

**WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**July 8, 2019**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Present were:**

Selectman Chuck Myette, Liaison  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.  
Leslie Hammond, Recreation  
Chris Hadik  
Herb Rowell  
Darrell Quinn, Alternate

**Absent were:**

Melinda Mafera, Recreation  
John Dalrymple, Alternate  
Kevin Kistler

**Staff present:**

Park Ranger John Wright

**Guests:**

Selectman Steve D'Angelo  
Kristina Snyder, Conservation

**1. Open Meeting**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. New Business**

**a. Election of Officers**

*Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to appoint Chris Hadik as Chair. Mr. Rowell seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.*

**b. Parking meters or permits**

Selectman D'Angelo proposed putting together an ordinance that would allow police to issue tickets and suggested installing a machine to charge non-residents to park. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale proposed having a designated parking area for residents and would like to hear suggestions from the residents. Chair Hadik noted designated areas could expand or be decreased as needed. Another option is to provide a shuttle service from another location such as Spring Hill Farm or Chester Academy. Selectman D'Angelo will put this on the agenda for the BOS meeting on Thursday night.

**3. Old Business**

**a. Memorial Bench**

Selectman Myette reported the Board of Selectmen discussed the memorial bench request and were not in favor of it. Selectman D'Angelo noted the back part of the property may be suitable. There are some benches by the second bridge. Selectman Myette indicated the intent of the easement was to be a low impact, natural area.

**4. Treasurer's Report – (Chris Hadik)**

Chair Hadik noted a budget of \$954 with nothing spent; working on new budget for \$445.

**5. Approval of June 3, 2019 Minutes**

Line 126 was amended.

*Mr. Quinn motioned to approve the June 3, 2019 minutes, as amended. Mr. Rowell seconded the motion. Ms. Hammond abstained. With five in favor, so moved.*

**6. Recreation Commission**

**i. Summer Program**

Ms. Hammond reported baseball and softball ended. The Fishing Derby was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> free of charge, had 73 fishers, 15% less than last year. Recreation paid for stocking of fish.

Between 60-80 kids enrolled in the Summer Program which is going on now. Field trips are on Wednesdays. Soccer begins late August.

**ii. Fields**

Ms. Hammond reported the fields are holding up well. Some concerns expressed by public about dogs and horses.

**iii. Others**

**iv. Issues**

**7. Conservation Commission**

**a. Beaver issues**

Ms. Snyder reported she inspected the culvert and met with an expert; comes down to what's allowable within the easement. Concerns about blocking the culvert, giardia. Has gone down and raked out and will continue to do so. Ms. Snyder handed out brochures about "Beaver Deceiver" device. As far as water quality, there are horses, dogs and toddlers in diapers. Ms. Snyder did not note much beaver activity such as taking down trees. Mr. Hadik noted flooding will also kill trees. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale thanked Ms. Snyder for volunteering to do this.

**b. Programs – Trail Map/Comments**

Trail maps are on the website. Need to distinguish between private property and Town property.

**8. Master Plan – Projects**

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

Selectman Myette handed out copies of the Pavilion design proposed by Ms. Spence. A 3d model was emailed earlier and can be sent out again. Selectman Myette proposed a workshop similar to the covered bridge. The engineering costs have been approved. Building will be in 2021. Selectman Myette advised Ms. Spence is available to help with the foundation design.

Mr. Quinn questioned the location and number of posts. Selectman Myette noted there would be 6 posts. Ms. Hammond indicated the location would be where the existing tent is.

Selectman Myette noted they will need to have a geo-technical soil analysis, estimates for the metal roof. Selectman D'Angelo asked if Recreation Commission would be interested in contributing. Ms. Hammond will bring the question back to Recreation.

Selectman Myette will get the Pavilion on the agenda for the Thursday evening BOS meeting.

**9. Miscellaneous**

**a. Ranger Report**

Ranger Wright reported concerns with horses on the field and kids jumping off bridge and climbing on the roof of the Community Center. The no jumping sign has not been installed at the covered bridge.

Chair Hadik recommended posting swimming in designated areas only.

Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale questioned whether the Commission should be concerned with liability. Selectman D'Angelo explained recreational immunity.

**b. Barn Siding**

The Trustees will be out in August after the Summer program ends to work on the barn siding. Mr. Lewis has the boards cut. Town maintenance will be overseeing the project.

**c. Community Center parking area reconstruction**

**d. ADA Ramp/Renovations**

Selectman D'Angelo reported the ADA ramp is in progress but will not be done this year. The annex roof and parking lot projects will be completed first.

Chair Hadik questioned whether the Building Inspector could look at the Community Center and make a list of items to be updated.

**10. Public Comment**

**11. Adjournment**

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153 **Next Meeting Date: August 5, 2019**

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155 *Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in*  
156 *favor, so moved.*

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158 **Respectfully submitted,**

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161 **Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary**