

**Wason Pond Conservation Commission  
December 4, 2017  
Approved Minutes**

**Attendance**

Chairman Chuck Myette  
John Dalrymple  
Leslie Hammond (Recreation)  
Kevin Kistler (Recreation)  
Darrell Quinn, Alternate  
Herb Rowell, Alternate (Seniors)  
Dick Trask, Selectman Liaison

Absent

Chris Hadik, Treasurer  
Kevin Kistler, Recreation

Guests:

Russ Norman  
Ed Sargent  
Caelan Dunwoody

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4, 2017.

**2. New Business**

a. Annual Budget – *what do we want to include in it?*

Chairman Myette reported an operating budget of \$954.00 of which none has been spent.  
Chairman Myette that there were line items for:

01-4541-1-430	Dam Maintenance	\$200.00
01-4541-1-431	Rec. Development	\$1.00
01-4541-1-432	Conservation Development	\$500.00
01-4541-1-433	Cultural Resources	\$1.00
01-4541-1-434	Scenic Resources	\$1.00
01-4541-1-435	Public Safety Emer	\$1.00

01-4541-1-436	Miscellaneous	\$100.00
01-4541-1-437	Utility Decom.	\$150.00

### **Dam Maintenance**

Chairman Myette advised that the line item for dam maintenance included clean-up of debris but that Tony Amato cleans up the area and someone is hired to clean out the spill-way. Mr. Quinn suggested installing a screen over the 12" pipe to keep something large from blocking it. Selectman Trask added, as well as mud buildup. Mr. Quinn stated that the fire department helped. Selectman Trask advised that per RSA it is the fire department's responsibility to maintain the water sources, so the dam falls under that, same as with Edwards Mill. Chairman Myette asked if someone wanted to take that on, finding out what the fire department wants and how to fund their expenditures.

Mr. Quinn stated that if the saplings grow in, we will lose the view. Selectman Trask advised that the inmates cleaned out the whole area, and all of the sumac.

Chairman Myette asked do we keep it at \$200, increase or decrease? Mr. Norman stated that "I hear a lot of hours of work and \$200 isn't a lot." Selectman Trask advised that we don't know that the inmate program is going to be there. Mr. Quinn stated that three days of lunches would not likely be covered by \$200. Chairman Myette summarized keep that line item then, somewhere between \$200 and \$1000.

Mr. Quinn stated that he wants to know who is responsible for what. Mr. Norman is willing to talk to the Fire Department and wanted to know who the fire chief was. Mr. Rowell advised him that it was Greg Bolduc. Ask what they are doing at Wason Pond, how is it getting funded. Selectman Trask reminded that it has to be in by the end of the month.

Chairman Myette suggested that they finish it by email.

### **Recreation Development**

Mr. Norman asked where does the Community Center get charged, under Rec? Selectman Trask asked why is it under here and not have finance transfer over to building maintenance? Why does it fall under here instead of GGB?

Ms. Hammond stated that she thinks its because the cottage used to be rented, it had to be separately billed.

Ms. Hammond stated if it were me, leave the \$1 in, it's easier. Is there a more detailed one. Ms. Hammond stated that there is a more detailed actual.

Mr. Norman asked can I see where this is being charged? Selectman Trask advised that he can see Joanne in finance, first office to the left.

## **Conservation Development**

Chairman Myette advised that the line item for conservation should be \$550 now, for Rockingham County Conservation easement.

## **Cultural, Scenic and Public Safety**

Chairman Myette stated that he wasn't sure if it was necessary to keep the lines for cultural, scenic and public safety, security comes under public safety. Mr. Quinn asked about the work done on trails and bridges, where would that fall, safety or miscellaneous?

## **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Hammond advised that the line item for miscellaneous was a large line item because of the security agency we had, but this year didn't have those expenses.

## **Utility Decom.**

Chairman Myette stated that the thought was to rent a backhoe and have a clean-up day and pull out some of hoses for water and sewer and electrical stickups. We haven't spent it. That doesn't mean we can't still do it. We still find a lot of them in there. Keep that item in?

Mr. Quinn stated that maybe security, lighting cameras, that's a good one to keep. Who put up the stop sign? "Ash Street?" Who named it and when? Selectman Trask stated that the highway department did it, if you look at old map they had street names for all kinds of things, we plow it so it needed a name, identification, where to send police and fire. Mr. Rowell stated that its always been there.

Mr. Quinn stated that some of the work isn't being paid for directly by this commission, most of the big expenditures are not. The one thing we do know comes out of it is the easement review, monitoring program.

## **3. Treasurer's Report (Chuck/Chris) – Tabled**

## **4. Approval of Minutes (November 2017)**

Mr. Quinn asked about the appointments. There were to be 2 from Rec, 2 from Conservation, 2 alternates, 2 members at large and one selectman so they are short one from Conservation. Ms. Hammond stated that she has seen Erin to do her oath. Mr. Norman expressed interest in joining the commission at a later date and stated that he would like projects, things to work on and gave his background which was in industry as a process engineer in production control.

Mr. Quinn advised that the lines 87, 91, and 95 were incorrect as the statements were made by him and not Mr. Rowell.

**Mr. Dalrymple motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Quinn seconded his motion, all were in favor with the exception of Selectman Trask who abstained; so moved.**

## **5. Recreation Commission**

Ms. Hammond reported that RC Director Reishus will collect the paperwork. They are going to start to cut those two fields December 11<sup>th</sup> and are using Wayne Britton to do the work.

## **6. Conservation Commission**

Nothing new to report.

## **7. Master Plan – Projects -**

### **a. Pavilion (20x40)**

Chairman Myette stated that Mr. Norman could help with coordinating the Pavilion construction and explained the project to him briefly, design, materials list, coordinate schedules, working with the Timber Framers Guild, using natural materials. Mr. Norman accepted the responsibility.

Chairman Myette stated that the question we had last time is do we make it part of the CIP project for 2018 or not, do you have to go to warrant article and ask for funding.

Selectman Trask explained that there are two parts to CIP funding, literally three, first is the long-term planning vehicle, plan your long-term projects to spend any has to be listed in the CIP, two funding avenues, one funded by town taxpayers and other is funded by impact fees. To spend by tax-payers you have to go to town meeting and request a warrant article from impact fees you have to get a vote of the majority of the BOS.

Chairman Myette asked when do you make that decision? Selectman Trask stated that Rec would make that decision. Have you had that discussion? Ms. Hammond stated that “We’re ready. It will come out of impact fees. It has been in our long-term plan. Impact fees are paid for by developers. They have to put money toward impact not all for Rec. It can’t be used for existing things like maintenance. It has to be used for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Quinn stated to build a building like a pavilion, it is in there, the BOS can spend if they like. Do we want to pay for all of it out of Rec impact fees? Selectman Trask proposed half and half. How much does Rec have? Ms. Hammond stated \$19,000, give or take. Are they going to want to spend all \$19k on a pavilion? Selectman Trask added that it is on Conservation property. Chairman Myette stated that Conservation is not allowed to collect impact fees.

Mr. Dalrymple had viewed a 24x40 with metal roof done for \$25,000 material and labor, in Londonderry. Chairman Myette asked Mr. Dalrymple if he could get a break down on cost and who did it. Did that include slab too? No, just post and roof. Selectman Trask stated that the problem with the slab is how to get that cement back there. Only difference is to mimic the bridge on the front end of that.

## 8. Miscellaneous

### a. Scout Projects update (Caelan Dunwoody – Plant Kiosk)

Chairman Myette recognized Caelan Dunwoody. Mr. Dunwoody stated that he had finished the kiosk and just needed final approval signed off on the workbook, with any changes you want made. The only part that is unfinished, is for the warm weather, to apply stain and cure.

Chairman Myette shared some pictures which were passed around. “Looks nice, easy to read.”

Chairman Myette stated that at a later time, like to expand the plexiglass area. Its smaller than the plywood area behind it. Mr. Dunwoody stated that he could make it larger and expand it to 4x4 format, instead of 2x2 or 3x3.

**All were in favor of signing off on Mr. Dunwoody's project. Chairman Myette thanked him and stated that it came out nice.**

Mr. Dunwoody departed the meeting at 7:03 pm.

### b. Security Cameras (Selectman Trask)

Selectman Trask stated that there was nothing more on the security cameras at this time, the wireless quotes were very expensive.

Selectman Trask will get an estimate from the security firm to see what the cost would be to start with four cameras at the Community Center with a \$3,000 line item for that.

**All were in favor of Selectman Trask spending \$3,000 to begin with security camera installation at the Community Center which would at least get coverage at the bridge and parking lot.**

Ms. Hammond asked about grant opportunities that might be available.

### **Coffee Truck at Wason Pond – Ed Sargent**

Chairman Myette acknowledged Ed Sargent and invited him to the table.

Mr. Sargent stated that he has lived in Chester for 40 years and was interested in having a coffee business at Wason Pond. Mr. Sargent stated that he would offer coffee, hot beverages, seasonal items, hot and iced teas, latte, breakfast sandwiches, donuts, things the town doesn't have too much of. There are not a lot of coffee shops, just general stores. A lot of people, including police and fire, have to go out of town. The truck has its own power.

Chairman Myette stated that there would be difficulty utilizing Wason Pond for that, as its specifically stated in the easement that there is to be no industrial or commercial uses, only allowed during fundraisers, one day events, vendors to participants. When they run under the Pounder, there is no commercial advertising, that nature, no businesses, that piece is difficult for

it, whether or not there might be another town property you can use. Have you looked at other private properties?

Selectman Trask stated that he may have a couple of ideas of other locations.

Mr. Sargent departed at 8:15 pm.

Selectman Trask stepped out at 8:15 pm and returned at 8:17 pm.

c. Barn siding

Selectman Trask posted pictures of the work the inmates had done siding the barn and spoke about finishing the window sashes which he estimated would cost about \$660.00.

Selectman Trask stated that they were still discussing the paint colors.

Ms. Hammond stated that it wasn't Rec's long-term plan to have storage in the barn. They are in the process of making two sets of bleachers into one. Selectman Trask stated that they would like to spruce it up so we can have events. The roof is completed. Dick Lewis is cutting boards and inmates are doing the work. We found all the window sashes and can get them done for \$60 bucks a window. These are temporary double hung, have original all new boards and Tyvek, there are six of them. Chairman Myette will bring it up at Conservation, whether to have the windows done. If not, could split between GGB somehow added Selectman Trask.

**The next meeting, which was acceptable to everyone, will be on January 3, 2017.**

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Dalrymple motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rowell seconded his motion. All were in favor, so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer  
Recording Secretary



proposed Pavilion





barn







