

**WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**June 17, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting**

**834 2721 9760**

**Approved Minutes**

**6:00 PM**

**Present were:**

Chris Hadik, Chair  
Corinna Reishus, Vice-Chair  
Sandy Wright  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.  
Kristina Snyder, Conservation Rep.  
Darrell Quinn, Alternate  
John Dalrymple, Alternate  
Chairman Chuck Myette, Selectman Liaison

**Absent were:**

**Staff Present:**

**1. Open Meeting – New Business**

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Phase 2

Mrs. Reishus advised there appeared to be a break-in. Ropes were cut, cones were moved and some taken, parking signs were knocked down. Mr. Dalrymple noted some cones were found in the poison ivy by the barn. Mr. Quinn indicated the Police Department has been informed. Mrs. Reishus will reach out to the Road Agent to get a sawhorse instead of cones.

Mr. Hadik indicated currently the buildings, beaches, partial parking, field and playground are all closed. The State is recommending the playground remain closed. Mrs. Reishus clarified the CDC recommendation is for state parks but is still a risk and there would need to be more signage posted.

**Buildings**

Mr. Hadik recommended following the same guidance for buildings as for Town buildings. Selectman Myette indicated the Town Buildings are still closed and asked about the Community Center. Mrs. Reishus indicated it is a potential quarantine site. The Library is opening on July 6th with limited resources.

Mr. Hadik indicated the guidance for fields say for personal use. Organized sports use isn't up to us. Mrs. Reishus noted there is no problem opening to individual use and Recreation handles organized sports, maybe one team at a time. Mr. Hadik recommended opening but following guidelines. Selectman Myette indicated some leagues are setting stricter rules.

**Fields**

Mrs. Wright asked about dogs being allowed on the fields as she is seeing a lot there. Mr. Dalrymple indicated he saw six dogs yesterday. Mrs. Reishus noted all animals, not just dogs are not allowed on fields. Maintenance

can take one sign from the playground possibly while more are ordered. Mr. Hadik indicated they are not allowed but it is not posted that way and recommends doing so.

#### Beach

Mr. Hadik noted if people observed rules he wouldn't hesitate to open. Guidance recommends limiting occupancy and determining social distancing, reserve picnic tables and allow for few activities but no group activities. Mrs. Reishus added Parks & Recreation guidelines say space can't reopen if people can't adhere to guidelines. Ideally people could look after themselves but have a community to keep safe. Mr. Hadik indicated the Commission can determine an occupancy limit and give it a try. Mr. Quinn agreed it could be on a trial basis and if guidelines are not followed it can be closed again. Mrs. Reishus indicated she can draft a newsletter and post to the website and Facebook. Mrs. Reishus recommended noticing there will be no portable toilets as well. Selectman Myette noted the area has a maximum occupancy of 160 and recommends 50 with social distancing employed. Mrs. Reishus noted other beaches have reserved spaces. Mr. Hadik noted the Commission has July 4th to worry about and even 100 may be too many. Ranger Wright recommended 30-40. Mr. Hadik recommended a limit of 50 maintaining guidelines. Ms. Snyder agreed with 50. Mrs. Reishus also recommended 50.

#### Ranger

Mrs. Reishus noted the Police Chief doesn't believe the summer staff should be enforcing. That would be up to Ranger Wright or possibly another ranger. Mrs. Neff Ragsdale indicated having the ranger/s enforce social distancing might be a lot to ask.

#### Parking

Mrs. Neff Ragsdale asked about opening the parking lot by the Community Center. Mr. Hadik agreed he would like to see that open up to one-way traffic and handicapped parking. Mr. Quinn agreed.

Mrs. Reishus asked about continuing with the no-parking signs on Route 102 and Mr. Hadik recommended letting the Board of Selectmen determine that.

#### Picnic Tables

Selectman Myette indicated the maintenance staff could work on sanitizing. Mrs. Reishus noted the summer staff is not there every day and recommends having "use at own risk" for when the tables can't be cleaned. Trash cans should have the lids tied off.

#### Opening Date

Mr. Hadik indicated Phase 2 could open Friday if possible and will talk to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting tomorrow.

***Mrs. Reishus motioned to implement Phase 2 reopening as discussed, effective June 19, 2020. Mrs. Neff Ragsdale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **2. Adjournment – Next Meeting – July 6, 2020**

***Mrs. Reishus motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, so moved.***

**Respectfully submitted,**

106 **Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary**