

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION
October 5, 2020
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM

Present were:

Chris Hadik, Chair
Corinna Reishus
Sandy Wright
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale
Kristina Snyder
David Webster
Chuck Myette, Selectman Liaison (remotely)
John Dalrymple, Alternate

Absent were:

Darrell Quinn, Alternate

Staff Present:

Ranger John Wright

1. Open Meeting – New Business

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

a. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Neff Ragsdale reported a \$1,635 beginning balance in the budget with expenses totaling \$48.48 for electricity at the Caretaker's Cottage and \$16.21 for the Bathhouse.

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

b. Approval of Minutes

September 14, 2020

Edits were recommended by Ms. Reishus to lines 9-12, 19, 48-49, 52, 54, 87, 92, 96-98, 154

Ms. Neff Ragsdale motioned to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes as amended. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Selectman Myette abstained, the motion passed 6-0-1.

c. Phase 4 of reopening Community Center?

Chair Hadik indicated the reopening of the Community Center should be left up to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Reishus noted the Community Center was still closed as a quarantine facility for first responders.

d. Reappointments (DQ, JD, CH)

Mr. Hadik noted Mr. Quinn, Mr. Dalrymple and himself were reappointed by the BOS.

2. Selectmen's Liaison

a. Update

Selectman Myette noted the Budgets are being reviewed. The CIP review is coming up. The Board is looking at ways to maintain or reduce and to stress where revenues come from.

Mr. Hadik noted the Commission voted to keep their budget flat.

b. Ordinances?

3. Recreation Commission

a. Events – Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Ms. Reishus indicated a Scavenger Hunt is a possibility for the two weeks leading up to Halloween using the whole area. Selectman Myette reminded the park still closes at dusk. Mr. Webster recommended an e-flier for the event.

b. Fields (open for individual and approved group use)

Ms. Reishus indicated the fields are open for use.

c. Playground (currently open)

Ms. Reishus indicated maintenance put a trash barrel by the gate.

Ms. Reishus indicated the tires were pulled out and taken care of. The portable will be removed in mid-November.

e. Parking

Ms. Reishus indicated some vehicles were parked in restricted areas. Ms. Snyder noted the parking lot was relatively empty. Ms. Reishus indicated a group wants to park vehicles and trailers and go look at scarecrows. She notified them there are no events, but the property is open to the public. Tailgating is not something that is recommended right now.

4. Conservation Commission

a. Mr. Beaver

Ms. Snyder reported Selectman Myette and Mr. Chouinard put in the pipes for the beaver. The beaver followed anticipated behavior and is not touching the inlet.

Selectman Myette noted the pipe goes out about 8 feet beyond the bridge. Road Agent Oleson came on Thursday with a mini excavator to remove debris so we could get in there.

Ms. Snyder noted maintenance should be easy.

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

Ms. Snyder noted the fishing line project will get done regardless of sponsorship and will tie in the educational piece. Mr. Webster noted he picked up a lot of line and bobbers.

Selectman Myette indicated he was at Deering Reservation and saw a receptacle made of 4" PVC about 2' long with an elbow at the upper end. It was a simple design. Ms. Snyder will discuss the size with Mr. Chouinard to see if there was a reason for the 6" PVC preference. Selectman Myette took a picture and will circulate it.

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, fishermen and dog walkers. Last weekend was busy with everyone coming to look at scarecrows.

b. Issues/Concerns?

Ranger Wright reported dogs are being let off leash in the wooded area and there are fines.

6. Master Plan – Projects –

a. Pavilion – Design received. Footings and timber cut.

Selectman Myette will reach out to Ms. Spence for a materials list including footings and foundations. Eight concrete sonotube columns could be used for the piers. Mr. Hadik indicated that would leave a roof.

Ms. Reishus indicated she moved the \$40,000 CIP item out to 22-23 from 21-22 and will see Mr. Hadik at the Planning Board in a couple of weeks. Mr. Hadik noted it would probably not cost that much with timber cut from Town property and donations and community involvement.

Mr. Dalrymple noted the engineer has not submitted a bill or been paid for the \$500 engineering cost. The total impact fees are \$5,150.

7. Miscellaneous

a. Pedestrian traffic count (Madeleine Dilonno – July 2021)

b. ADA Compliance Ramp (BOS approved RFP?)

Mr. Hadik asked if the RFP for the ramp had been approved by the BOS at Thursday's meeting? Selectman Myette indicated he believed Town Administrator Doda was leaving it up to the bidders to select the material. The Building Inspector indicated salt would eat the concrete.

c. Member Comment

Ms. Neff Ragsdale spoke with two other science teachers at Chester Academy who are interested in collaborating with Conservation and who would like partner to assist WPC&RC with their projects.

Mr. Webster noted the last Pounder will be in October of 2021 and then the equipment is being given to the Scouts. The Barn could be used for events and craft fairs and bathrooms added. Selectman Myette recommended cleaning it out and having an engineer evaluate it before having the public in. The same procedure could be used as with the Spring Hill Farm barn. The Preservation Alliance had someone come and make a punch list. The cost was \$500. Selectman Myette will get information for the next meeting.

The trail map is in the annex for repair. There was a bullet hole in the center. The Scouts will work on repairing that map and the one headed to the beach

8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday – November 2, 2020).

Chair Hadik motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Ms. Neff Ragsdale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary