

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

**July 8, 2014**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 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 Ed Evans. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Fontaine stated that Agenda Item VI Presentation—Resolution of Appreciation for Lois Dodson, would need to be moved to the August Town Council meeting. Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the amended Agenda. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adopt minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting—June 10, 2014**

**Approve Resolution of Appreciation for Lois Dodson**



Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Kay Lambert, 430 Wildcat Rocks**, stated that SafetyFest was a great success the previous Saturday. She also wanted to thank all volunteers and employees for the hard work they put into making it a special day.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR**—Town Manager Evans stated that the ABC Board would meet on July 10, at 4:00PM. Mayor Fontaine asked Manager Evans for an electronic sign update regarding the complaints that have been voiced. Manager Evans told the Council that the solution to turn the sign off during the night seemed to have satisfied the residents that complained, and the residents have already thanked the Town for finding this solution.

Manager Evans gave special thanks to all of the Seven Devils Volunteer Fireman, as a special thank-you note had been given to the Town for the great work by several of the volunteers. He stated that the note and a list of all the Volunteer Fireman could be found in the Summer Echo, available at Town Hall.

Member Ehmig wished to mention that Volunteer Fireman Tom Bookstaver did an outstanding job at SafetyFest talking to and working with children and their families, explaining how the fire equipment worked. Manager Evans expressed his appreciation to Volunteer Fireman Bookstaver for working with the families and explaining how the fire trucks and equipment operated.

**OLD BUSINESS**

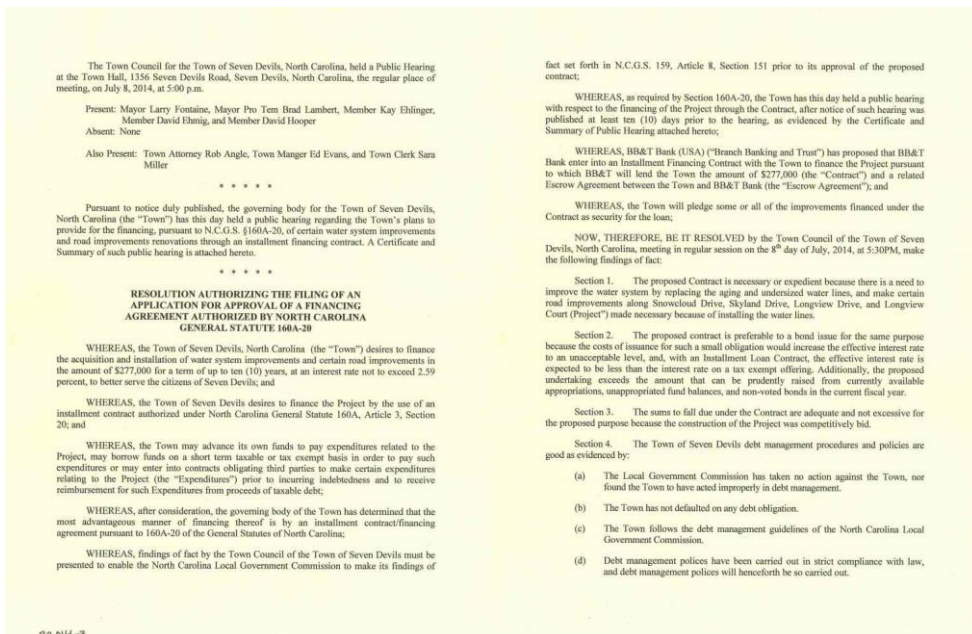
**APPROVE UDO CHANGES TO BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND BUILDING HEIGHT**—After brief discussion, Member Hooper made a motion to approve the UDO changes to building setback requirements and building height. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

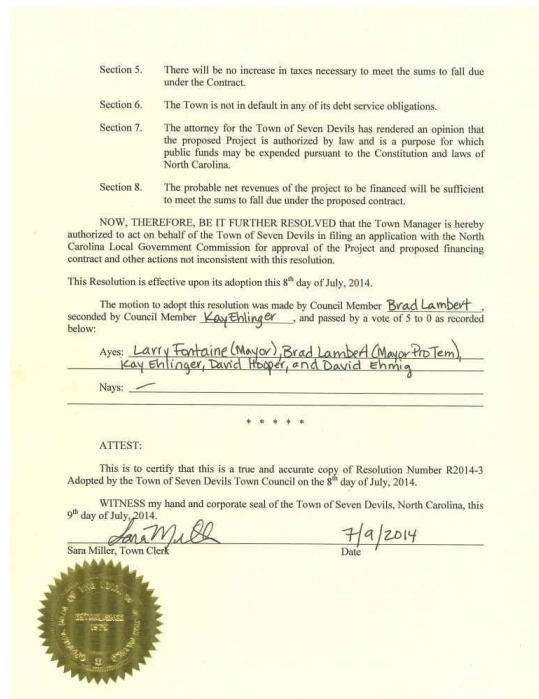
**PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION—ROAD ANALYSIS**—Mayor Fontaine stated that this issue was to be tabled until the August Town Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that the Public Works committee would be meeting this month to discuss this issue. No action was taken. ~OPEN~

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF—WATER BILL—BOB GROSBY**—Larry Fontaine stated that Mr. Bob Grosby was present at the meeting to approach the Council about relief on his previous high water bill. Mr. Grosby proceeded to request relief on his water account, for a bill that was for approximately \$1,179.00, due to high water usage. He asked that the Council remember his part in obtaining the Town tennis courts, and that he understood there was no verified leak, but a mistake made. After discussion, Mayor Fontaine called for a vote by the Council, on whether or not to reduce Mr. Grosby’s bill according to the verified leak requirements in the Water Use Ordinance. There were 2 Ayes (Mayor Fontaine and Member Ehlinger) and 3 Nays (Mayor Pro Tem Lambert, Member Hooper, and Member Ehmig). Relief was not granted to Mr. Grosby. No action was taken. ~CLOSED~

**APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT—STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**—Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement with the State of North Carolina Department of State Treasurer State and Local Government Finance Division and the Local Government Commission. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~





**APPROVE RESOLUTION OF FINANCING TERMS WITH BB&T FOR SNOWCLOUD WATER LINE AND ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT**—Member Ehmig made a motion to approve the Resolution of Financing terms with BB&T for the Snowcloud water line and road resurfacing project. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~



**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Planning Board—No meeting
- Public Works
- Public Safety Committee
- Recreation
- TDA

**ABC Board**—ABC Member Mike Tarlton gave an update from the ABC Board. He stated that there would be a regular meeting on Thursday, July 10. He asked the Council if they had received a copy of the final approved ABC Budget, and if they had not, he would make sure they received one. He stated that the ABC Board is working to get the ABC Store onto a more internet/online based system, to improve efficiency. He also wished to inform the Council of a State Bill that has potential to be passed that could negatively impact Towns and Counties. The bill would allow distilleries to bypass the ABC System. He would keep the Council updated as to the outcome in the future.

**Public Safety Department  
Police Report  
Fire Report  
Financial Report**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Member Ehlinger thanked everyone that volunteered their time to work hard at SafetyFest, stating “it was a great success.”

Member Ehmig issued special thanks to Brad and Kay Lambert for all of their hard work before, during, and after Safetyfest.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that he wanted to make sure residents knew that even though surrounding Towns had raised their property tax rates, the Town of Seven Devils remained the same.

Mayor Fontaine stated that he and Member Ehmig would be attending the Intergovernmental Retreat on July 29, 2014 to be held at ASU, which contained discussion topics such as the Dispatch system issues between Boone and Blowing Rock and the Sales Tax Distribution. He also thanked everyone that worked hard to make SafetyFest a great success.

**ADJOURN**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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Larry Fontaine, Mayor

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Sara Miller, Town Clerk