

**Town of Chester  
Wason Pond Commission Meeting  
Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Recreation Office  
Approved Minutes**

**I. Call to Order – Open Meeting**

Mr. Hadik called this meeting of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission to order at 7:12pm.

Members Present:

Chris Hadik, Member at Large  
Chuck Myette, Acting Chair; Treasurer / Conservation Commission (arrived 7:23pm)  
Darrell Quinn, Alternate  
Corinna Reishus, Recreation Commission  
Herb Rowell, Alternate / Chester Seniors

Members Absent:

Patrick Connelly  
Tom Edwards, Member at Large  
Kevin Kistler, Recreation Commission  
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Others Present:

John Dalrymple

**II. Treasurer’s Report**

A negative balance of \$2,406 remains in the budget: no monies have been spent from the preexisting balance of \$954.00, aside from the Security Expense from last Summer.

**Ms. Reishus moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Mr. Quinn seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor with Messrs. Connelly, Edwards, Kistler and Landau absent; so moved.**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

Regarding line 69, Ms. Reishus added that an average pond depth of 6 feet was used to calculate the 30 million gallon volume of the Pond. Ms. Reishus also noted that line 113 should indicate “no additional tax cost.”

**Mr. Hadik moved to accept the minutes as amended; Ms. Reishus seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Messrs. Connelly, Edwards, Kistler and Landau absent, and with Mr. Hadik abstaining due to absence; so moved.**

**IV. Recreation Commission**

*4.1 Irrigation*

The Commission discussed whether a gas- or electric-powered irrigation unit would be most suitable and cost-effective. Product summaries were reviewed in detail and a short video of basic model operation was viewed. Factors weighed heavily in favor of the gas-powered unit:

- Cost of \$15k for gas, \$20k for electric
- Electric requires long cords & installation of panel – more expensive, less portable
- Gas can run for approximately 11 hours on one tank of fuel

The Micro Rain traveling sprinkler model in consideration weighs about 800 pounds; Mr. Myette felt it would be most important to ensure that proper means of moving be determined to prevent injury. Mr. Dalrymple mentioned that the Zero-Turn mower currently in use by Maintenance is equipped with a hitch and could adequately pull this sprinkler; a pickup truck could be used as well. It was therefore agreed that no additional motorized vehicles (i.e. tractors) need be obtained for the operation of the sprinkler.

Sprinkler storage was discussed and it was agreed that in the off-season it would need to be securely stored. Whether it should be placed behind closed doors or simply chained up any time it is not in use will be determined. The workshop adjoining the Barn was suggested for storage but it was thought that it would not fit. Perhaps the old store (once the defunct fridges are removed) or another Town building may house the unit.

**Mr. Hadik made a motion to move forward with the gas-powered unit because of cost and portability.**

It was felt that additional hose and/or pump provisions may be required to compensate for distance and gravity relative to watering performance. It was noted that the unit may provide anywhere from 45-125 PSI; and 115 PSI would result at 50 GPM. A 9 HP gas-powered water supply pump is available for \$3,080. ~550 feet is the greatest distance from the Pond to be watered, therefore two hoses would be needed. Basically, suction and pump lines should be as short as possible for best performance, and fire hose could be used to supplement. Mr. Quinn has also suggested a floating dock strainer be placed in the Upper part of the Pond for silt filtration.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, The Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with purchase of the irrigation unit; the \$15k impact fee has already been released.

**The question was called; the vote was five in favor with Messrs. Connelly, Edwards, Kistler, and Landau absent, so moved.**

Mr. Dalrymple will meet with Ms. Reishus once the particulars are finalized so that Ms. Reishus may proceed with purchasing the unit, which should take about 10 days to arrive.

#### *4.2 Baseball and Softball Fields*

Ms. Reishus mentioned that the Chester Baseball and Softball Association were in the process of obtaining quotes for placement of fencing. The Association is funding the majority of the project, and Recreation will be contributing for some materials.

Mr. Dalrymple brought in an example of the Notice posted by TruGreen upon application of chemicals to the Fields. The Notice is bright yellow and indicates what has been used on the fields for each application. Resources and telephone numbers are provided for interested parties to obtain more information. The Notice is required to remain posted for 48 hours following each treatment. Ms.

Reishus noted that TruGreen is now aware that they must contact her regarding all treatments to coordinate with activities on the fields.

## **V. Conservation Commission**

Mr. Myette explained that Bryan Sullivan examined active beaver huts on the Pond and recommended trapping the beavers and removing the huts prior to May. The proper license and permit have been obtained, and Mr. Sullivan's plan has been approved by NH Fish & Game. Mr. Sullivan will notify Chester PD when he proceeds; traps will be placed in the PM and will be removed early in the AM.

## **VI. Miscellaneous**

- Ms. Reishus recently participated in a Playground Safety Webinar hosted by Primex; she and Mr. Amato of Maintenance will coordinate to discuss repair of the fence around the playground which has been damaged. It is believed that individuals climbing over the fence, as well as snow plowing, had caused the damage
- Ms. Reishus mentioned that both Spring 5k events previously scheduled at Wason Pond had been cancelled by the hosting organizations, respectively
- The Annual Kids Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & a wedding is scheduled to take place at the Covered Bridge this Fall
- Ms. Reishus will speak with Police Chief Berube to determine the status of Security needs for the Summer
- Mr. Myette invited anyone with photos of Wason Pond scenery or activities to share them with him for the Annual Report
- Mr. Myette will confirm the status of Barn Roof repair with the BOS; if there is no funding this year, alternatives (i.e. fundraisers) will be explored. Mr. Dalrymple will see if the Barn Roof is leaking tomorrow, as heavy rain is forecasted
- A cleanup day will be scheduled once the grounds have dried up a bit
- The taps have been removed from the Maple trees by the individual who placed them there last month
- Caelan Dunwoody will need to return to the Commission with his final plans in order to move forward with his Flora and Fauna Kiosk Eagle Scout Project. Exact location and appearance of Kiosk(s) is to be confirmed
- Mr. Dalrymple observed a fallen tree leaning on the waterfall bridge; Ms. Reishus will submit a Maintenance Request for its removal

## **VII. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission will take place Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Complex.

**Mr. Rowell moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hadik seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor with Messrs. Connelly, Edwards, Kistler and Landau absent; so moved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Caroline Rose Wilson, Recording Secretary