK ORDERS -1

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

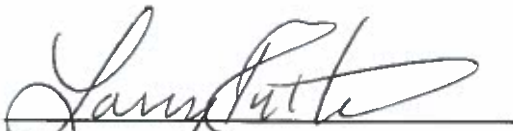
- Board of Adjustment - No meeting
- Planning Board - No meeting
- Public Works Committee - No meeting
- Public Safety Committee - No meeting
- Parks & Recreation Committee - February minutes
- TDA - February minutes
- ABC Board - January minutes
- Tree Committee - No meeting
- Public Safety Department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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert offered his praise of the outstanding job that Jewel McKinney, Parks & Rec Tech has done. She has accomplished many tasks & projects of great responsibility, and is an asset to the Town.

**ADIURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bonomo seconded the motion. All members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor

  
Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

