

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION

June 5, 2023

Approved Minutes

7:00 PM

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Members present:

Chris Hadik, Chairman

Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer

Kristina Snyder

Kathy Dircks

Sandy Wright

John Dalrymple, Alternate

Darrell Quinn, Alternate

Members absent:

Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen Representative

Guests:

PACT

1. Open Meeting – New Business

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

a. Treasurer’s Report

For the month of May, Ms. Neff Ragsdale reported \$37.73 in electricity expense for the caretaker's cottage and \$16.21 in electricity expense for the bathhouse. Total expenses were \$53.94. This leaves an available balance of \$1,813.37 or just over 63% of the annual budget.

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. Encumbrance of Funds

Chairman Hadik asked if any funds needed to be encumbered, as it is the end of the fiscal year. The only upcoming expense is the beach sand, which is included in next year's budget. However, if the project can be completed this year, the cost will be taken from the funds remaining in this year's budget.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale asked regarding removing the utilities from the campsites. Chairman Hadik noted only the plumbing remains; the electrical connections were removed. They are not a hazard, so do not need to be addressed at this time.

c. Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2023

Ms. Wright noted that in the April 2023 minutes, there was an error on line 36. Ms. Dircks made

the motion, not Ms. Snyder. Chairman Hadik noted these minutes had already been approved.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale moved to approve the May 1, 2023, minutes as written. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Open At-Large Position

Chairman Hadik reported there is a member-at-large position open. Neither alternate is interested in filling this position, although Chairman Hadik noted they attend most meetings, so are usually available, if a vote were needed.

Ms. Neff Ragsdale asked if a representative from the Senior Center should be included in the Commission. Ms. Dircks said she is the president of the group, but the seniors are no longer using the Community Center on a regular basis as they have outgrown it. She will speak with the seniors to see if anyone is interested in representing the group.

2. Board of Selectmen Update

Selectman Landau was not present, so there was no update.

3. Recreation Commission Update

a. Update

Ms. Wright reported the last games and practices are on June 11th. Representatives from the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) will be completing invasives control the week of June 12th.

b. Fishing Derby Update

Ms. Wright reported 50 children registered for the Fishing Derby. The Recreation Commission thanked the Chester Rod & Gun Club, MLM Construction, and Charlie Moore, the Mad Fisherman, for offsetting the cost of the prizes and the fish drop. The total cost was \$500, of which the Recreation Commission paid half and the state matched it.

c. Summer Program

Ms. Wright reported 65 children have registered and there are 17 staff members. The program will run June 29 through August 4.

d. Wason Pond Wrangler

The event was held on May 20th. There was an inflatable slide on the premises for the children, which will have to be addressed, as these are not allowed on Town property without the appropriate documentation.

e. Buoys

Mr. Quinn mentioned he understood the Fire Department would not be deploying the buoys this year, but no one had any information on this. Ranger Wright suggested adding buoys to the dog beach. Chairman Hadik will look into this.

4. Conservation Commission

a. Habitat restoration (treatment of invasives) update

Ms. Snyder said she had been told the spraying would take place between June 15 and the end of the month, so Ms. Wright's information is more current. She noted the exact date would probably depend on weather conditions.

100 **5. Ranger John Wright**

102 Ranger Wright reported the signs are up restricting animals from the beach. He noted there is
104 poison ivy growing along the fence line on the back side of the playground. The playground was
106 excluded from the invasive treatment program. The Commission discussed how to remove it. He
also said fill is needed by the hydrants. Mr. Dalrymple will speak with the Highway Department
about the fill.

108 **6. Master Plan - Projects**

110 **a. Pavilion**

Chairman Hadik said this project is still on hold.

112 **7. Miscellaneous - Old Business**

114 **a. Beach Sand Replenishment**

116 Mr. Dalrymple reported that the Town Maintenance Department will transport the sand from
Deerfield to the beach. Chairman Hadik will speak with the Supervisor of Roads regarding this.
The cost was \$181 for the sand. A permit to add up to ten yards of sand can only be issued once
every six years, per state regulations.

118 **b. Clearing of Trails**

120 Mr. Dalrymple reported the trees were removed from the trails and the garage. He also noted the
Wrangler group also cleared the trails and did a good job.

122 **c. Ash Street Bridge**

124 Chairman Hadik had nothing new to report. He will check into the status of this project.

126 **8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, July 10, 2023)**

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

130 The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

132 Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary