

**WASON POND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**March 4, 2019**

**Approved Minutes**

**Present were:**

Herb Rowell  
John Dalrymple  
Chuck Myette  
Chris Hadik  
Darrell Quinn  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.  
Melinda Mafera  
Stephen O. Landau

**Absent were:**

Leslie Hammond  
Kevin Kistler

**1. Open Meeting**

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**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 the Annual Report will have to be put together.

**3. Approval of February 4, 2019 Minutes**

*Mr. Hadik motioned to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes, as amended. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, Ms. Mafera and Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale abstained. Approved 6-0, 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. Rowell seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.*

## **5. Recreation Commission (tabled)**

## **6. Conservation Commission**

### **a. Programs – Trail Map/Comments**

Chairman Myette circulated the trail maps. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale liked the idea of designating private trails because it is easy to go off the public trails without realizing it.

Selectman Landau advised the maps will change somewhat in April with some town owned and private marked with cross hatch in brown and town-owned in green and will designate what has easements on it.

## **7. Master Plan – Projects**

### **a. Pavilion/Timber-Framer Alicia Spence update**

Chairman Myette advised the planning will be for next year. Mr. Hadik advised they will need to finalize the design and costs.

Chairman Myette heard back from Ms. Spence. There will be 134 pieces in frame, estimated lumber cost is \$8,000; engineering \$4-5,000; fabrication on site \$15,800; \$39,000 if timber framers do it all. The engineering should be done first, but the costs should be submitted in the next thirty days. Selectman Landau recommended approaching the Board of Selectmen concerning the additional costs with maybe \$27,000 in the CIP now and noted it should be done soon if several members could come Thursday night. Chairman Myette advised the CIP is under Rec. so need them to come as well. Ms. Mafera will speak with Mrs. Reishus.

Mr. Quinn noted Ms. Spence wants to limit the Timber Framers to just the frame.

Mr. Hadik noted it could easily reach \$50,000, \$9,000 more if they use a crane and prefers the community-based project. Chairman Myette noted the structure would be 12-14' in height. Selectman Landau noted they would not need a crane. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale agreed that a community-based project would be better and questioned liability. Selectman Landau advised it would be covered and also agreed a community-based project is preferable. Mr. Quinn stated the fabrication could be looked at differently if it becomes community built. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale asked how many community members helped last time? Chairman Myette advised there were close to 100 people of all ages, maybe 40-50 more on weekends and 12 timber framers. Mr. Quinn advised two or three of the framers were paid and the rest volunteered and only required food and housing.

Selectman Landau advised he could get a donation of flat granite curbs for the floor. Mr. Quinn expressed concerns about curbing not being uniform and prefers pavers which are more even, so people won't trip. Chairman Myette interpreted the easement would not allow pavement. Mr. Hadik questioned if it was part of a structure. Chairman Myette noted whatever they planned to do would need to go before Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD).

## **8. Miscellaneous**

### **a. Security**

Selectman Landau noted there was no information for security cameras in the budget and he will look into that. Mr. Dalrymple noted there was an incident with minor vandalism at the barn, the lock was broken in the lower part, nothing was touched, and the police department took a report.

### **b. Ranger (Police Dept budget)**

Chairman Myette noted the cost of the Ranger is in the Police Department budget.

### **c. Barn siding**

Selectman Landau noted the lumber is ready and is waiting for the weather to break to see when a scaffold can be placed. Mr. Quinn noted they might also need a lift. Mr. Dalrymple noted they needed a lift last time but used mostly ladders.

### **d. Pavement at community center**

Chairman Myette presented concerns about mud by the ramp at the Community Center. The easement was reviewed, and possibly permeable pavers would be ok. If want to pave need to go to RCCD and get final decision and then perhaps the Attorney General. Selectman Landau noted the Town inherited this building and its easement. The main room can hold 23 people up to as many as 60 and doesn't meet ADA specs. The ramp is having problems and the doors are not wide enough. The expense for pavers would be \$60,000. Mr. Hadik asked if there were other options such as hard pack and materials that could drain? Mr. Quinn recommended proper grading to channel the runoff. Chairman Myette noted if natural materials were used, they wouldn't have to go to RCCD. Selectman Landau noted the ramp would be metal and no issue to us, the parking lot is the bigger issue.

**Next Meeting Date: April 1, 2019**

## **9. Adjournment**

*Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Mr. Rowell seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary**