

**WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**September 11, 2023**

**Approved Minutes**

**7:00 PM**

*Broadcast on Channel 6 and streamed on Government (cablecast.tv) – click “Watch Now”*

**Members present:**

Chris Hadik, Chairman  
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer  
Kristina Snyder  
Kathy Dircks  
Sandy Wright  
Darrell Quinn, Alternate  
John Dalrymple, Alternate

**Members absent:**

Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen Liaison

**Guests:**

Ranger John Wright  
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**1. Open Meeting – New Business**

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

**a. Treasurer’s Report**

Ms. Neff Ragsdale reported for the month of August, \$139.30 in electricity expense for the caretaker's cottage and \$38.15 for the bathhouse, for a total of \$178.05. This leaves an available balance of \$2,429.75 or 92.49% of budget.

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

**b. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2023**

*Ms. Wright moved to approve the August 7, 2023, minutes as written. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

**c. Derry Trail Riders – September 17, 2023**

Ms. Wright said the Derry Trail Riders will ride through the property on the way to Spring Hill Farm. They will mark the trails and clean up afterwards.

**d. Trunk or Treat Car Show – October 15, 2023**

Chairman Hadik reported the Town received a request for a car show similar to the one held this summer, by the same group. There were no issues with the last one and there was a good turnout.

50 **e. Baseball Shed**

52 Chairman Hadik said baseball has requested permission to erect a shed near the fields. He noted  
54 the easement does permit this. Ms. Snyder said Mr. Chouinard, Chairman of the Chester  
Conservation District, will discuss this with the Rockingham County Conservation District.

56 **3. Selectmen's Liaison Update**

Selectman Landau was not present, but reported to Chairman Hadik that he had nothing to report.

58 **4. Recreation Commission Update**

60 Ms. Wright reported Rec soccer started the end of August. Chester Academy might use the field for  
a couple of games.

62 Chester Academy Cross Country had their first meet last week and will have another this week.

64 Derry Trail Riders will be riding through the property on September 17th.

66 A car show will be held in the parking lot from 1-4 p.m. on October 15th, with games on the field  
68 and food trucks in the grassy circle.

70 **4. Conservation Commission Update**

Ms. Snyder said the Commission will discuss moving the brush piles at their next meeting.

72 Ms. Neff Ragsdale said the booth at the Town Fair did not have much traffic, although the  
74 Conservation map was popular.

76 She reported that at the last meeting, Jeff from Moosewood Ecological reported on the survey work  
being done at Spring Hill Farm. Ms. Snyder said when the Town-wide survey is done, it will most  
78 likely include Wason Pond. This work is being done as part of updating the Master Plan.

80 **5. Ranger John Wright**

Ranger Wright reported the cross country meet went well. He will check the trails for obstacles  
82 before the next meet. He noted the door has been ripped off the pump shed. He removed a wasp  
nest that was a danger to walkers.

84 **6. Master Plan - Projects**

86 Chairman Hadik said the pavilion project is still on hold.

88 **7. Miscellaneous - Old Business**

**a. Ash Street Bridge**

90 Chairman Hadik said there is no update on funding for the bridge.

92 **b. Wason Pond Wrangler 2024**

Ms. Dircks said Recreation Director Reishus is looking into the charity donation issue.  
94 Chairman Hadik said the Selectboard will need to decide if Town property can be used for  
personal purposes, if they are not donating to a charity. They are still storing equipment in the  
96 barn, which the Commission will need to review.

98 **c. Tree Service**

Chairman Hadik reported Mr. Dalrymple has scheduled trees to be cut that are in danger of falling onto wires or into the parking lot. He noted the trees behind the garage and caretaker's cottage are very tall and close to the buildings. He asked Ms. Snyder to discuss with the Conservation Commission the possibility of doing a selective cut.

**8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, October 2, 2023)**

*Ms. Neff Ragsdale moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary