

WASON POND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 7, 2019
Approved Minutes

Present were:

John Dalrymple
Chuck Myette
Chris Hadik
Darrell Quinn
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.

Absent were:

Leslie Hammond
Herb Rowell
Melinda Mafera
Stephen O. Landau
Kevin Kistler

Others present:

None

1. Open Meeting

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. – New Business

a. Budget and Warrant Article planning

Chairman Myette reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2019-20.

Chairman Myette recommended keeping a \$1. line item for easement monitoring even though Conservation picks that up, also for dam maintenance which has been done in cooperation with groundskeeping and the Fire Dept. Security would be in the BOS budget. The Ranger is in the Police Dept. budget. and some other expenses are covered by Recreation's budget and the Town Building and Maintenance budget.

Mr. Quinn asked if Commission should carry anything on dam maintenance, considering the proposed valve replacement work for the spillway. They are slated to get in there and tighten rods. That belongs with maintenance of bridge. It was agreed to call it regular maintenance and leave in \$200.00.

Chairman Myette reviewed the remainder of the budget items, which included: maintenance \$100; \$150 for utility decommissioning which was noted the inmates may return to do work and could help with that, line items of \$1 for cultural and scenic and public safety, totaling \$455.00.

Chairman Myette moved to put forward the budget of \$455.00 for FY 2019-20. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Chairman Myette reminded that the Pavilion project was in the Recreation budget, and they earmarked \$18,000.00. Need to make sure no other Warrant Articles are needed. Mr. Hadik advised their budget would have to be approved. Town Meeting is in May. There may be additional expenses in preparing the area for footings, foundations and flooring. Selectman Landau recommended granite for the base rather than pavers as they are more durable and require less maintenance. Chairman Myette urged the Commission to have a good planning meeting in case a Warrant Article is required at Town Meeting or they need to amend it, if the funds Recreation budgeted aren't enough. Chairman Myette recommended having a design, list of materials and costs prepared. Mr. Dalrymple recommended visiting the structure that is similar located on West Drive athletic field, near Continental Paving, right at the lights heading toward Hudson.

3. Approval of November 5, 2018 Minutes

Amendments: Strike Line 117

Mr. Quinn motioned to approve the November 6, 2018 minutes, as amended. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

4. Treasurer's Report (Chris Hadik)

Mr. Hadik reported \$954.00 in the budget, with nothing spent.

Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, as stated. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

5. Recreation Commission

a. Events –

i. Winter Events

ii. Fields

Chairman Myette reported that the fields have been cut in and there are some great aerial photographs that were taken by drone.

Chairman Myette advised it will not be much of a problem if soccer is in the same area and reminded that the Master Plan designed the use to be low impact.

Chairman Myette asked who supervised and whether any soil was hauled off-site. Mr. Dalrymple stated that he supervised. Jordan Lighthall did the excavation and knew the stipulations.

Chairman Myette asked if they filled within 100' feet of the pond. Mr. Dalrymple stated no, the hose goes to 150' and they were beyond that. They will need to return to finish and may add 2-3" of infield mix.

iii. Others-

iv. Issues

6. Conservation Commission

a. Programs – Trail Map/Comments

Chairman Myette provided copies of the ten maps that Mr. Hume had put together and asked for comments.

7. Master Plan – Projects

8. Miscellaneous

a. Security, cameras, ranger

Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale advised that fencing, gates, security cameras and the Ranger were discussed and no one wants to take responsibility for opening and closing gates. The top recommendation was security cameras. Hopefully the Ranger will be back next season.

b. Barn Siding

Next Meeting Date: February 4, 2019

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hadik motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer, Recording Secretary
(via PACT)