

Town of Rowe

Park Commission Meeting

Monday March 2, 2026

6:05 PM

**Attendance:**

Laurie Pike, Park Commission Chair

Erik Olsen, Park Commissioner

Hannah Poplawski, Park Commissioner

Briel Gibson, Park Manager

Agenda:

Call to Order:

1. Park commission expressed desire to have training around Roberts Rules of Order.
2. Approve Park Department meeting minutes from February 4, 2026.
  1. Approved, Hannah to resend meeting minutes to be posted on town website.
3. Spring park events for the community- woods walk to the harvest project and slash wall and invasive species workshop.
  1. Harvest project woods walk scheduled June 6, raindate 13<sup>th</sup> 1 pm, Saturday. Delayed due to heavy snow, expecting spring melt to be prolonged and final clean up to take place in May.
  2. The park manager will reach out to Kyla from Franklin Conservation District about what the presentations will look like. Focus should be on invasives identification, native look alikes, management strategies.
  3. Briel will reach out to Tom Ricardi about doing a presentation of birds of prey at the park.
  4. Mara will be presenting at Rowe Camp and Conf March 21 at 2 pm.
3. Woodlands Partnership grant application requests.
  1. S Lane Construction will be visiting the park to give quotes on upcoming projects at the park including Percy Point fireplace, benches, and stone ramp to the bathrooms.

1. Percy Point key features: loam, grass seed, benches(potentially donated), picnic tables, stone fireplace, accessible walkways, potential for gazebo/pergola.
  2. Briel to reach out for professional design of area including landscape planting. Commission suggested sycamore for tree planting, serviceberry, blueberries for shrubs.
4. Summer youth employment application process and summer recreation program director qualifications and application process.
  1. April goalpost article on working at the park, begin accepting applications. Interviews will take place beginning of May. Include reminder on work permits. Commission discussed what to do in the event there are more than 8 applicants, decided we would split schedules again like last year.
  2. Briel to meet with BOH for final determination for rec program. Will also reach out to lifeguards to confirm those who would like to return.
  3. Briel will rework park application to include questions more relevant to park employees ex. What are your chores/responsibilities at home, sports, music, clubs at school.
5. Goal Post articles -summer events and programs, rules and regulations, senior picnics, summer recreation program, town -wide picnic, employment applications etc..
  1. Summer Social July 11, Senior Picnics July 23, August 13. Potential date for presentation by Tom Ricardi July 23.
6. Update on cliff swallows project, meeting with Orkin for Powder Post beetle extermination, possible volunteer trail clean-up day, data collection for hemlock monitoring plots.
  1. Laurie expressed interest in bringing back park clean-up day or potentially adopt a trail program to report needed trail work.
  2. Briel will create google form to sign up for adopt a trail.
7. Any unforeseen business within the last 48 hours of the posting.

End 7:25

