

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION

November 7, 2022

Approved Minutes

7:00 PM

Members present:

Chris Hadik, Chairman

Kristina Snyder

Sandy Wright

Kathy Dircks

David Webster, Vice Chairman

Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer

Chuck Myette, Selectmen's Liaison

Darrell Quinn, Alternate

John Dalrymple, Alternate

Guests:

Ranger Wright

PACT

1. Open Meeting – New Business

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

a. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Neff Ragsdale reported \$38.15 in electricity expense for the caretaker's cottage and \$21.72 in electricity expense for the bathhouse. The \$1,650 for beach maintenance again did not show up on the report.

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

b. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2022

Ms. Snyder moved to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes as written. Ms. Dircks seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

c. 2023-24 fiscal year budget

Chairman Hadik shared information on the status of the 2023-24 fiscal year budget. The decision was made to review the most recent electricity expenses, since the rates have gone up, and to adjust the requested amounts, if necessary. All other line items, including beach maintenance, are to remain flat.

2. Selectmen's Liaison - update

Selectman Myette shared an update with the Commission.

3. Recreation Commission

Ms. Dircks reported on the current recreation activities.

4. Conservation Commission

Ms. Snyder shared an update on the beaver activity and status of the invasive species removal.

5. Ranger John Wright

a. Update

Ranger Wright reported there are people allowing their dogs to run off leash. There is a tree down that is hung up in other trees at the west end of the boardwalk. Mr. Dalrymple will have town maintenance check it out.

The Ranger's car was keyed at the park. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of installing video or trail cameras. Ms. Snyder reminded the Commission that the property is a conservation easement and it is home to wild animals, so all interests need to be considered.

6. Miscellaneous - Old Business

a. Ash Street bridge engineering update

Chairman Hadik has not heard from the engineering firm regarding the bridge design. Selectman Myette suggested contacting Town Planner Hadik, as he has been working with the firm.

b. Beach sand replenishment

Chairman Hadik said the priority is the permit from the Department of Environmental Services. He will work on obtaining the permit and prices for the material. Selectman Myette suggested working through the Town to get municipal pricing.

c. Erosion points

Mr. Dalrymple reported one of the erosion points has been filled in. Chairman Hadik noted there are deep gullies from water runoff on the beach.

d. Forest encroachment on field

Mr. Dalrymple said he and Road Agent Oleson will inspect the area. Mr. Oleson has bush-hogged the area before.

e. Scout project

Chairman Hadik inspected the sign erected by the Scout and is concerned that it is unstable due to the height. The Commission discussed ways to stabilize it. Chairman Hadik will contact the Scouts to discuss this further.

f. Caretaker's Cottage

Ms. Snyder asked about the status of the caretaker's cottage. Chairman Hadik said the Board of Selectmen has no interest in using the cottage for anything, so no further action will be taken.

8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, December 5, 2022)

Ms. Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dircks seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary