

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION

April 1, 2024

Draft Minutes

7:00 PM

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Members present:

Chris Hadik, Chair
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer
Kristina Snyder
Kathy Dircks, Vice Chair
Darrell Quinn, Alternate
John Dalrymple, Alternate

Members absent:

Steven O. Landau, Selectboard Liaison
Sandy Wright

Guests:

Mr. Dircks
PACT

1. Open Meeting – New Business

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

a. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Neff Ragsdale reported \$53.23 in expenses for the month of March, which includes \$37.02 in electricity expense for the caretaker's cottage and \$16.21 for bathhouse electricity. This leaves \$1,973.40 (75%) available in the budget.

Mr. Quinn moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Dircks seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Snyder moved to approve the March 4, 2024; minutes as written. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Helicopter Landing at WP

Mr. Hadik reported that he had no further news regarding this request and that the requestor had been advised to attend this meeting, if he wanted to go forward in April.

2. Selectboard's Liaison Update

Selectman Landau was not present to provide an update.

50 **3. Recreation Commission Update**

52 **a. Fields**

54 Ms. Dircks reported that there have been several usage requests put in for the field for both baseball and softball. There was discussion regarding the condition of the field and how wet it currently is.

56 **4. Conservation Commission**

58 **a. Update**

60 Ms. Snyder reported that the Conservation Commission is hosting a forum on April 2nd in the Selectmen's meeting room to inform the public regarding the upcoming town-wide natural resources survey that has been contracted. This survey will include the Wason Pond area and Town-owned property as well as private lands, with the owners' permission.

62 There will be a nature walk on April 22nd from 10:00 until noon at Wason Pond similar to the one held at Spring Hill Farm during Winterfest back in February.

66 **b. Ash Street bridge funding**

68 Ms. Snyder reported that the Conservation Commission formally voted at their last meeting to approve paying for the half of the cost of the Ash Street bridge replacement not covered by the grant, up to \$180,000.00, out of their funds.

70 **5. Ranger John Wright**

72 Ranger Wright was not present.

74 **6. Master Plan - Projects**

76 Chair Hadik said the pavilion project is still on hold.

78 **7. Miscellaneous - Old Business**

80 **a. Selective Cut - Maintenance**

82 Mr. Dalrymple reported that the trees identified as safety issues have been removed.

84 **8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, May 6, 2024)**

86 *Mr. Quinn moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

88 The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary