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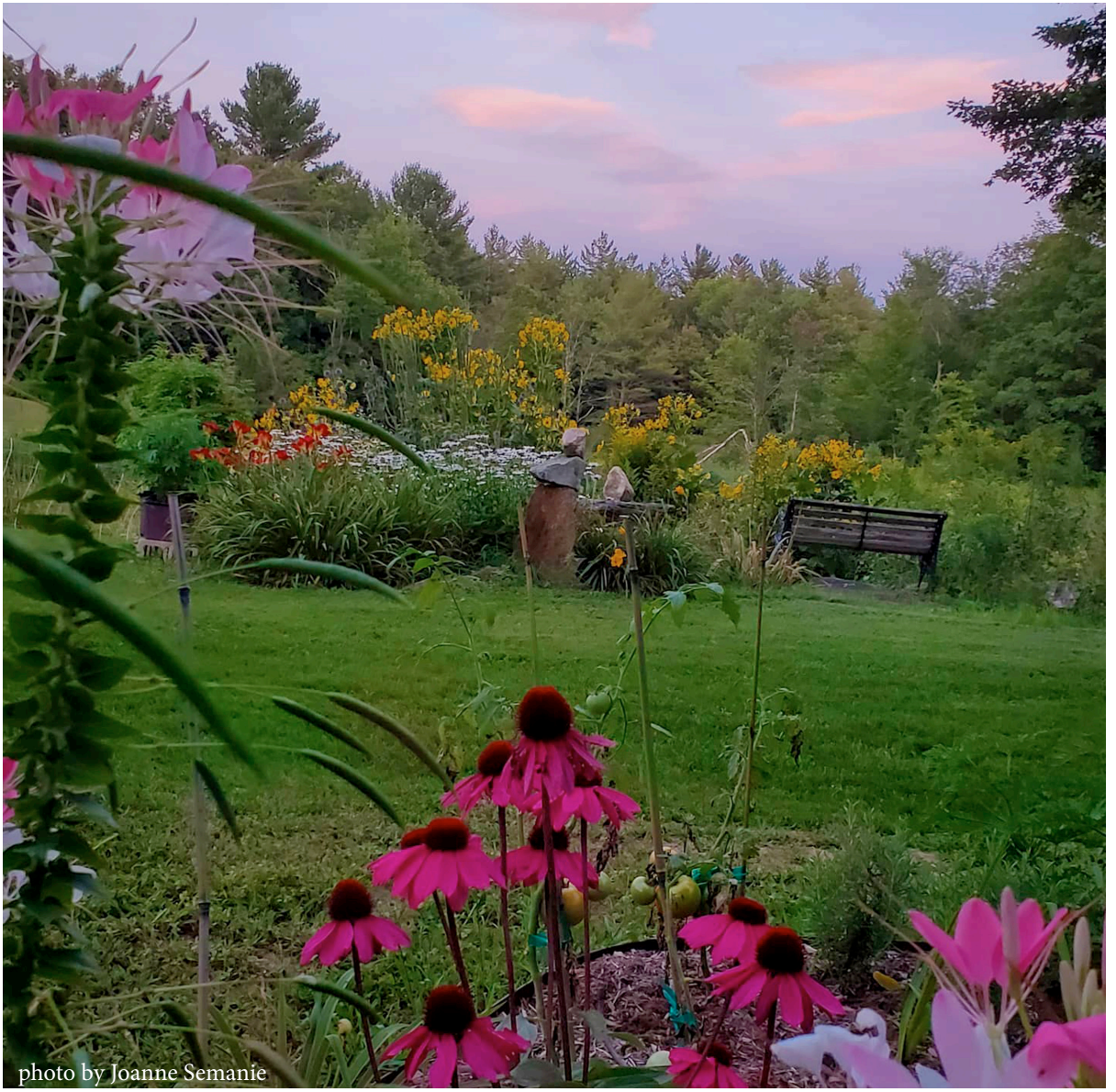


photo by Joanne Semanie

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

Summer is rapidly passing by, punctuated by the start of school this week. As I write this, the sun is out following the threat of Hurricane Henri, which fortunately for us, was just a great deal of rain. I am sure the road crew is out managing some down tree limbs and road washouts.

At the time of this writing the numbers of people contacting the COVID-19 virus continues to grow. Many towns, businesses and schools are requiring the return to wearing masks and social distancing. With FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine, it is hoped that many more will get vaccinated. The Board of Selectmen will meet next week again as our "Covid-19 Group" and will review data and determine any changes that need to be implemented adjusting to the changing environment. The Town Library continues to require mask wearing inside the building as does the Rowe Elementary school.

JOB OPENINGS:

We are short staffed now with the resignation of our Administrative Assistant and Town Nurse, so appreciate your patience during this time as we advertise for the position openings. If interested, please contact me at 413-339-5520 ext. 100 or visit the town website at www.rowe-ma.gov for Job Descriptions and any further details or questions.

ROAD WORK:

Paving this summer will include picking up where the paving stopped last Summer on Leshure Road to the Vermont border. In addition, skimming will be done on Monroe Hill Road using our available funding from Chapter 90 State Funds of $141,851.00 for road repair. We will let you know when the paving begins. Stay safe and enjoy the rest of the Summer!

JOB OPENING-
Administrative Assistant Position:

Town of Rowe is seeking an Administrative Assistant for a part-time (24 hours) benefitted position. The position pays between $21.00 to $25.00 depending on experience and qualifications.

For full Job Description: Please see the town website at www.rowe-ma.gov.
(home page 'NEWS' section)
Submit Cover Letter with interest and resume to: Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary; Town of Rowe; P.O. Box 462; Town of Rowe, MA 01367 or call with any questions: 413-339-5520 ext. 100
Resumes accepted until position is filled.
Town of Rowe is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

Office hours continue to be on Friday evenings from 6:00-8:00. If this time frame does not work for you, I am happy to make an appointment for another night or on the weekend. I check email, messages, and mail very frequently (I have been in the office 14 out of the last 15 week days) and can also check voicemail and email remotely.

A reminder that if you have not been sworn in yet for a position, you need to contact me to arrange to do so.

From the Planning Board

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III, Chair

Please note that there was an error in August's Goal Post regarding vacancies on the Planning Board. The Planning Board has a full complement of five members and there are no openings at this time.

The Planning Board is continuing its review of the zoning bylaws with the hope to hold public hearings in the early spring so that proposals can be taken up at the Annual Town Meeting. As a complete review of the bylaws will take a substantial amount of time, we have created a priority list of the existing bylaws and will proceed beginning with those identified as highest concern. However, because zoning bylaws are complicated and have far-reaching consequences (both good and bad), this will likely be a multi-year endeavor with a handful of changes proposed each year rather than all at once. We encourage voters to let us know what areas of zoning you find most important to focus on and what you want to see in this great town of ours.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at the town hall. We encourage all to attend.

Bigfoot at the Bench Tool

Wildlife Tales Program

Rowe residents, guests and school of choice families are invited to join us at Pelham Lake Park September 4th, 2021 from 10:00-11:00 am for a free Wildlife Tales Program. The Program will be presented by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, who have visited us before for a Raptors Program.

Storytelling strengthens connections between people, inspires creativity, and can help us understand the natural world. The Wildlife Tales Program is an engaging and entertaining event recounting animal stories from around the world with live animals to help bring these stories to life. It is also a great time to learn about the natural history of each animal there and ask questions about animals you may see in your backyard. You do not need to sign up ahead of time and if you have any questions you can call the park at 339-8554.

The staff has been working over the summer to get ready to provide the best possible educational experience for students given the restrictions we are unfortunately still dealing with.

The first day of school for students was Wednesday, August 25 for grades 1-6, and Friday, August 27 for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds. It was an exciting first week, so great to see everyone after the summer break. All students have returned for in-person learning, the state is not allowing families to choose remote learning for their students this year. There has been a lot of moving and shifting of classrooms this year, and the school looks welcoming and warm.

Lydia Brisson, our new school nurse, and Mrs. Griffin have updated our COVID guidelines based on guidance from the Rowe Board of Health, and following guidelines from the Mass. Department of Health. These guidelines are meant to keep us learning, as safely as possible, in person. The detailed plans are available on the school website, but the basic COVID guidelines currently are:

- Masking for all individuals in the school.
- Masks required on the bus
- Masks are not required for outside activities
- Visitors, including parents and guardians, will not be allowed in the school. Repair and delivery personnel will be allowed, briefly and masked, in the building.
- No distancing requirement, or quarantine based on traveling to another state

In regard to illness, we will follow our previous plan of staying home when sick, or being sent home to be tested or evaluated by a physician

The schedule for students this year is Monday-Thursday, 8:30-3:15, and Friday, 8:30-12:30. There will be no early release Wednesdays, as Mohawk is doing. Soccer is back at Rowe! There will be two after-school soccer groups starting in September, one for students in grades 3 – 6, and one for students in grades Preschool-2.

Although the school day starts at 8:30, this year students can be dropped off after 7:45, and will be supervised on the playground by staff until school starts. They do not need to wear a mask on the playground. If the weather is bad, they will spend the time before school in the gym, separated by class and supervised by staff, where they can read or play quiet games, and will have to wear a mask. In either case, they will go to their classroom at 8:30 to begin the day.

The Rowe School staff is the right group to handle this challenge in a positive and child-based way, The past year has been challenging for all of us. The staff is trying their best to manage both the safety and education aspects of the COVID challenge, and as always we are looking forward to partnering with our families to make this work. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5201. You can also email me at wknittle@roweschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle

PreK/K classroom

1/2 classroom

3/4 classroom

5/6 classroom

Photos by Bill Knittle

Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

NEW HOURS!!
Tuesday 10-5
Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7
Saturday 10-3

The library is looking for residents interested in teaching a 1 hour activity to students during our 6 week program. Do you have a passion for wildlife? Cooking? Woodworking? Fishing? Creating? The ideas are endless. Email or call us at the library for more details.

No appointments necessary.
If you are more comfortable picking items up we will still offer curbside service.

Masks are still required inside the library building.

Programs:

Adults:

Wednesday Sept 8th @ 5:30 pm: Rock Painting with C. Stetson. Call or stop in to Register
Wednesday Sept 15 @ 3:30 pm: Book Discussion - ask for your copy of this month's book

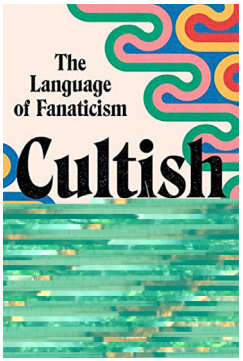
Kids:

Thursdays @ the Library, a 6 week program. The library will be offering a 6 week after school program for K-6 graders on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm. The program will run Spet 9 thru Oct 14. Each week the students will be working with a different community member learning about various topics including exploring electricity, learning about mushrooms, touch drawing, and a few others. Space is limited and registration is required, please call or stop in to sign your child up for this program.

Weekly the library will also be providing open ended crafting materials for kids to stop in any time the library is open and use the materials provided to create and craft.

Contact the library if you would like to be put on our email notifications for programs Rowelibrary@gmail.com

Some New Items This Month



What makes "cults" so intriguing and frightening? What makes them powerful? The reason why so many of us binge Manson documentaries by the dozen and fall down rabbit holes researching suburban moms gone QAnon is because we're looking for a satisfying explanation for what causes people to join—and more importantly, stay in—extreme groups.

The story begins in 1618, in the German duchy of Württemberg. Plague is spreading. The Thirty Years' War has begun, and fear and suspicion are in the air throughout the Holy Roman Empire. In the small town of Leonberg, Katharina Kepler is accused of being a witch.

A humorous picture book filled with wordplay and mixed-up onomatopoeia, Cow Says Meow features bold graphic art, silly animals, and unique cover cut-outs at the front and back.

Cow says . . . Meow!
Cat says . . . Neigh!
. . . or does it?

With bold graphic art and a punny narrator, this zany picture book is full of outrageously mixed-up animal sounds. Puns and wordplay will leave readers giggling through the roller-coaster of sounds all the way to the final pages featuring the correct animal noises. Cow Says Meow is a perfect read aloud for home, the classroom, or anywhere else, and will delight fans of Cece Bell's I Yam a Donkey and David Ezra Stein's Interrupting Chicken.

The origin story of the Frisbee soars with unexpected twists and turns.

Fred Morrison is credited as the inventor of the Frisbee, but for centuries folks have been flipping for flying discs. Ancient Greeks flicked discs, and beginning in the 1920s, college kids at Yale University were tossing pie tins. Fred lived in California and had no idea about ancient Greeks or East Coast college kids. His invention quest began in 1932 after tossing a tin popcorn lid around the backyard

photo by Meghan (McLatchy) Wells

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS

The past month has been busy for the park staff as they have been finishing summer projects. One of the completed projects is a trail that connects the Northwest View Trail to the White Tail Trail. The staff has also opened another new trail, which is the Cliffside Trail. This trail spurs off of the new Adams Mountain Trail and connects back to the Todd Mountain Trail in the saddle. The Cliffside Trail is fun and challenging, and we invite you to come check it out if you are up for some scrambling! Another completed project is the replacement of the bog bridges on the Beach Trail. The bridges have been replaced with a boardwalk which will greatly improve your hiking experience as your feet will stay dry! The park staff would also like to thank Clayton Miller for the completion of the paddleboard trailer. This will allow for easier storage and access to the boards. We would also like to inform residents of a project that will be happening later this fall, which will be the removal of the majority of pine trees at Percy Point. The trees were hit with a disease and are slowly dying and have become hazardous, for every tree taken down the park will plant a new species of tree in its place.

The time has finally come for the fitness center to open! Two new air purifiers have been installed to ensure the safety of people who wish to use the space and equipment. Additional safety measures include sanitizing equipment before and after each use, along with a mask requirement for users who are not fully vaccinated. The fitness center will be open between the hours of 12:00pm-5:00pm Monday through Friday.

And lastly, the park would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work over the course of the summer.

-Submitted by Sean Loomis, Park Manager

trail connecting the Northwest View Trail to the White Tail Trail

new boardwalk on the Beach Trail

new paddleboard trailer

Norman H. Stanford, age 93, passed away at his home in Arizona on January 23, 2021. He was born in Rowe MA on October 24, 1927, the son of J. Henry and Lila M. (Woffenden) Stanford. At an early age his family moved to Charlemont where he attended Charlemont schools. In 1945, during his junior year, he left high school to enter the Army. For the next three years he served as a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany. After returning home he spent two years in Chicago where he graduated from Coyne Television Repair School and attended Dodd-Harris Schools where he completed his high school education by passing the entrance exams to the University of Illinois. During this time he met his future wife, Jean Dunlop, who resided in Oak Park, IL. In 1951 he reentered the military during the Korean War stationed at Colorado Springs CO. There he spent two years training replacement troops for combat in Korea. While there he and Jean were married and made their first home in Colorado Springs.

Following his discharge in 1953 they spent the next seven years in Richmond, Indiana where he managed an electronics wholesale firm and where three of their four children were born. While in Richmond he joined the Indiana National Guard unit stationed in that city. After five years he was commissioned and assumed command of the infantry company. In 1960 he accepted a sales position with a prominent electronics manufacturer which required the family to relocate to New England. His employment caused him to travel extensively. He was responsible for sales throughout New England and Eastern Canada. He was with Channel Master for twenty-seven years during which time they lived in Concord NH, Vernon CT, Rowe MA, and Golden CO. During their seven years in Rowe he was active in town affairs. He spent two years as President of the Rowe Historical Society, one term on the Rowe School Committee, and was Chairman of the 1976 National Bicentennial Committee. The committee accomplished many things—the most important being the salvaging and relocating of the Browning Bench Tool Factory on Pond Road, which is now leased to the Rowe Historical Society.

In 1980 Channel Master promoted him to Regional Sales Manager with a move to Denver CO where they spent the next ten years. He was responsible for sales in seven Western states. After retirement they made their home in Ajo and Sun City West AZ. He was a member of the Masons, 32nd Degree, the Military Officers Association of America, the Elks, and the American Legion.

What is that weird plant???

photo by Sue Williams

photo by Meredith Sokol

As you're walking in the woods, you come across this weird, white plant. Is it a plant? or is it a fungus? It's not green like a plant, but white. What is this thing??

You've found Ghost Plant or Indian Pipes (*Monotropa uniflora*)!

This odd wildflower consists of one 3- to 9-inch stem and can grow singly or in small clumps. Although you may notice small scales, no leaves are required because the plant does not photosynthesize. Each stem bears one white or pinkish-white, bell-shaped flower, which appears sometime between late spring and fall and is pollinated by small bumblebees. Once the bloom is pollinated, the flower rotates and faces upwards and creates a seed capsule that eventually releases tiny seeds into the wind. For obvious reasons this white plant is also sometimes called "corpse plant". Indian pipes are mycotrophic - meaning that they survive by borrowing nutrients from certain fungi, trees and decaying plant matter. This complicated, mutually beneficial process allows the plant to survive even in the darkest of shade as they don't need any sunlight to survive.

The latin name *Monotropa* means once turned and *uniflora* – one flowered. It is found most often in moist woodlands and has a wide geographic distribution throughout the United States, from Maine to California and from Florida to Alaska. It is absent from the southwest, intermountain west and the central Rocky mountains.

Have you seen a flower or plant (or moss) in town that you want to know what it is? Send me a photo at goalposteditor@gmail.com

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 17TH

Register online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org
or fill out the form on the back of this sheet and mail it.
Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

For residents and businesses of the following towns: Athol, Barre,* Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland,* Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. **Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2021.* Space is limited. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible and should call (413) 772-1528 for info on disposal. For business registration and pricing information, call (413) 772-2438.

Due to COVID-19, safety protocols and waste restrictions will be in place. Participants will be required to wear a mask, remain in their vehicle, and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Materials that will not be collected this year include all types of batteries, thermometers, and thermostats. These items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.

WHAT TO BRING

Any substance labeled: CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, DANGER, CAUTION

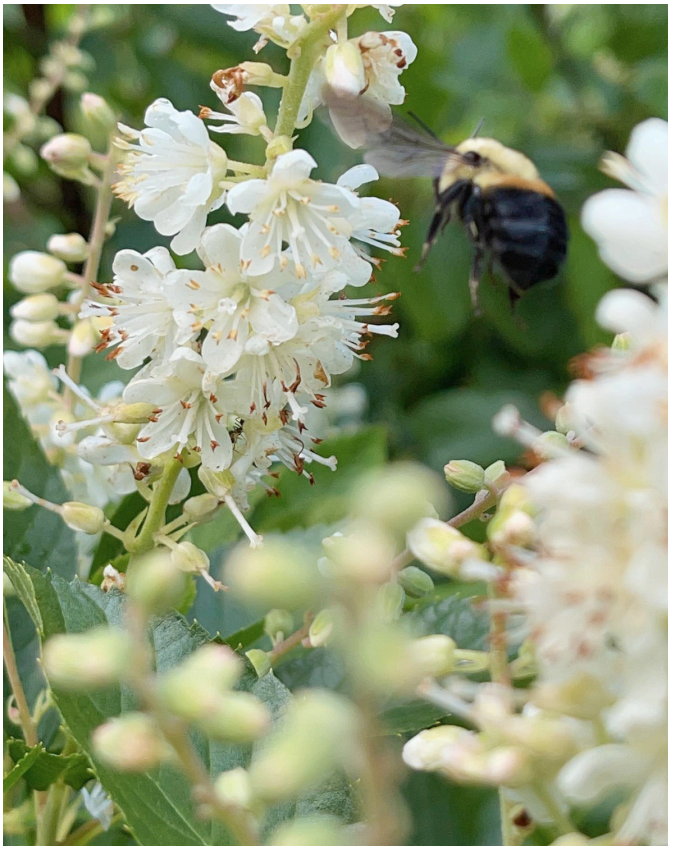
- Paint (non-latex), spray paint, varnish, paint thinners, solvents
- Herbicides, pesticides, yard/garden chemicals, wood preservatives
- Asphalt sealer, roofing tar, household cleaners, pool chemicals
- Motor oil, antifreeze, automotive fluids
- Photo chemicals, arts & crafts supplies, furniture polish

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury-containing items (see reverse for alternate disposal), latex paint, empty containers from hazardous products (put empties in trash, not recycling), gas cylinders, radioactive material, explosives (including ammunition & fireworks)

For more information: **www.franklincountywastedistrict.org** or contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438.
MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).
The District is an equal opportunity provider.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District



Summersweet photo by Meredith Sokol

Rowe Community Church

Submitted by Ros Mullette

Sept. 5 Worship Service & Observance of The Lord's Supper
12 Worship & Praise Service
19 Worship & Praise Service
26 Worship & PRaise Service

BIble studies are held on Wednesdays and will be held on Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th at 7:00 p.m.

September Birthdays

1 - Ramon Sanchez
2 - Susan Wood
3 - Martha Rossi
4 - Robert Clancy
5 - Ryan Burke
5 - Christopher Tatro
6 - Helen Danek
6 - Andrew Kuehl
9 - Karen Markert
9 - David Poehlein
9 - Madison Roccio
9 - Ryan Shattuck
11 - Divina Urena
12 - Douglas Wilson
13 - Thomas Plante
14 - Loretta Dionne
14 - Karen Soviecke
14 - Wendy Sutherland
15 - Heidi Cousineau
15 - Tiffany Reardon
16 - Nicholas Baker
19 - Jordan Rice
22 - Brian Ash
22 - Deborah Katz
22 - Lance Larned
22 - Jillian Crowningshield
23 - Kevin Sprague
23 - Robert Avallone
25 - Jocelyn Crowningshield
25 - John Rose-Fish
28 - Debra Crowningshield
28 - Ann Grieco
29 - Jenna Crowningshield

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact me at: GoalPostEditor@gmail.com

Town Services

Position/Dept.	Ext #	MAIN PHONE#	Alternate Phone #		Email Addresses
Admin Assistant	101	339-5520			
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Assessors FAX			339-8585		
Board of Health	105	339-5520			boh@rowe-ma.gov
Conference Rm 2nd Fl	148	339-5520			
DPW	111	339-5520	339-5588		dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov
Executive Secretary	100	339-5520			townadmin@rowe-ma.gov
Fire	112	339-5520	339-4001		firechief@rowe-ma.gov
Fitness Room	149	339-5520			
Hearing Room #1	150	339-5520			
IT/Server Closet Area	147	339-5520			
Library	114	339-5520	339-4761		rowelibrary@gmail.com
Park	110	339-5520	339-8554		parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov
Police	113	339-5520	339-8340	339-0139 (H)	policechief@rowe-ma.gov
Tax Collector	106	339-5520			collector@rowe-ma.gov
Town Accountant	102	339-5520			accountant@rowe-ma.gov
Town Clerk	103	339-5520			townclerk@rowe-ma.gov
Town Nurse	107	339-5520			nurse@rowe-ma.gov
Treasurer	108	339-5520			treasurer@rowe-ma.gov
Gracy House	-		339-4276		
School			413-512-5100		
Town Hall FAX			339-5316		

Town Main Line at 413-339-5520

Town Hall has reopened as of June 17 th for normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. When visiting Town Hall, please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated for Covid-19 or if you feel it necessary. Please contact Executive Secretary at: (413)339-5520 ext. 100 for appointments whenever possible.

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