

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION

April 1, 2019

Approved Minutes

Present were:

Chairman Chuck Myette, Conservation
Chris Hadik
Darrell Quinn, Alternate
John Dalrymple, Alternate
Stephen O. Landau, Selectmen Liaison

Absent were:

Herb Rowell
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.
Melinda Mafera, Recreation
Leslie Hammond, Recreation

Staff present:

Park Ranger John Wright

1. Open Meeting

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and indicated alternates, John Dalrymple and Darrell Quinn would be active members this evening.

2. – New Business

a. Budget Selectmen's meeting on 2/7/2019/Annual Report

Chairman Myette attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 7, 2019 to present the budget which was approved.

Chairman Myette advised he prepared and submitted the Annual Report. Mr. Hadik requested a copy.

3. Approval of March 4, 2019 Minutes

Selectman Landau clarified the comment concerning the metal ADA ramp proposed for the Community Center, per the new ADA regulations.

Mr. Hadik motioned to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes, as amended. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

4. Treasurer's Report (Chris Hadik)

Mr. Hadik reported \$954.00 in the budget, with nothing spent.

Mr. Quinn motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, as stated. Mr. Dalrymple seconded the motion, with all

in favor, so moved.

5. Recreation Commission

Chairman Myette noted the Pounder is coming up, on May 11th, the 2nd Saturday in May and they will start to inventory and prepare the equipment stored in the barn.

Mr. Dalrymple advised the baselines will be filled in and the infields need to be finished but equipment can't go out when the fields are still soft.

6. Conservation Commission

a. Programs – Trail Map/Comments

Chairman Myette asked if there were any comments concerning the trail maps.

Mr. Quinn asked about the markings discussed at the last meeting and whether there will be two sets of maps? Chairman Myette explained there will be two maps, one is a large town overlay of trail networks, showing what is town-owned and private. The second series consists of 8-10 complete maps of different trails named "Wason Pond" and "Spring Hill Farm" etc. Copies of these were recently handed out at the Fall Festival and Small Business Fair.

Mr. Quinn asked if private property will be delineated. Chairman Myette advised that is being worked on and next they will get permission from landowners. The maps will show any landmarks and where the trail starts and where to park. In the future they are hoping to connect to other trail systems and identify those.

Mr. Hadik asked about motorized vehicle access and whether some could be denoted as suitable for walking or horses. Chairman Myette advised motorized access is not being encouraged at this time as it is not allowed anywhere right now. Mr. Quinn recommended adding "no motorized vehicles" to the maps. Mr. Hadik asked about Class VI roads which he believes permit registered vehicles. Chairman Myette noted Chester had a large snowmobile trail many years ago which do less damage than ATVs to the trails.

7. Master Plan – Projects

a. Pavilion/Timber-Framer Alicia Spence update

Chairman Myette advised the planning will be for next year. There may be funds available this year for engineering design costs, but Recreation has it in the CIP for 2020 not 2019. Mr. Quinn noted that would not include site work expenses which they can sketch up.

Chairman Myette spoke with Alicia Spence who can provide a breakdown of expenses and materials which he estimates to be \$4,500 for the engineering.

Chairman Myette noted he met with a company at the Home Show recently in Manchester NH who uses an auger to self-fill and cradle the piers at different lengths, \$375 per.

Selectman Landau asked if the proposed size of the pavilion, 20x40, is a set issue. Chairman Myette advised there is an 800 SF limit, the tent which is used is larger but not a permanent structure.

8. Security and Maintenance

a. Security

Selectman Landau noted there have been some discussions with the Police Department concerning minor security issues.

b. Barn Siding

Selectman Landau will be in touch with Dick Lewis and has not spoken with the Trustees yet. The barn siding is a low priority as they are focusing on the inside of Stevens Hall and the conversion of the garage at Spring Hill Farm for the garden project, which also needs siding and painting. The barn siding will have to be ladder work or staging as there is a steep slope.

c. Community Center

Selectman Landau noted there would be a lot of work to make the Community Center ADA compliant. There is a Warrant Article and there may be other options. The doors need widening, the ramp and the bathrooms so this may need to wait until after Town Meeting.

d. Brush Piles, Vegetation Removal

Mr. Quinn reported 2/3 of the brush pile has been burned and the rest is still in ice and snow. Chairman Myette will email Mrs. Veale to let the Pounder group know not to make brush piles but to move any cleared debris to the side of the trails.

Mr. Dalrymple reported receiving a letter from the State who will be out to inspect the dam area. The vegetation was cut 15' and he does not know the inspection date, they will notify them 48 hours in advance and check for erosion. The State usually takes care of the culvert with heavy equipment.

Chairman Myette requested to email the date of the inspection when it is received.

9. Miscellaneous

Chairman Myette asked Mr. Wright, the Park Ranger, if he had anything to note. Mr. Wright asked about posting where people were jumping off the covered bridge and the rope swing to swim last year.

Mr. Wright noted the Winter park users had done a responsible job with trash and dog bags and bottles which were picked up once per month. Mr. Wright expects to start up in June with the same schedule as last year.

Mr. Dalrymple noted two picnic tables had to be removed and will be chained down.

Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hadik motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

**Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary**