

Seven Devils Town Forum Tame

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Town Council Candidates found little to disagree about at last night's Meet the Candidates Forum in Seven Devils.

The majority of the questions were handled with poised political correctness. Candidates have had the questions for about two weeks, and their preparedness showed. While questions from the audience were allowed at the end of the forum, only four were selected.

Each candidate named the town's water issue as a top priority. Candidates like incumbent Kathy Copley added storm water to the list, while newcomer Butch McLean added improving fire insurance rates.

Candidates were asked if there would be a reason to raise taxes.

Copley could not immediately anticipate one.

DeMott said only in an emergency.

Those who wanted opinions on the golf course dilemma, however, were disappointed. While two questions touched on the subject, all candidates said they would like to reach a compromise. Candidates, that is, with the exception of David Ehmig.

He said the town has never owned a golf course, nor will it ever own a golf course.

Incumbent Bill Wilkinson did promise to oppose eminent domain action on the former golf course.

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One face was missing last night: that of Vance Duggan, who boycotted due to what he felt were biased questions.

Put on by the Seven Devils Voter Information Group, the forum attracted a full house to town hall. Seven Devils residents told us they left feeling like they could make an informed choice this November 6.

Candidates include incumbents Kathy Copley, Bill Wilkinson and Richard DeMott, as well as newcomers Vance Duggan, David Ehmig and Butch McLean.

One stop voting actually began yesterday. For more information, contact the Watauga County Board of Elections at 828-265-8061.