

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION
January 6, 2020
Approved Minutes

Present were:

Chris Hadik
Corinna Reishus
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.
Leslie Hammond, Recreation Rep.
Kristina Snyder, Conservation Rep.
Darrell Quinn, Alternate
Chairman Chuck Myette, Selectman Liaison

Absent were:

John Dalrymple, Alternate

Staff Present:

1. Open Meeting

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. New Business

a. Election of Officers (Vice-Chair)

Ms. Ragsdale nominated Corinna Reishus as Vice-Chair. Ms. Hammond seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Ragsdale reported one electric bill for the Caretaker's Cottage of \$72 and one electric bill for the bathhouse light for \$16 leaving \$1,138.08 for the year.

Mrs. Reishus will check with Ms. Duffy to find out why the bill is so high since the cottage has not been in use since the summer program ended.

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

c. Approval of December 9, 2019 Minutes

Ms. Ragsdale motioned to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes, as amended. Mr. Quinn seconded the Motion. A vote was taken, Mrs. Reishus abstained, approved 4-0-1.

d. Reappointments/Opening

Mr. Hadik noted **Leslie Hammond and Corinna Reishus** were re-appointed/appointed to the Commission by the Board of Selectmen at their December 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Hadik noted one open

52 position remains and Sandy Wright has expressed interest and he will invite her to the next meetings.
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54 **e. Annual Report**
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56 Ms. Ragsdale asked if there were any federal grants available for land purchased with Conservation funds
57 and Mr. Hadik noted there is a federal grant, DRED which is federal money but administered by the State.
58 Mr. Hadik will ask the Town Administrator to look into it further.
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60 Mrs. Reishus noted Recreation does a fishing derby on the 1st Saturday and this year is the 10th year for the
61 Pounder. Ms. Snyder added the date of that is May 30th.
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63 Mr. Hadik noted that he added information about the trail maps being available and the Sky watch event.
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65 Mr. Hadik noted Earth Day is on April 22nd. Mrs. Reishus will speak with Recreation about it. Mr.
66 Hadik noted they will pencil in April 18th for now. There is a Wason Pond walking club that does trail walks.
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68 Mr. Hadik noted the Timber Framers are set for 2021. Selectman Myette added the interior restoration of the
69 barn needs to be done. Mrs. Ragsdale added utility decommissioning. Ms. Snyder posted some photos
70 online.
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72 **3. Selectmen's Liaison**
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74 **a. Parking meters, permits and ordinances**
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76 Selectman Myette noted Selectman D'Angelo is still researching issues and probably won't use meters.
77 Would like to see permits which could be similar to the Transfer Station sticker, with one permit for the whole
78 Town obtained during car registration process with the Town Clerk. Enforcement could be by ticketing with
79 the proper ordinances in place, otherwise normal fines would be imposed. Exceptions could be made for big
80 events.
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82 Mr. Hadik noted there would be no charge for residents and a sign may be required for non-residents.
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84 Ms. Hammond asked which the Police Department preferred, and Selectman Myette noted they prefer the
85 ordinance and parking stickers. Ms. Hammond noted enough could be charged to cover the cost of the
86 stickers. Mr. Hadik noted there is no charge to residents for the Transfer Station stickers.
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88 **b. Contract with Alicia Spence for pavilion engineering**
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90 Selectman Myette noted the contract has been signed and Ms. Spence should provide something within a
91 month or so. A materials list, site and dimensions will follow. The lumber will cure for a couple of months
92 and the snow load will be calculated.
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94 **4. Recreation Commission**
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96 **a. Events-**
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98 **i. Summer Program**
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100 Mrs. Reishus addressed the Summer Program which will be a six-week program.
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102 Topsoil was spread on the infields.
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104 The BOS approved picnic tables, through impact fees, which will be anchored.

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106 **ii. Fields**

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108 **iii. Others**

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110 **iv. Issues/concerns**

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112 **b. CIP projects**

113 There are no projects from Recreation.

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116 **5. Conservation Commission**

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118 **a. Beaver update**

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120 Ms. Snyder reported there was no activity and the beaver appears to have moved on.

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122 **b. Issues/concerns?**

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124 Ms. Snyder indicated the next presentation will be Pollinator Pathways which explains how to attract
125 beneficial insects. The presentation could be held in the main meeting room in March or be incorporated
126 into Wason in November. Mrs. Reishus recommended using Stevens Hall.

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128 **6. Ranger John Wright - Tabled**

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130 **a. Update**

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132 **b. Issues/concerns?**

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134 **7. Master Plan – Projects**

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

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138 **8. Miscellaneous**

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140 **a. Pedestrian Traffic Count**

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142 Mrs. Reishus added to the comments made at the last meeting, that she would like to also see the results
143 broken down into a weekly count.

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145 **b. ADA Compliance Ramp**

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147 Selectman Myette noted there were no updates.

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149 **c. Other**

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151 Mr. Quinn asked about the mountain of fill left behind from the Community Center parking lot and
152 Selectman Myette noted it could be used in other low areas, or to build up the berm for a ramp. Mrs. Reishus
153 noted it was in the middle of the Pounder Path.

155 **9. Adjournment**

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157 **Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2020**

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159 **a. Discuss changing meeting date**

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161 Mr. Hadik decided to keep the same meeting schedule.

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163 *Ms. Snyder motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Ms. Ragsdale seconded the motion, with all in*
164 *favor, so moved.*

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166 **Respectfully submitted,**

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169 **Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary**