

**WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**July 12, 2021**

**Approved Minutes**

**7:00 PM**

**Members present:**

Chris Hadik, Chairman  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer  
Corinna Reishus, Vice Chair  
Kristina Snyder  
David Webster  
Sandy Wright  
Darrell Quinn, Alternate  
Chuck Myette, Selectmen's Liaison

**Members absent:**

John Dalrymple, Alternate

**Guest:**

Ranger John Wright  
Victor Chouinard

**1. Open Meeting – New Business**

Chairman Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**a. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Neff Ragsdale reported expenses for the caretaker's cottage of \$57.72 in electricity usage and the bathhouse had \$40.85 in electricity usage for total expenditures of \$98.57. *Ms. Reishus moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed.*

**b. Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2021**

Chairman Hadik requested titles to be added to the minutes going forward. *Mr. Myette moved to approve the June 7, 2021 minutes as written. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor except Mr. Myette, who abstained. The motion passed.*

**c. Horses swimming in pond? Policy agreed on last year.**

The Commission discussed how things were going after the initial notice regarding animals not swimming on either beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Ms. Wright read a letter she received from the Trail Riders regarding the new policy. The Commission decided to add a new notice to be placed in lieu of the current dog sign near the small beach stating "No Animals on this Beach Area or in the water from Memorial Day to Labor Day."

**d. Causeway and beaver flow pipes issues**

The Walking Bridge that leads to the beach area has been compromised by the heavy rains and is not safe to traverse, either by vehicle or by foot. The Fire Department has coned off the area and notices have been posted. The beach can still be accessed via the Covered Bridge and trails. The town engineer will be coming back out to look when the water level goes down to assess the damage and will report back to the town administrator.

52 **2. Selectmen's Liaison**

No updates reported.

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54 **3. Recreation Commission**

56 **a. Playground area**

58 Ms. Reishus spoke to the Town Administrator and Emergency Management regarding the use of  
the water bubbler. They both agreed that we could proceed with turning it back on. A request  
was made to the Maintenance Dept. and Ms. Reishus will follow-up.

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**b. Summer program**

62 The summer program is going well. Had to cancel Friday and again today due to the Flash  
Flood Warnings. The program is making do walking through the trails to get to the back  
buildings and beach area.

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66 **c. Soccer program**

Registration is open for the soccer program which will begin end of August.

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70 **4. Conservation Commission**

**a. Beaver update**

Ms. Snyder and Mr. Chouinard have cleaned up the area and believed the pipes are still in place.

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**b. Fishing line receptacles**

74 Ms. Snyder shared copies of the New Hampshire Wildlife Journal for July/August which  
reported an article on the Wason Pond Monofilament Recycling Project.

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78 **5. Ranger John Wright**

**a. Update**

80 Mr. Wright has been monitoring the small beach area and redirecting pet owners to other  
suitable swimming areas. Mr. Wright will also keep an eye out for people who continue to  
attempt to use the walking bridge even though it has been blocked off.

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84 **6. Master Plan – Projects**

**a. Pavilion**

The Commission discussed setting up a committee to oversee the pavilion project.

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88 **7. Miscellaneous**

**a. Unleashed dogs**

90 Chairman Hadik reported that dogs unleashed is not a citable offense. The 1981 ordinance  
prohibits dogs at large but if an animal does attack another animal or human, it can be cited.  
The Commission discussed the importance of dogs on leash at Wason Pond. Chairman Hadik  
will attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting to request that they consider adding a town  
leash law ordinance at a minimum for the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area.

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**b. Firemen's Muster in 2022**

96 Chairman Hadik has not spoken to Mr. Costine. Mr. Costine did speak to Ms. Reishus and Mr.  
Costine will be speaking with Acting Fire Chief Gladu and will then get back to Ms. Reishus on  
next steps.

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**c. Pedestrian traffic count**

Chairman Hadik reported that it will be in place once the machine is available.

**d. ADA compliance ramp status**

The Commission discussed how the proposed ramp is in compliance, however, the issue is the pathway from the ramp to the parking area. This will need to be handled prior to construction.

**e. Alex Brillhart Eagle Scout project**

There was no update from the scout. The Commission did discuss the sign that was put up without permission and that the scout should be aware that permission should have been requested prior.

**8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, August 2, 2021)**

*Ms. Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 PM. Ms. Neff Ragsdale seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Corinna Reishus, Recording Secretary