

Seven Devils to go forward with lease plan

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Seven Devils met with the Cottom family, owners of the former golf course, and community members today to discuss the possibility of leasing part of the ski property during the summer months for a golf course.

When addressing the Council, Lenny Cottom had a few requests of his own. He wants to jumpstart expansion on his ski slope- but there is debate as to whether or not he needs a special use permit to move the snow tubing slope. It is Cottom's hope that his cooperation with their golf course project might help speed the process along.

Town attorney Rob Angle was not present at the meeting, and council members felt uncomfortable agreeing to the plan without his legal advice. The main problem foreseen in the plan to lease the golf course lies in proposed parking for the new snow tube slope. Cottom wants to put gravel parking in hole number five. Early projections show this may mean the hole must change to a par 3, making it a par 70 course. While members of the group to save the golf course were not happy at the change, they acknowledged that if the plan is to go forward, it might not be the last hole that will differ from the original course. While lease terms were casually discussed, Cottom warned renovation and upkeep costs may make his estimated \$100,000 a year lease charge a paltry sum by comparison. Discussion will resume Monday at 10 a.m.