

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 3, 2019
Approved Minutes

Present were:

Chairman Chuck Myette, Conservation
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.
Chris Hadik
Darrell Quinn, Alternate
John Dalrymple, Alternate
Herb Rowell

Absent were:

Stephen O. Landau, Selectmen Liaison
Melinda Mafera, Recreation
Leslie Hammond, Recreation

Staff present:

Park Ranger John Wright

1. Open Meeting

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and indicated alternates, John Dalrymple and Darrell Quinn would be active members this evening.

2. New Business

a. Resignation & Appointments – Tabled

Chairman Myette indicated he would resign as Chairman and the Commission would need to elect a new Chair.

Mr. Hadik asked if Mr. Myette would serve as Selectman Liaison? Mr. Myette indicated he would be willing if the Board decides so.

The Commission agreed to table the election of the Chairman until more members were present and the Liaison and Conservation representatives were appointed.

Mr. Quinn moved to table the appointment of officers. Mr. Dalrymple seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

3. Old Business

a. Memorial Bench

Mr. Myette advised there is a non-resident looking to donate a bench with engraving and wants to put it where first come in close to road. Mr. Hadik expressed concerns about setting precedent and recommended taking it on a case by case basis. Mr. Quinn noted it would require a slab the footprint of the bench. Mr. Quinn questioned whether it would be allowed. Mr. Myette noted standards may need to

be set for material. This bench requires no maintenance. Mr. Myette recommended taking to legal first.

Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to obtain legal advice first before making this decision. Mr. Hadik 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 and 27 days left in the budget. The Commission discussed upcoming expenses, for printing and publishing of trail maps, brush cutting and the no swimming sign for the bridge.

Mr. Quinn motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, as stated. Mr. Rowell seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

5. Approval of May 6, 2019 Minutes

Line 125 was amended.

Mr. Quinn motioned to approve the May 6, 2019 minutes, as amended. Mr. Rowell seconded the motion. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale abstained. With five in favor, so moved.

6. Recreation Commission

a. Events-

i. Spring Events Pounder, Fishing Derby

Chairman Myette noted the Pounder was Saturday, May 11th and went well. Mr. Rowell noted there were not as many participants as last year. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale questioned whether it would go on next year?

The Fishing Derby took place on June 1st. Mr. Dalrymple noted 60 kids or so.

ii. Fields

Mr. Myette asked if sand was spread on the fields? Mr. Dalrymple noted on the soccer field, a sand/loam mix which may be done one or two more times.

Mr. Myette noted the fields were certainly being used.

Mr. Myette noted Summer Camp starts July 1st.

7. Conservation Commission

Programs – Trail Map/Comments

8. Master Plan – Projects

a. Pavilion/Timber-Framer Alicia Spence update

Mr. Myette noted there was no update from Ms. Spence and he would reach out to her and let her know they need the engineering fairly soon. Perhaps the Town Engineer could look at it.

9. Miscellaneous

a. Security

b. Ranger Report

Ranger Wright reminded signage was ordered and received and waiting for it to be looked at before installation.

Ranger Wright noted complaints about dogs with leashes in the water.

c. Barn Siding

The Trustees may be available to work on the barn siding in late July or August. Mr. Dalrymple noted a bird's nest in the eaves. Mr. Myette will ask Ms. Snyder from Conservation about this.

d. Community Center

i. Pavement

Mr. Dalrymple asked if there were funds in the budget to redo the parking area. Mr. Myette advised the Road Agent is looking into pack material to replace excavated material with. Material can't be taken off the property so need a place to move it to. Mr. Dalrymple asked if the material could be close to the water's edge. Mr. Quinn did not think it was best to use I as it gets wet and nasty. Mr. Myette agreed it could be soft enough to impede wheelchairs and canes.

Mr. Myette noted the cost would be approximately \$12-16 thousand dollars.

ii. ADA Ramp

Mr. Myette has received no update on the ADA ramp.

iii. Dam

Mr. Dalrymple asked about the overflow pipe by the dam and whether something caps that. Mr. Quinn heard there had been a cone on it. Mr. Dalrymple asked how tall the pipe was. Mr. Myette advised it came 6-8 inches above concrete. Mr. Dalrymple asked if the cone was for safety? Mr. Myette advised it is to keep sediment from blocking the valve.

Mr. Quinn noted he observed the gate was open and unlocked.

iv. Bridge

Mr. Dalrymple noted issues with beavers attempting to block the bridge going to the beach. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale recommended reaching out to Ms. Snyder with Conservation who may know of someone who deals with that. Mr. Myette will contact Ms. Snyder.

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10. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2019

Mr. Rowell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Mr. Hadik seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary