

2 **WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSION**

4 **March 4, 2024**

6 **Approved Minutes**

8 **7:00 PM**

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

12 **Members present:**

14 Chris Hadik, Chair

16 Kristina Snyder

18 Kathy Dircks

20 Sandy Wright

22 Darrell Quinn, Alternate

24 John Dalrymple, Alternate

26 **Members absent:**

28 Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Treasurer

30 Steven O. Landau, Selectboard Liaison

32 **Guests:**

34 Ranger John Wright

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38 **1. Open Meeting – New Business**

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

42 **a. Treasurer’s Report**

44 In Ms. Neff Ragsdale's absence, Chair Hadik reported \$53.75 in expenses for the month of February, which includes \$37.54 in electricity expense for the caretaker's cottage and \$16.21 for bathhouse electricity. This leaves \$2,026.63 (77%) available in the budget.

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

48 **b. Approval of Minutes**

50 *Ms. Dircks moved to approve the February 5, 2024, minutes as written. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

52 **c. Metal Detecting at WP**

54 Chair Hadik reported this is an event put on by the Chester Historical Society. However, it will occur at the Wason Field at Spring Hill Farm, not at Wason Pond.

56 **d. Helicopter Landing at WP**

58 Chair Hadik summarized a request for a proposal at the covered bridge that involves a

50 helicopter landing. The request has not been presented to the BOS or WPCRC. The pilot will
52 check the area first and Chair Hadik has asked to be present. The requestor has been told a
54 police presence will be required. The Commission agreed more information is needed and will
prepare questions for when the request is presented.

56 **e. Annual Report**

58 Chair Hadik shared the WPCRC's contribution to the Annual Report with the members and
thanked Ms. Wright for her work on this. He will submit it by the end of the week.

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

Selectman Landau was not present to provide an update.

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64 **3. Recreation Commission Update**

Ms. Dircks had nothing to report.

66 **4. Conservation Commission Update**

68 Ms. Snyder reported on the status of the invasive treatment by the Rockingham County
Conservation District (RCCD) done last year, which involves a follow-up treatment. She asked if
the WPCRC wanted the follow-up treatment and they agreed this was part of the initial approval.

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72 **5. Ranger John Wright**

74 Ranger Wright reported a few beaver-damaged trees snapped during the recent windstorm. Mr.
Dalrymple said there are two trees hanging towards the wires in the recreation area that need to be
removed. Individuals have been metal detecting on the property and Chair Hadik noted that
permission is needed for this activity. He said there are not enough trash cans, so dog waste bags
are being left on the property. Mr. Dalrymple said a can has been added.

78 **6. Master Plan - Projects**

Chair Hadik said the pavilion project is still on hold.

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82 **7. Miscellaneous - Old Business**

84 **a. Ash Street Bridge**

86 Chair Hadik said the warrant article will be presented at the Town Meeting. Ms. Dircks
confirmed that the new bridge will only be accessible by emergency and permitted vehicles, not
the general public. It will be gated, as in the past. Ms. Snyder reported the Conservation
Commission voted to approve up to \$180,000 towards the cost. Chair Hadik noted his concern
that the funds being repaid go back to the taxpayer, not the general fund.

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90 **b. Selective Cut - Maintenance**

Mr. Dalrymple said the contractor is still waiting for the trails to improve.

92 **c. Selective Cut - Conservation**

94 Ms. Snyder reported that RCCD referred this request to the Natural Heritage Bureau. There was
a hit, so NH Fish & Game needs to approve the cut. Fish & Game are not responding due to
being busy. Conservation Chairman Chouinard said he will contact RCCD about removing any
hazardous trees, as this is a safety issue.

98 **8. Adjournment and set date for next meeting (Monday, April 1, 2024)**

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

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

106 Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary