

**Town of Chester
Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I. Preliminaries

1.1 *Call to Order*

Chair Trask called the meeting to order for the Town of Chester Recreation Commission (RC) at 7:42 PM.

1.2 *Roll Call*

RC members present:

Michelle Trask, Chair
Kevin Kistler, Vice Chairperson
Kendra Kearney
Leslie Hammond
Melinda Mafera
Maria Oakley @ 8:13 PM

RC members absent:

Jeremy Owens, BOS Liaison

Staff present:

Guests:

Chris Hadik, Chair of Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission
Chuck Myette, WPC&RC Selectman Liaison @ 8:08 PM

II. Review and Approve Minutes from July 22, 2019 meeting

The Commission reviewed the minutes from July 22, 2019.

Chair Trask motioned to accept the July 22, 2019 minutes as amended. Ms. Kearney seconded the motion. Ms. Mafera abstained. Motion approved 4-0-1.

III. Soccer

Ms. Hammond reported registrations are going well, early bird registration has ended. There may be more U-18 registrations once Pinkerton makes their cuts. Have coaches likely for U10. Background checks are on Wednesday.

Ms. Hammond reported soccer camp went great. Each kid got a t-shirt and tickets to a UNH game. UNH does a great job. Lot of positive feedback. Maybe make a morning camp with an afternoon camp for high-schoolers and unified camp between. Ms. Mafera agreed there is a lot of need for that.

IV. Baseball

4.1 Fields

Vice-Chair Kistler reported paint was working much better than chalk for the baseball lines.

V. Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission (WPC&RC)

5.1 Pavilion Project – Funding

Chair Trask reported Mrs. Reishus met with the Planning Board and they will not move forward with release of impact fees until sorted out and discussed with us. The Town Attorney noted there is no ordinance that requires consent from Recreation, but Planning Board will not move forward until there is a request from RC.

Mr. Hadik noted he thought it had to go to Warrant Article with fees not expended unless there is a town meeting approval.

Vice-Chair Kistler noted did not vote to put funds in impact fees but to do CIP. CIP funds are designated by us and go to Warrant Article, how do impact fees work into that?

Mr. Hadik noted the funds needed to be spent or revert back to who paid them. There is a six-year window on CIP projects.

Selectman Myette added this has been in the CIP for nine years. Ms. Hammond agreed it had been on the list for many years. Selectman Myette noted they only want to fund engineering so will have plans and list of material, an estimate for next year's budget. The Pavilion can't happen this year. Mr. Hadik noted he did not believe they will have the cost by this year's budget season.

Chair Trask asked if all were in favor of the pavilion? Mr. Hadik indicated yes, want to fit character of pond and be maintenance free. WPC&RC picked out a nice spot for it and plan to have its structural design match the covered bridge. Don't have a problem if pushed off until 2021-2022. Selectman Myette noted it would be a community project. Saw a lot of volunteers at the Timber Framers, lumber was taken from the site for the bridge. Need to have engineering up front and will not go stale if the project is pushed off a year. Chair Trask indicated engineering should go through CIP.

Chair Trask indicated the funds were in the five-year plan for 2020-2021. There is no reason we can't spend sooner. Not against project happening, security and parking is a concern for RC.

Selectman Myette noted security has always been a problem and has improved with having the ranger there. Need to go to A-Hadik and find out what you have for funding and when and how it gets

released. RCCD oversees all land, front of pond, back of pond, would leave buildings and footprint to Town. Property is protected for low impact. Mr. Hadik added that is why the ballfields are so limited, only certain structures and facilities are allowed. No one at RC was opposed at WPC&RC meetings so thought everything was fine. Can't tell if \$38,000 is adequate. Selectman Myette noted the bridge cost \$28,000 but did not have a foundation as the Pavilion does.

Mr. Hadik noted they can look for donations and contractors if start early enough.

Selectman Myette emphasized the importance of going to A-Hadik first and then bringing to the BOS. Chair Trask indicated she will talk to Mrs. Reishus and A-Hadik and get back to him.

Mr. Hadik indicated the engineering cost is \$4,100, maybe \$5,000 including soil samples.

Mr. Hadik recommended adding a "No-Smoking" ordinance.

Ms. Mafera motioned to approve the requested funds for this purpose from impact fees. Chair Trask seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Safety Issues

Selectman Myette reported the tent pegs needed to be pulled and the septic tank is too close to the pond and may be filled in this year.

5.3 Bathrooms

Mr. Hadik indicated putting bathrooms in the old barn instead of building new structures has been discussed. Ms. Hammond agreed the portables are expensive and would not be opposed to adding bathrooms there.

Selectman Myette indicated the 25-year plan should be shared with WPC&RC. Strategic Land Committee can help find places to put more ballfields and for other activities. RC should be part of that discussion. A new school has been discussed and it would be good to have land open to use.

The next Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission meeting is on September 3rd.

Mr. Hadik and Selectman Myette departed the meeting at 8:56 PM.

VI. Budget & CIP Process FY 2020-2021

Selectman Myette advised budget requests went out today due in October into November then to Budget Committee to prepare for March Town Meeting. Mr. Hadik noted Recreation is scheduled to meet with BOS on October 10th.

Chair Trask noted the CIP is not until January.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Trask adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Hoijer,
Recording Secretary