

Town of Rowe

Park Commission Meeting

Tuesday April 7, 2026

Rowe Town Hall

Attendance:

Laurie Pike, Park Commission Chair

Erik Olsen, Park Commissioner

Hannah Poplawski, Park Commissioner

Briel Gibson, Park Manager

Agenda:

Call to Order at 6:10

1. Approve Park Department meeting minutes from March 2, 2026.
 1. Tabled
2. Woodlands Partnership grant application due May 15, 2026. Information still needed for the application.
 1. Commission will continue with the Percy Point project. Briel will follow up Sam on his quote for hardscape. Hannah will begin drafting the grant application.
3. Summer season preparations and additional needs.
 1. Summer hiring applications are starting to come in. Briel will reach out to last year's employees encouraging them to apply.
4. Updates on Adopt-A-Trail, Cliff Swallow nests installation and community presentation, Browning Bench work bees, pickleball season, etc.
 1. No sign ups yet for adopt a trail. Elementary school to adopt a trail or 2.
 2. WR Hillman sent over insurance, Con Com approval received. Presentation drew a crowd of about 25 people and secured enough donations to cover cost of the structure for Mara.

3. Browning Bench – Laurie and Briel will be volunteering to help clear out the building. Hall Tavern Farm was contacted to inquire about use of the kiln to treat painted antiques – no response yet.
4. Pickleball – nets not up yet – waiting for final snow to melt and courts to dry for leaf blowing.
 1. Commission suggested reorganizing a league of “social” players. Briel will reach out to Steve to set up summer schedule and write something up for social pickleball group in the goalpost.
5. Ideas for the pontoon boat.
 1. Commission would like to bring the decision to sell the pontoon boat to town meeting due to:
 1. Need for new outboard motors
 2. Lake sedimentation limiting channels boat is able to navigate
 3. Commission made a motion to sell the pontoon boat.
6. Any unforeseen business within the last 48 hours of the posting.
 1. Scheduling invasives workshop has been difficult. Briel and Arik would be happy to do a work bee style workshop day May 16. Briel will work on invasives removal and ID, Arik will talk about natives already present.
 2. M Cucchiari has reached out to see if Rowe would like to continue the trail project. Briel will respond with no for the following reasons: the infringement in Heath last year, the convoluted path, the challenges with this specific grant and timing.
 3. Adjourned 7:17
 4. Next meeting Tuesday 5 at 6 pm