

**Town of Wascott
Douglas County, Wisconsin**

CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON: Tom Mahoney

CLERK: Selected by committee

REPORTS TO: Town Board

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE: This committee represents diversified public interests in parks and campgrounds, conservation of natural resources, recreational opportunities, ATV routes, and community programs serving the public at-large. Identifies short-term and long-range needs and develops operations and maintenance plans and budgets. Makes recommendations to the town board. Assures the efficient and economical use of town resources, including budgeted funds, grant moneys, personnel, facilities and time, to accomplish short-term and long-range objectives.

COMMITTEE DUTIES:

1. Review the town comprehensive plan components which address parks, recreation, and conservation goals and timetables. Recommend updates to the comprehensive plan components, as needed. Recommend action items to the town board.
2. Review the town comprehensive plan components which address cultural, educational, health, and human service needs. Identify unmet activities which address goals of the comprehensive plan. Recommend updates to the comprehensive plan components, as needed. Recommend action items to the town board
3. Annually, review petitions received to add or remove town roads as designated ATV routes, in accordance with policies of the town board. Send notices to adjacent land owners, and notify town chairperson of recommended date(s) for public hearing(s). Recommend any changes in the ATV ordinance to the Town Board. (note: Res.2012-20 amends this)
4. Inventory all public lake accesses, boat landings, and parks; prepare an annual budget for maintenance of said resources.
5. Serve as liaison to non-profit civic groups seeking monetary or other support from the town board.
6. May recommend that the town engage in specific projects for watershed protection, soil conservation or water conservation activities beneficial to the town, subject to authorization of the town meeting.
7. May recommend an appropriation of money in the next annual budget for the control of insect pests, weeds or plant or animal diseases within the town, subject to authorization of the town meeting.
8. May recommend an appropriation of money in the next annual budget for the conservation of natural resources or for payment to a bona fide nonprofit organization for the conservation of natural resources within the town or beneficial to the town, subject to authorization of the town meeting.
9. May recommend an appropriation of money in the next annual budget for civic functions, subject to authorization of the town meeting.
10. Report to the town board on all issues referred to the committee by the town board or town chairperson.
11. Committee members shall faithfully discharge their duties as public officials to the best of their abilities. Applicable laws include: public records, ethics for local government officials, open meetings, misconduct in office, and private interests in public contracts.