

**WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Present were:**

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

**Absent were:**

Melinda Mafera, Recreation  
Leslie Hammond, Recreation  
Park Ranger John Wright

**Staff present:**

**Guests:**

**1. Open Meeting**

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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**a. Officers**

Chair Hadik noted the positions of Vice-Chair and Treasurer were open. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale noted it might be nice to have someone from Recreation be an officer.

**b. Treasurer's Report - Tabled**

**c. Minutes – August 5, 2019 Meeting & Site Walk**

*Ms. Snyder motioned to approve the meeting minutes and site walk of August 5, 2019. Mr. Rowell seconded the motion. With Mr. Quinn abstaining, voting in favor were 6-0-1 so moved*

**d. 2020-2021 WPC budget**

Chair Hadik indicated the WPC budget for FY 2020-2021 was scheduled with the Board of Selectmen on October 31, 2019 and is due with Finance on September 23, 2019. The Commission discussed which lines could be amended. It was determined there was still need to carry the electric line for the cottage and bathhouse. The sumac is growing up near the bridge/dam and needs to be trimmed. Mr. Dalrymple indicated the State does some trimming up to a point, someone may need to be hired or perhaps Town Maintenance can take care of it. Utility decommissioning was done mostly by volunteers who were compensated with lunch and there are more small

areas to be done. The Commission agreed to keep the budget the same as last year.

*Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to approve the budget for FY 2020-2021 the same as last year. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.*

### **3. Selectmen's Liaison**

#### **a. Parking meters or permits**

Selectman Myette indicated an ordinance would be needed for the Police Department to enforce parking. Possible options include designated resident parking areas or permits. Mr. Hadik noted many non-residents attend baseball games. Selectman Myette will send a copy of the Attorney's Memo regarding the effect of charging fees on Recreational Immunity. Selectman Myette noted Selectman D'Angelo determined it was possible to charge for parking but not for use and is researching the feasibility of installing a pay station. Stickers could be provided to residents to access the transfer station, Wason Pond and Spring Hill Farm. Chair Hadik noted handicapped parking was consistently being violated and wondered if Ranger Wright could issue tickets since he works for the Police Dept.

### **4. Recreation Commission**

#### **a. Engineering of Pavilion**

Selectman Myette and Chair Hadik met with Recreation on the 19<sup>th</sup>. WPC can now move forward with the pavilion design. Mrs. Reishus sent a letter to Mr. Hadik authorizing the release of funds for the engineering and soil samples. The BOS signed off on it. Someone will need to sign the contract with Ms. Spence.

Mr. Quinn indicated the site work needs to be done. Chair Hadik noted the design needs to be done first to determine the foundation. The contractor can prep the site at the same time.

It was determined the timbers could be put up green but it was best to cut in Winter, six months before.

#### **b. Events**

##### **i. Summer Program**

##### **ii. Fields**

##### **iii. Others**

##### **iv. Issues/Concerns**

#### **c. CIP projects**

Chair Hadik passed around a copy of the 5-25 year working plan for the CIP. Some of the projects include refurbishing the playground (not all Wason Pond) storage sheds, a second bathroom. While in favor of the additional bathroom being built in the existing barn, Chair Hadik noted it would be costly.

### **5. Conservation Commission**

#### **a. Beaver update**

Ms. Snyder indicated there was no evidence of beavers. Selectman Myette noted the water has not been moving so the beavers won't try to dam it up.

103 **b. Issues/Concerns**

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105 Mr. Quinn noted the rods still need to be tightened. Chair Hadik noted he would like to see how that is done and  
106 can have the large box end rachet made if the size is provided to him. Mr. Quinn could also use sockets for  
107 tightening.

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109 Mr. Dalrymple indicated purple strife which is highly invasive needs to be pulled out on the end of the pond  
110 nearest the parking lot and down toward the covered bridge. Mr. Rowell noted they need to be removed by the  
111 roots.

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113 **6. Ranger John Wright**

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115 **a. Update**

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117 **b. Issues/Concerns**

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119 **7. Master Plan – Projects**

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121 **a. Pavilion**

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123 **8. Miscellaneous**

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125 **a. Barn Siding**

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127 Selectman Myette noted the Trustees are now pushed out to October, probably early November.

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129 **b. Parking area reconstruction at community center**

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131 The reconstruction of the parking area at the Community Center is on the Road Agent's list and will start soon.  
132 The material removed will be moved to another location on site.

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134 **10. Adjournment**

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136 Next Meeting: Monday October 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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138 *Mrs. Neff Ragsdale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. Chair Hadik seconded the motion, with all in*  
139 *favor, so moved.*

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142 **Respectfully submitted,**

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145 **Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary**