

**TOWN OF SEVEL DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION  
August 9, 2010**

The Town of Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2010, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Dodson, Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Copley, and Council Members Richard DeMott, Kay Ehlinger, and David Ehmig. Also in attendance were Town Manager Ed Evans, Town Attorney Rob Angle, and Lois Evans, who recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was amended under Old Business to include the topic of an emergency shelter at Seven Devils. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Member DeMott, seconded by Member Ehlinger and approved unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

The following changes were recommended for the July 12, 2010 minutes:

On page 2, last paragraph before Old Business, change the wording from "...for the TDA to address the Rules & Procedures of their committee" to "to describe TDA marketing strategies."

On page 2, under "Proposed Changes to Water Use Ordinance," change the sentence "Currently private well users are allowed to pay a minimum of \$15/month" to remove the words "are allowed to."

On page 3, under "Public Works," change the wording of the last sentence to read..."would repay the road portion from project operating funds, and the water portion would be paid from water funds on two separate loans."

A motion to approve the recommended changes to the July 12, 2010 minutes was made by Member DeMott, seconded by Member Ehlinger, and approved unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

There were no additional updates. Mayor Pro Tem Copley expressed appreciation to the TDA for funds they provided for right-of-way clearing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Prioritization of Town Council Retreat Goals.** Town Manager Evans indicated that items 1 and 2 need to be reversed for priority order. In reference to item 3, he stated that 12 problematic spots were identified and that these areas will be inspected monthly. **CLOSED**

**B. Appointment – George Ehlinger to Public Works Committee.** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Copley to make this appointment. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott and approved unanimously. **CLOSED**

**C. Emergency Shelter.** George Ehlinger stated that he has secured 24 volunteers for a shelter and that training will be conducted at a later date. Approval is needed from the Town Council to use Town Hall as an emergency shelter. A motion to approve Mr. Ehlinger's request was made by Mayor Dodson, seconded by Member Ehmig and approved unanimously. **CLOSED**

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. Recognition of David Hooper's service on Planning Board.** Mayor Dodson presented David Hooper with a plaque from the Town expressing appreciation for Mr. Hooper's six years of dedicated service on the Planning Board. **CLOSED**

**B. Report/Discussion – Tourism Development Authority.** Mayor Dodson asked for clarification regarding marketing. Bill Wilkinson stated that it has been the policy of the Seven Devils TDA to allow larger TDAs to get people to the area through paid media and for the Town to utilize advertising in local newspapers. Mayor Dodson stated that the Recreation Commission minutes noted a need for guidance from the Town Council as to the future of the Recreation Commission (i.e., possibly merging with the TDA). In addition, they have expressed a need for funding. Mr. Wilkinson said that he will meet with the other members of the TDA to discuss these issues. Town Manager Evans stated that the TDA has done a good job. **CLOSED**

**C. Resolution supporting Lyme Disease Awareness.** A motion to approve the resolution was made by Member DeMott, seconded by Member Ehmig, and approved unanimously. The Town Manager will note the resolution on the Seven Devils web site and include links to information about Lyme Disease. **CLOSED**

**D. Discussion and consideration of Ethics Policy Draft for the Town Council.** Mayor Dodson noted that an ethics policy is required by State statute. He asked if the Council would prefer to discuss the draft policy now or later. Members were in agreement to schedule a workshop on August 23 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the policy. **OPEN**

**E. Surplus property request – Ford Explorer vehicle.** Town Manager Evans stated that this is the oldest of the police vehicles and that it is experiencing mechanical failures. He recommended listing the vehicle on govdeals.com. A motion to approve was made by Member DeMott, seconded by Member Ehlinger, and approved unanimously. Mr. Evans stated that the new police car has arrived. **CLOSED**

**F. Report from Keith Seramur, Seven Devils Road.** The Mayor stated that Mr. Seramur could not be present but that he sent a letter proposing a survey of problematic steep areas along Seven Devils Road for the sum of \$843. Mayor Dodson asked what the Town would do with the report, and Town Manager Evans stated that it would be sent to the State for a decision. Mayor Dodson suggested going to the State first for an evaluation of the areas. Member DeMott made a motion that the letter from Keith Seramur be noted but that the Town follow up with the State before making a decision on Mr. Seramur's request. The motion was seconded by Member Ehlinger and approved unanimously. **OPEN**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Planning Board

**B. Public Works.** Member Ehmig noted that the committee has recommended that membership be limited to seven members, including no more than two Town Council members. The Council was in agreement to discuss this topic at the August 23 retreat and to take action at the next Town Council meeting.

**C. Public Safety Committee.** Brad Lambert noted that some members are not present year-round.

**D. Recreation Commission.** There was discussion about financial needs, matching funds, and possible fundraisers for the Commission. This topic will be added to the agenda for the August 23 retreat.

### E. ABC Board

### F. TDA

### G. Public Safety – Police and Fire reports

**H. Financial Report.** Mayor Pro Tem Copley noted that "100%" needs to be removed under "Monthly Finance Report." A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Mayor Dodson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Copley and approved unanimously.

**TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Copley asked about the application deadline for the Board of Adjustments. It was noted that the deadline is September 14 and that the same deadline will apply to the Planning Board. Town Manager Evans will put the deadline on the web site. Mayor Pro Tem Copley asked about the updated vehicle inventory mentioned in the July minutes. Mr. Evans stated that he was not aware of an inventory.

**ADJOURN**

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Dodson made a motion that the Council recess until August 23 at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott and approved unanimously.

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Bob Dodson, Mayor

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Lois Evans, representing Town Clerk