

Town of Rowe
Park Commission Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021
Online Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen (Park Commissioner), and Sean Loomis (Park Manager)

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

The minutes for the February Park Meeting were approved by roll call vote: Laurie Pike-yes, Chris "Selmi Hyytinen-yes

New Business:

1. Sue Alix Williams has resigned from the Park Commission. The Selectboard has been asked to appoint Hannah Poplawski to serve for the remainder of Sue's term. Hannah is interested in running for the Park Commission in the May election.
2. It was agreed that Emma Poplawski be officially hired to be the Park's AR 1 again this summer. Emma has been working at the Park for 6 plus summers and is a valuable leader for our summer crew.
3. The Summer Youth Grasshopper Program may be canceled this summer due to Covid protocols and the funds transferred to the Park budget. The Park will hire Summer Youth Grasshopper workers for employment at the Park for this summer only until the Grasshopper Program can be safely administered.

New Business:

1. The Rowe Cultural Council has agreed to extend the two 2020 programs the Park applied for. Announcement of the upcoming spring programs of : Birding for Adults, Pond Creature Exploration for Families will be in the April and May Goal Post. Participants will be asked to sign-up in advance due to limited numbers to enforce Covid protocols. A grant application for a Patterns in Nature Program for children has been accepted by the Cultural Council and will take place on August 3, 2021 in the morning.
2. Possible ideas for a MTWP grant were discussed with a focus on items in the forest Assessment Plan.
3. The new playground project will have to go out to bid. The Park will hire FRCOG to handle the procurement process.
4. There was a discussion about what the summer will bring in terms of Covid protocols and how the Park will be adjust for them. At this point much is still to be determined.
5. An email was received from the Chairman of the Heath Recreation Committee stating that the Heath Community is looking for a place to swim in the summers. They are asking if the Park Commission would entertain the idea of allowing some of the Heath residents a pass to the beach and swim area at Pelham Lake Park. At this time the Park Commission agrees that we could not entertain the idea until the pandemic is under full control. Also, it was noted that the School Choice students from Rowe School will be

extended an invitation to once again use the beach area Monday through Friday throughout the summer months and many of the School Choice families are from Heath.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laurie Pike

Park Commissioner

The March 8, 2021 Park Meeting Minutes were approved at the June 7, 2021 Park meeting by roll-call vote.