

2 **WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**

4 **July 11, 2022**

6 **Approved Minutes**

8 **7:00 PM**

10 **Members present:**

12 Chris Hadik, Chairman

14 Kristina Snyder

16 Sandy Wright

18 Darrell Quinn, Alternate

20 **Members absent:**

22 David Webster

24 Kathy Dircks

26 Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer

28 John Dalrymple, Alternate

30 Chuck Myette, Selectmen's Liaison

32 **Guests:**

34 Ranger John Wright

36 **1. Open Meeting – New Business**

38 Chairman Hadik called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

40 **a. Treasurer's Report**

42 In Ms. Neff Ragsdale's absence, Chairman Hadik reported \$36.31 in electricity use for the
44 caretaker's cottage (\$49.91 remaining in budget) and \$16.21 for the bathhouse electricity (\$6.28
46 remaining in budget), for a total of \$52.52. The account balance is -\$4,202.70, owing to the
48 public safety emergency (closure of the Causeway [Ash Street] Bridge of \$5,118.54).

50 *Mr. Quinn moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote
was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

52 **b. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2022**

54 *Mr. Quinn moved to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes as written. Ms. Wright seconded the
56 motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

58 **c. Discussion on future of caretaker's cottage**

60 Commission members toured the caretaker's cottage and outbuildings. It was noted that the
62 windowsill in the cottage bathroom needs to be replaced to prevent water entering the building.
64 Otherwise, it appeared in good shape, mainly in need of cleaning and removal of old appliances.
66 As it is not ADA compliant, it cannot be open to public use. The outbuildings are currently used
68 by the Recreation summer program. Possible ideas for how to use the cottage will be discussed
at the next meeting.

70 **d. Beach sand**

Selectman Myette was not present, but Chairman Hadik read an email from him regarding

52 replacing the sand on the beach. He suggested ordering sand through the Town Maintenance
Department. Mr. Quinn pointed out he believes it needs to be a special kind of sand and must be
54 approved. The cost of replenishing the beach sand was removed from the WPC budget request.
Mr. Hadik will speak with the Maintenance Department and work on a quote, so the item can be
56 placed in the budget again next year.

2. Selectmen's Liaison

a. Update on Ash Street bridge

58 Selectman Myette was not present, but he sent a report that engineering work is being done on
60 the bridge replacement project.

3. Recreation Commission

62 Chairman Hadik shared a report from Recreation Director Reishus.

a. Firemen's Muster

66 The poles have been set for the muster, which is scheduled for July 23rd.

b. 300th Anniversary Celebration 5K Race

68 The 300th Anniversary Celebration 5K race is scheduled for July 23rd.

c. Water test

72 The water at Wason Pond was tested on June 27 and the certificate is posted on the Wason Pond
page of the Town website.

d. Use of Wason Pond buildings

76 Ms. Reishus reported on the various groups that use the buildings at Wason Pond. There is no
78 water in the art room, as the water pump issue still needs to be resolved. There are impact fees
to pay for this project.

e. Portable use

80 Due to the restrictions of the Causeway Bridge, the portable toilets cannot be located at the
82 beach. Beachgoers have been using the woods instead of walking across the bridge to access the
portables.

4. Conservation Commission

a. Beaver update

86 Ms. Snyder reported that she and Mr. Chouinard have been cleaning out the culvert 1-2 times a
88 week. There is very little water flow, so the beavers aren't really building right now.

b. Milkweed and pollinator project location

90 Ms. Snyder reported that Ms. Munson from the Conservation Commission has been planting
92 and tending to native pollinator plants next to the Senior Center.

c. Sensitive wetland crossing

94 Chairman Hadik reported there doesn't appear to be any recent activity of people trying to
96 rebuild the makeshift bridge across the wetland.

5. Ranger John Wright

a. Update

100 Mr. Wright reported there is no signage, so he is dealing with issues with dogs being off-leash
102 on the beach. He has been sending dog owners to other locations on the pond.

104 **6. Master Plan - Projects**

104 **a. Pavilion**

106 Chairman Hadik reported there is no change on the pavilion project, as it is awaiting
106 construction of the bridge.

108 **7. Miscellaneous**

110 **8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, August 1, 2022)**

112 *Mr. Quinn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote*
114 *was taken, all were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.*

114 Respectfully submitted,
116 Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary