

2 **WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**

4 **February 5, 2024**

Approved Minutes

7:00 PM

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

8 **Members present:**

10 Chris Hadik, Chair

Kristina Snyder

12 Kathy Dircks

Sandy Wright

14 Darrell Quinn, Alternate

John Dalrymple, Alternate

16 **Members absent:**

18 Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer

Steven O. Landau, Selectboard Liaison

20 **Guests:**

22 Ranger John Wright

PACT

26 **1. Open Meeting – New Business**

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

28 **a. Treasurer’s Report**

30 In Ms. Neff Ragsdale's absence, Chair Hadik reported \$54.81 in expenses for the month of
32 January, which includes \$38.60 in electricity expense for the caretaker's cottage and \$16.21 for
bathhouse electricity. This leaves \$2,080.38 available in the budget.

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

38 **b. Approval of Minutes**

40 *Ms. Dircks moved to approve the December 4, 2023, minutes as written. Ms. Snyder seconded
the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

42 **2. Selectboard's Liaison Update**

Selectman Landau was not present to provide an update.

44 **3. Recreation Commission Update**

46 Ms. Dircks noted the individual from Raymond who was dumping trash at Wason Pond was
48 contacted by the Chester Police Department.

4. Conservation Commission Update

50 Ms. Snyder had no report.

52 **5. Ranger John Wright**

Ranger Wright reported it is very quiet on the property.

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6. Master Plan - Projects

56 Chair Hadik said the pavilion project is still on hold.

58 **7. Miscellaneous - Old Business**

a. Ash Street Bridge

60 Ms. Snyder shared the grant was approved, which would cover 50% of the total cost of the
62 bridge, up to \$480,000. There will be a Warrant Article presented by Mr. Victor Chouinard,
64 Chair of the Chester Conservation Commission, at the Town Meeting. The Conservation
66 Commission will discuss the amount of additional funding they are willing to put towards this
project. The estimate from DuBois & King was approximately \$280,000, plus \$45,000 in
contingency fees. The Conservation Commission is working to reduce the amount required
from the taxpayers.

68 **b. Selective Cut - Maintenance**

Mr. Dalrymple said the cut is delayed due to adverse road conditions but is still scheduled.

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c. Selective Cut - Conservation

72 Ms. Snyder said Mr. Chouinard has tried to contact New Hampshire Fish & Game without
74 success but continues to try. Mr. Chouinard said any dangerous trees should be removed.

d. Kayak Rentals

76 Chair Hadik reported that Recreation Director Reishus contacted Town counsel regarding
78 insurance, and counsel said they cannot guarantee the open space immunity would cover the
Town being sued, if there was an issue. They discussed the risk versus reward of this project.

80 *Chair Hadik moved to meet with the kayak rental organization to discuss offering kayak
82 rentals at Wason Pond. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were opposed.
The motion failed unanimously.*

84 **e. Annual Report**

86 Ms. Wright reported she should have the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission
88 section of the Annual Report completed next week. The Commission will review it at the March
meeting.

f. Barn Cleanout

90 Mr. Dalrymple said Town Maintenance cleared out some of the old furniture and will try to sell
92 the chairs that were removed. He recommended asking the Wason Pond Wrangler organizers to
determine which of the Pounder materials that are in the barn they plan to use.

94 **g. Winter Fest**

Ms. Dircks reported the Winter Fest will be held at Spring Hill Farm on February 24.

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8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, March 4, 2024)

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100 ***Mr. Quinn moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dircks seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all
were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.***

102 The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

104 Respectfully submitted,
Beth Haggeli, Recording Secretary