

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION

December 7, 2020

Approved Minutes

7:00 PM

Present (remotely) were:

Chris Hadik, Chair
Corinna Reishus
Sandy Wright
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale
Kristina Snyder
Chuck Myette, Selectman Liaison
John Dalrymple, Alternate
David Webster (@7:04 PM)
Darrell Quinn, Alternate (@7:06 PM)

Staff Present:

Ranger John Wright

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Brenda Goudreau
Gary Goudreau

1. Open Meeting – New Business

Chair Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, read the meeting preamble. Mr. Hadik introduced the members who were present by roll call: Hadik, Myette, Neff Ragsdale, Snyder, and S-Wright; and Alternates (not active) Quinn and Dalrymple. All indicated per the Right to Know Law that they were alone in the room.

a. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Neff Ragsdale reported a \$1,635 beginning balance in the budget with November expenses totaling \$58.81 from the electricity line of \$16.21 for the Bath House and \$42.60 for the Caretaker's Cottage. The current available balance is \$1,350.30.

Ms. Reishus motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Mr. Webster abstained, Reishus – aye, Hadik – aye, Snyder – aye, Myette – aye, Neff Ragsdale – aye, and S-Wright – aye. The motion passed 6-0-1.

b. Approval of Minutes

November 2, 2020

Edits were recommended by Ms. Reishus to lines 77 and 113.

Mr. Myette motioned to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes as amended. S-Wright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Webster – abstain, Reishus – aye, Hadik – aye, Snyder – aye, Myette – aye, Neff Ragsdale – aye and S-Wright – aye. The motion passed 6-0-1.

c. No Hunting

Mr. Hadik informed the Commission that the Town Administrator advised him without posting signs the no hunting policy cannot be enforced.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale opined that excessive posting would be offensive aesthetically.

Ms. Reishus indicated Town Counsel was concerned about not legally posting.

Mr. Myette stated that was true but similar to other Town properties where hunting is not allowed.

Mr. Dalrymple noted that he saw a hunter come in from behind the cottage but was unsure where he came in from.

Brenda Goudreau who abuts the property stated that a neighbor had an altercation with a hunter who parked on Wason and continued to walk in.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale asked if the rules sign had been updated yet? Mr. Hadik indicated it had not been done yet but the plan was to add it under all the other rules.

Mr. Myette stated that deer season ended on Sunday and recommended having Police Chief Berube weigh in.

Ms. Snyder stated that she still was in favor of only posting by entrances.

Mr. Quinn noted that a sign is displaced on Dump Road that should be moved to the entrance. Mr. Hadik agreed it made sense to have one there because it eventually goes to the Wason property.

d. Wooly Adelgid Infestation

Ms. Goudreau informed the Commission that she noticed many trees affected and won't grow branches and wondered what could be done to save the trees, a program or donations.

Mr. Myette stated that he had seen this before in Southwoods. The whole Town has a problem with this infestation. Conservation was aware of the issue and had previously spoken with the state. Plymouth State University also documented the problem and did not recommend using pesticides as it would be expensive and very challenging. Pesticides would have to be used to slow the spread and while in use people could not use the area. Ms. Snyder announced that the Conservation Commission is meeting tomorrow night with a forester and will discuss ways of timber management solutions as opposed to spraying pesticides. Mr. Myette has been looking for grants to assist with management. Ms. Snyder noted she attended a climate change workshop and warmer temperatures are causing hemlocks to suffer these infestations that would be eliminated by a colder winter.

2. Selectmen's Liaison

Mr. Hadik reported the design for the ramp must be sealed by an architect which costs approximately \$4,000. The Aluminum can be powder coated but not anodized.

Ms. Goudreau stated that her husband is an architect and asked if the plans just need signing off. Mr. Myette indicated he would recommend having Gary Goudreau work with the Commission on the compliance of its buildings. Mr. Goudreau indicated he is willing but would need to

104 have more information. Mr. Myette will provide Mr. Goudreau with the scope of work. Mr.
105 Hadik will provide the Commission's decision to the Town Administrator and Mr. Goudreau's
106 willingness to work with us.

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108 *Ms. Reishus motioned to expend additional \$4,000 on the architect's plan for a seal. Ms.*
109 *Neff Ragsdale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Reishus – aye, Webster – aye,*
110 *Myette – aye, Neff Ragsdale – aye, Snyder – aye, S-Wright - aye and Hadik – aye. The*
111 *motion passed 7-0-0.*
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113 **3. Recreation Commission**

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115 Ms. Reishus will do a winter scavenger hunt for the last two weeks of December.

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117 Mr. Webster reported a dead tree near the playground. Mr. Dalrymple noted it was cut down
118 last Thursday.

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120 Ms. Reishus indicated the portable toilets have been removed.

121 122 **4. Conservation Commission**

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124 Ms. Snyder reported checking on the beavers and expressed concerns people will mess with the
125 beaver or the lodge and recommends putting up an informational sign about this. The beaver's
126 tracks were clearly visible in the snow.

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130 Ranger Wright had nothing to update.

131 132 **6. Master Plan – Projects –**

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134 Mr. Myette reported that he spoke with Ms. Spence a few weeks ago and she stated she would
135 have something for us soon on the pavilion project.

136 137 **7. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (January 4, 2020).**

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139 *Ms. Neff Ragsdale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion.*
140 *A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, so moved.*

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142 **Respectfully submitted,**

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144 **Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary**