

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION
September 14, 2020
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM

Present were:

Chris Hadik, Chair
Corinna Reishus
Sandy Wright
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale
Kristina Snyder
David Webster
Darrell Quinn, Alternate
John Dalrymple, Alternate

Absent were:

Chuck Myette, Selectman Liaison

Staff Present:

Ranger John Wright

1. Open Meeting – New Business

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and noted Alternate Darrell Quinn would be active.

a. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Neff Ragsdale reported a \$1,635 beginning balance in the budget with expenses totaling \$68.41 for electricity at the Caretaker's Cottage and the Bathhouse. The ending balance of the budget is \$1,536.62.

Mr. Quinn motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Ms. Reishus seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes

August 3, 2020

Edits were recommended by Ms. Reishus to lines 97 and 120.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale motioned to approve the August 3, 2020 minutes as amended. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. Quinn abstained, the motion passed 6-0-1.

c. Phase 3 of reopening. Playground and remainder of parking lot?

Ms. Reishus indicated state parks have opened their playgrounds and surrounding communities as well. CDC guidelines call for daily cleaning, but the Town does not have the manpower to do daily. Ms. Reishus showed proposed signage to be put up at each gate.

Ranger Wright noted visitors can bring their own sanitizer and clean it themselves and would like to see

the parking lot opened by the playground for the soccer season. Chair Hadik noted the kids are back in school and as long as users are made aware it is at their own risk.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale noted she was not aware the fields had been opened back up. Ms. Reishus noted they opened this past Saturday with precautions taken.

Mr. Webster recommended additional trashcans by the playground. Ms. Reishus will make sure there is one but would like to only keep one portable toilet open. The drinking fountain would remain closed per guidance from CDC.

Ms. Reishus motioned to go into Phase 3 opening up the remaining of Wason Pond except for the drinking fountain, with signage. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Use of field for Fireman's Muster (July 2022)

Chair Hadik indicated the 300th Anniversary Committee would like to use the fields in July of 2022 for the Fireman's Muster. This would involve installing two telephone poles with wire temporarily and there would be water used but the grass should recover.

Ms. Reishus expressed concerns about the cost of the fields and conflicting with the summer program in July. There is no summer rec. on Saturdays. Ms. Reishus noted they would have to go through the TRC process.

2. Selectmen's Liaison

a. Update - Tabled

b. Ordinances?

3. Recreation Commission

a. Events

Mrs. Reishus indicated fall soccer, U-6 and U-8 in-house league only, started on Saturday. There are no outside Towns participating.

b. Fields (open for individual use)

The Commission voted earlier that the field was in use.

c. Playground (currently closed)

d. Trails

Mr. Webster indicated tires were in the water and he will remove them.

4. Conservation Commission

a. Mr. Beaver

Ms. Snyder reported the beaver has returned since the last Conservation Commission meeting and she and Mr. Chouinard will try to get to that this weekend. They are trying to get an excavator in to remove two boulders so the pipe will lay flat. The pipe will allow the water to flow under the bridge regardless of beaver activity.

b. Receptacle for fishing line at bridge (KS emailed link on 5/8)

Ms. Snyder noted she sent letters to sporting clubs and is waiting for a response. Mr. Hadik asked for a copy as he may know of some clubs who are interested.

c. Issues/Concerns?

5. Ranger John Wright

a. Update

Ranger Wright reported things are going well. The area is a lot cleaner and there are a lot of families, fisherman and dog walkers.

b. Issues/Concerns?

Ranger Wright reported dogs are being let off leash in the wooded area and this is dangerous especially to those on horseback. There was an incident in the past where a dog spooked a horse and rider resulting in serious injury.

Ms. Wright noted she saw a post on the Raymond webpage that boys had been torturing frogs down by the beach. Ms. Snyder noted as a Conservation representative all wildlife are protected at the area and this kind of activity can be prosecuted. Anyone witnessing that kind of activity should report it immediately to the police.

6. Master Plan – Projects –

a. Pavilion –

Mr. Hadik indicated the next step would be to figure out costs. Ms. Reishus noted it is in the Recreation CIP and she will submit that as is. Mr. Hadik noted the flooring could be dirt for now but will need footings and a roof. Mr. Quinn recommended preparing a well-drained base. Ms. Reishus noted the location should be within setbacks. The Building Inspector will need to review the plan.

7. Miscellaneous

a. Pedestrian traffic count (Madeleine Dillonno – July)

Mr. Hadik noted the pedestrian count can be done next year.

b. ADA Compliance Ramp (BOS approved encumbrance)

The Commission discussed materials to be used for the ramp to provide Town Administrator Doda with enough information to draft an RFP. The Commission decided on concrete with a metal railing.

c. Budget

Ms. Reishus noted the proposed budget was due on Monday.

Ms. Snyder motioned to keep the budget as is. Ms. Neff Ragsdale seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hadik will send the information to the Finance Director. Ms. Reishus noted Ranger Wright's salary was added to the Recreation/Wason line from the Police Department so that they could hire help without the Police Department's requirements for background checks.

d. Facebook Page

Mr. Webster will become the admin for the Commission's Facebook page. Currently Deb Munson is the admin and Ms. Snyder will reach out to her.

Mr. Webster noted it would be a good place for updates, to talk about the fishing line receptacle and clean ups and water testing. Ms. Snyder added a good reminder would be a post about not smoking.

Ms. Reishus noted the Commission has a Town webpage and she has rights as admin on all Town webpages along with Town Administrator Doda.

e. Trails

8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday – October 5, 2020).

Mrs. Neff Ragsdale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary