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## TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS

TOWN COUNCIL  
MAYOR - *Larry Fontaine*  
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*Jonathan Green*

March 17, 2025

North Carolina League of Municipalities  
434 Fayetteville Street  
Suite 1900  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Subject: Nomination for North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee:

My name is Larry Fontaine, and I have been the Mayor and Town Council member for the Town of Seven Devils for the past 12 years. During that time, I have served on the Executive Board for the High Country Council of Government. (COG). This is where I was introduced to Shane Fox as he was hired as Finance Director in 2015. In a very short time, he made the necessary changes to simplify and produce an accurately audited budget and monthly reports. Upon the retirement of our existing Executive Director, I was asked to work on a small team to hire a replacement. After reviewing a number of applicants, it became obvious to me and the others that the person we needed was in-house and could perform both job functions with the aid of another finance clerk. This decision was based upon his previous management experience and his thorough knowledge of our budget and financial position. It also reduced salary expenses for the two positions by \$150,000.

In a very short time Mr. Fox was totally engaged in fulfilling not only the Finance and Executive Director's responsibilities but also H/R duties. He became active with the upper COG executives in Raleigh at the State level, helping to introduce the importance of the COGs in the Western part of the state.

In my opinion he would be an outstanding nominee for the League's Board of Directors. I have followed his career with the Town of Blowing Rock, been in several Mayor/Manager meetings with him and have seen the important changes and forward thinking he has brought to the Town.

I am available for contact to discuss his qualifications further or answer any questions you may have about Shane. My cell is 337-258-1310.

Sincerely,

Larry Fontaine  
Mayor  
The Town of Seven Devils