

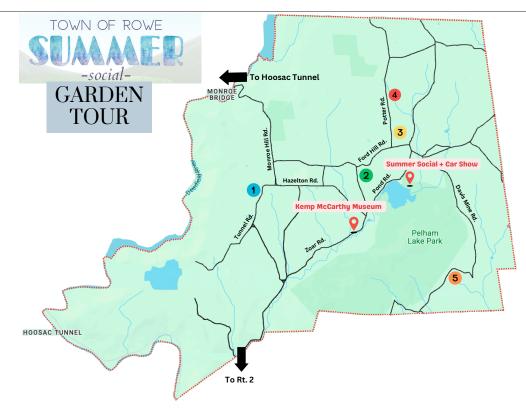
# -social-PELHAM LAKE PARK & ROWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING

TOWN OF ROWE

# SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024 12-6PM

12-2PM HISTORIC HOOSIC TUNNEL TALK BY JERRY KELLEY AT THE MUSEUM 2-4PM GARDEN TOUR - 4 GARDEN MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM AND PARK 2-4PM VINTAGE CAR SHOW - IN FRONT OF PARK ENTRANCE ON THE GRASS 3-5 PM FIRE AND ICE. FIRE TRUCK TOUCH A TRUCK & ICE CREAM IN THE PARK 3-6 PM PANINI FOOD TRUCK IN THE PARK (VOUCHERS FOR ROWE SENIORS AVAILABLE) 4-6 PM COUNCIL ON AGING DESSERT BUFFET AT THE BEACH 4-6 PM LIVE MUSIC ON THE BEACH

Brought to you by The Rowe Historical Society, Rowe Town Hall, Rowe Town Library, Caravan Kitchen, The Rowe Fire Department Council on Aging, Rowe UU Camp & Conference Center, Rowe Elementary PTP Beautifications Committee, Rowe Cultural Council, Rowe Parks Department, and Local Families of Rowe



#### Anna and Dennis Humbert

#### 530 Tunnel Road

Anna and Dennis call their beautiful garden "Hosta Haven" as there are many, many varieties of Hosta plants which hummingbirds thrive. The two acres of cottage gardens with annual, perennials, trees shrubs, and a small fish pond adorn the property. Some of the trees and flowers are unique to our area. The beautiful stonewalls will certainly be appreciated by all of you as well. Please note the Buckeye tree which Dennis is very proud as he is originally from Ohio. Fabulous Hosta plants!

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#### Joanne and William Semanie

As you stroll through the Semanie property, you will find a number of perennial gardens including one especially for bees and butterflies. There are globe thistle, daylilies, hydrangea, ornamental grasses, roses, and much more. Also note the wonderful fire pit surrounded by perennials.

# 3

#### 29 Potter Road

87 Potter Road

59 Middletown Hill Road

Cyndie's gardens include quite a variety of perennials, annuals, and shrubs that bloom at different times throughout the spring, summer, and fall. There are also garden decorations in various places, some hidden in the stone wall. When the barn was removed, Cyndie made the area into a Barn Patio for relaxation in the country air. The view from the porch is amazing and viewing of the wildlife is ever present. She also has a small vegetable garden and pumpkin patch. Enjoy!

#### Thomas Chiofalo

**Cyndie Stetson** 

Tom's property is designed to entertain as well as to be maintained. When you pass through the gate, you will see the upper pond which is fed by a running artesian spring. Walking to the views from the house bay window, one sees the two deep views into the woods to two Carins. Walking to the house porch steps reveals the upper slope, lower pond, and third Carin. If you wish to do additional walking, follow the 300' rail fence created by stacking fallen younger pine trees to the lower five acres to the back stone wall of 400' leading to the brook. As you can see, there are many terraces which have an undulating rhythm throughout the property. This is a lovely natural property in the woods with rocks, trees, hedges, paths, moss, and grassy areas. What a lovely Oasis!



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#### Karen and Mitch Soviecke

Karen and Mitch have lived in Rowe for over 40 years and gardening has become more and more of a hobby for Karen. The gardens have gone through many transitions for which Karen keeps a journal of planting and moving her plants in various areas of the property. Her passion for day lilies includes a collection of 45 different varieties. Also, Dalias include about 20 different varieties. Karen is also fascinated by English and Japanese primroses. Color is an important part of her love of gardening. What a delight in the middle of the woods!

#### 41 Davenport Road

### **Town Clerk** Submitted by Kevin Balawick

The focus of this month's Town Clerk News will be to discuss the change in our Town Bylaws to make the position of Town Clerk an appointed position instead of an elected position. The Board of Selectmen proposed the change and the town voted in favor at both Town Meeting and the local election that followed. The motivation of this change is the need to fill the role of Town Clerk with an effective administrator, but also have the ability to remove that administrator should they prove to be ineffective at the job. The role of Town Clerk is vital to the organized function of the town and the administration of elections. By making the change from an elected to an appointed position, the town ensures that, should a town clerk be derelict in their duties, the Board of Selectmen can remove them and replace them with someone who will be effective. If an elected Town Clerk is derelict in their duties, they can not be removed except by vote in a local election when the Town Clerk term comes to an end. A special election could be held to try to remove an elected Town Clerk before the term has ended, but that election would be administered by that same Town Clerk. That means, an ineffective Town Clerk could remain in their job, not perform their duties, and be paid all the while for as much as the full three year term. I support this change and believe that the Board of Selectmen will do a fine job selecting and managing the Rowe Town Clerk.

### From the Planning Board Submitted by Matt Stine

The Planning Board is seeking a volunteer to fill a single vacancy in the board's membership. Over the past year the planning board has typically been responding to lot divisions but the group also acts as the Special Permit Granting Authority for the town in the event an individual or business is looking to engage in construction or land use not allowed byright. The planning board can also help with long-term planning through "Master Plans" and present by-law changes to the town.

If you are interested in helping with the Planning Board please reach out to me or Donna and Brooke in Town Hall. Our hope is to appoint someone with the Board of Selectmen by September.

On a planning side note, I recently came across a document from 1996 called "Goals for Rowe II" (an update from 1975's Goals for Rowe). The report assessed residents' sentiments and hopes for what the town could offer. Even being in town a short time I can see how some topics are still relevant to residents today. I'd encourage anyone interested to take a quick read - the report is posted on the town's website on the planning board page. (<u>https://www. rowe-ma.gov/g/55/Planning-Board</u>).

There is a tiny fawn in the vicinity of the Williams Trail in the park - Please Keep Your Dogs leashed at all times!



### -Vitamin Joy-

One of the most important goals in life should be feeling and expressing joy. I propose a column devoted to raising joy in ourselves, our family, town and further. We welcome all stories you would like to share that inspire joy and kindness that you have experienced. Please submit your stories, ideas, lists, recipes, or memories to: adminasst@rowe-ma.gov

Quote submitted by Deb Lively

" Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity."

photo by Claudine Poplawski

### Help Enhance and Protect Rowe

Do you want to help make Rowe's recreational opportunities more accessible? Do you love nature or care about protecting natural resources? Do you want to help the town secure grant money to reach its goals? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then consider joining the Rowe Open Space and Recreation Committee! You can help our small committee turn our detailed Open Space and Recreation Plan's actions and goals into a reality. This is an appointed position for anyone (you do not have to be a full-time resident to join) who is interested in preserving Rowe's natural resources. Email: <a href="mailto:ljeanpike@gmail.com">ljeanpike@gmail.com</a> (Laurie Pike OSRP committee member) to join the committee or learn more. Be a part of improving Rowe's outdoor spaces for future generations!

submitted by Laurie Pike

### Red-eyed vireo nest



## Rowe Town Library News Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

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

The Rowe library is developing a Strategic Plan to identify priorities for services and programs over the next 5 years. We would like to find out what your needs and interests are. We will use this information to guide decisions for specific library goals and activities. This survey is voluntary and all ages are welcome to fill it out. Please feel free to skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Whether you use the library or not, your input is valued. **Please find the Survey online at the town website under the library tab, on our Facebook page or you can pick up a hard copy at the town hall or the Library.** 

**Programs:** 

### Library will be Closed Thursday July 4th

July Programs-

### Kids Summer Reading Program Weekly Crafts @ 4:30 pm

Thursday July 11 Wednesday July 17 Thursday July 18 - Little's Story Hour Wednesday July 24 Wednesday August 7

Earth Rhythms with Roger Tincknell - Songs for the Environment : A family Concert Thursday July 25 @ 5:30 pm

#### **Adult Programs**

Book Club meeting Thursday July 18th @ 4:30 pm

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





From the beginning of the school year to a beautiful graduation ceremony, it has been another year like none other. It's hard to believe that this year marked the end of our tenth year in the "new" Rowe Elementary School since it opened in August 2014. Here are some of the highlights that stand out to me:

The first day of school for the students. They were excited to see their friends and teachers again, and eager to get going.

Observing in all the classrooms, and seeing how well all the staff worked to support the students' learning.

Our Open House in September, seeing so many parents, guardians and other family members join us at the school.

In October, as we set out on our All School hike, how hard everyone worked, and how well the staff, along with parent and guardian volunteers organized this day, and how it went so smoothly.

Family conferences, many of them student-led .

The amazing amount of work that the PTP put into Tailgate Trick or Treating, in addition to the ongoing support they provide the school.

Report Cards – the amount of time and care the teachers put into the comments and narratives that accompany our report cards show how deeply the teachers knew the students and how they cared enough to communicate that knowledge to the families.

MCAS: Students and teachers have worked so hard all year on reading, writing, and math. Rather than teach to the test, we work to help our students become thoughtful readers, solid mathematicians, and critical thinkers, so they will be prepared to deal with any test or challenge they face.

Mrs. Baker's PreK/K class set up a story walk along the Babbling Brook Trail at Pelham Lake Park. It will be up all summer, check it out of you can!

Talent Show, Field Day, 6th Grade Send-Off and Graduation - what a final week!

I know I've said it before, but it bears repeating: Thank you to all the school staff, school families, School Committee, North Berkshire School Union Central Office, and especially the Rowe Board of Health who helped make this year a supportive and positive one.

And special congratulations to Roberta Baker, who retired at the end of this school year after 42 years as a student and teacher at the Rowe School.

Though the summer is a quieter time for our school, there is still a lot happening. The school is being made ready for the next school year, there is professional development going on for teachers, as well as time to relax and recharge so they'll be ready to help the students get the most out of their education in the fall. Plans are being made to make next year a great one at the Rowe School.

We are hopefully looking for parent and/or community volunteers to help out at the school again next year. I'm excited about the upcoming school year, so many great things coming, and I'll be sharing them with you. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5100. You can also email me at wknittle@roweschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle

It is hard to believe that a long-time member of the Rowe School community will not be coming back to school in the Fall. Rowe resident and Preschool teacher Roberta Baker has retired after 30+ years as a beloved and respected teacher.

Roberta likely holds the record for years spent at Rowe Elementary. She was a student at Rowe Elementary before she became a teacher, totaling her years spent here at 42! This year she was nominated by the Massachusetts Teachers Association for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year award. Although she did not pursue this honor, the nomination was well deserved. In her time as a teacher, she has positively impacted countless lives. Whether you were a student of hers, a colleague, or a parent, she made a lasting impact on all our lives. As a mother of two boys who had her as their preschool teacher, I will forever be grateful to Roberta for her dedicated advocacy for their education. At the time I thought her kindness was above and beyond for us, but now that I am a colleague of hers, I have come to understand and witness that she is a fierce advocate for every student's right to an excellent education.

Thank you Roberta Baker, you will be missed more than you know. See you on the slopes!

Lydia Brisson, Rowe Elementary School Nurse

## The Bjork Farm

#### Submitted by Joanne Semanie

A few weeks ago a packet of photographs were loaned to me by resident Cynthia Stetson. We had recently had a conversation about the barn that was on her property at one time and how sad it was to lose it to time, weather and old age. I began to research the residents I remembered and shared a little about a childhood spent just down the hill.



Ben haying with Tom & Jerry

My family moved to Rowe in May of 1960 to a little house at 14 Potter Road (currently owned by Gail and Dennis May). It had been unlived in for a while with an outhouse and a shallow well with a hand pump. Country living at its finest, Dick and Sally Alix moved in with their 3 children, all under 5 years old.

At the time Potter Road was not passable due to a large beaver dam that completely covered the road. The only houses on the road were ours and Ben and Augusta Bjork's just above us. The next building if you could navigate your way through belonged to Pete and Helen Shields.



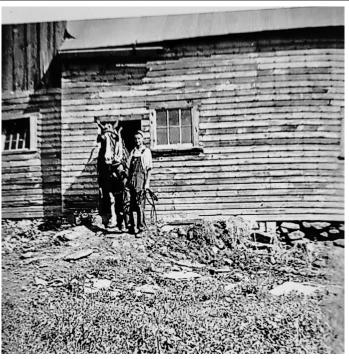
Ben with horses in front of his barn

The Bjorks had purchased their farm in 1938 (# 30, now the home of Danette Reynolds).

Potter Road went through their yard so the house was on one side of the road with the barn and fields on the other. Their barn was a large one where Ben kept his horses. My father bought a brown and white pinto gelding in the first couple of years we were in Rowe and Mr. Bjork let him fence in one of his fields for a pasture. There was a well worn path along the road next to the fence line we would follow as kids and it led right to Bjork's yard where it was evident our horse spent a lot of time visiting with our neighbor who I'm sure had treats in hand.

I am often asked about buildings in town. I take some time to do a genealogy of the property and piece some things together with deeds and family history research. This project has just begun but I foresee more stories coming from this that I will share in the coming months.

There is a lot of information about many properties in town at the museum. If you have questions give them a call or visit. You never know what they might dig up for you.



Son Wendell with one of the horses



## \*\*Bring on Summer from your Council on Aging\*\*

In June the COA held its monthly *Third Thursday Coffee Morning* with summer in mind and provided residents with an ice-cream social! Many residents joined us inside while we cooled off from the heat wave eating yummy treats and enjoying great conversation.

- In July our Third Thursday Morning will be held in combination with the Park's SENIOR PICNIC on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. Please make your way to the Park's pavilion area where you will find lunch, drinks, and other goods served. Please bring your smile and a bit of quirky conversation to enjoy with other seniors and residents! <u>Save the date for a second potential Senior Picnic/COA Coffee morning collaboration on August 15th.</u>
- Walking Club with Kelle Quist and Rachel Lewis is a continuation to our 'get moving' initiative. The walking club will run each Monday in July starting Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am. The walk will be an hour long of moderate intensity so make sure to bring good walking shoes. Don't forget bug spray/bug net and a water bottle. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up!
- Summer Social at the Park-July 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-6, this event is a collaborative effort between many groups and committees including, the Rowe Historical Society, the Rowe Parks Department, as well as the COA. The COA is offering VOUCHERS for all ROWE SENIORS age 60+ for 1 FREE PANINI Sandwich. Please come to the Town Hall prior to the event to collect your voucher (1 per person). The COA will also be providing some desserts for the community, but would like to shout out to our seniors and ask them to show their support by bringing cookies, brownies, cupcakes, or bars to the Summer Social Event (drop them to the dessert table)!
- Do you have any suggestions? Please feel free to reach out to Donna, Rachel or Brooke at the Town Hall with any ideas/suggestions for future events. We would love to hear from you! Or better yet- stop by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Coffee morning to see some of your COA members and many other inspirational residents who come share their amazing personalities and stories!



On Thursday evening, June 13th the town got together to celebrate the service and retirement of Chief Julie Shippee. The event was held at the town Fire-Police Station and was attended by approximately 80 residents and friends of the Chief. The meal was pulled pork with cornbread, beans and salads followed by a cake and watermelon. Henry Dandeneau provided a speech followed by several appreciative residents sharing their experiences and gratitude for all that the Chief has meant to them. Chief Shippee was presented with a retirement badge, cards as well as a beautiful handmade quilt made by resident Anna Humbert that all attendees could sign. We wish Chief Shippee all the best and welcome her into her administrative position with the town.





**Free yoga classes at the Rowe town beach!** Come enjoy the peacefulness and serenity of yoga on the beach with our certified instructor. Classes will take place on the following Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 AM: July 6,13, 27 and August 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring a towel, mat, or blanket to place on the sand. Enjoy a refreshing start to your weekend!

**Free Senior Picnics at the park.** The Park and the Council on Aging are excited to announce two senior picnics this summer. The first senior picnic will take place on July 18 from 11AM-1 PM. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, drinks and delicious dessert treats provided by the COA. **Come and enjoy good food and company at the Pelham Lake Park picnic area**. The second Senior Picnic is tentatively scheduled for August 15 same time, same place, and same great food.

### Summer Recreation Program at the Park

The Park is offering a Summer Recreation Program for children 6-10 years of age. Information went home with the Rowe school children. The program will run for four weeks during the month of July 1-27 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Exact dates and more information can be obtained from the Park staff during work hours or the Park Department's webpage on the Town of Rowe website.

submitted by Laurie Pike

# Rowe Historical Society July Events

**Saturdays, July 13 & July 27, 10 am - 2 pm**. The Kemp-McCarthy Museum and Browning Bench Tool Factory will be open. Come learn about the people of Rowe and explore the tools, farm & homemaking implements, sleighs, quilts, and other artifacts that tell their stories. Make sure to experience our interactive fiber and fiber arts exhibit featuring mid-19th century attire!

**Saturday, July 27, 10 am, Rowe History Hike: Hosea's Cave**. Join us for a 1.5 mile walk to the summer home of Hosea Ballou and learn about the pauper system of the 1700s. This walk is easy but does have a stream crossing. Meet at the town stump dump along Zoar Rd. by the refuse garden. For questions, email dmwilliams237@ gmail.com. At 12 pm, a free grilled lunch will be served at the Kemp-McCarthy museum.



Suggested donation at the door \$10.

### 'Leaves of 3- Let It Be!'

When it comes to poison ivy and poison oak- we should always heed the phrase 'LEAVES OF 3, LET IT BE' so we are 'better safe than sorry'. Poison sumac on the other hand, can have 5, 7, or more leaflets on a stem- which makes them harder to identify. All of these plants can cause dermatitis, which is characterized by **intense itching, red skin rash and skin swelling or blisters**. Poison ivy plants (this is the collective term which will be used for poison ivy, oak and sumac), contain a compound called urushiol, which is found in leaves, stem, fruits, roots and sap of the plant. When contact is made from the plant directly to the individual or indirectly from contact by another individual/pet/gardening tools/clothing, the urushiol can cause the previously noted symptoms in about 50 percent of people. Symptoms usually develop within four hours to four days after exposure to the urushiol. After the initial symptoms, allergic individuals develop fluid-filled blisters in a line or streak-like pattern. The symptoms are worse within 1 to 14 days after touching the plant, but they can develop up to 21 days later if one has never been exposed to urushiol before.

The blisters can occur at different times in different people; blisters can develop on the arms several days after blisters on the hands developed. This does NOT mean that the reaction is spreading from one area of the body to the other. The fluid that leaks from blisters does **NOT** spread the rash. Poison ivy dermatitis is **NOT** contagious and cannot be passed from person to person. However, urushiol can be carried under fingernails and on clothes and if another person comes in contact with that urushiol, he or she can develop poison ivy dermatitis also.

### **Treatments**

Poison ivy dermatitis usually resolves within one to three weeks without treatment. Treatments that may help relieve the itching, soreness, and discomfort caused by poison ivy dermatitis include:

<u>Skin treatments</u>—For some people, adding oatmeal to a bath, applying cool wet compresses, and applying calamine lotion may help to relieve itching

<u>Steroid creams</u> — Steroid creams may be helpful if they are used during the first few days after symptoms develop. Low-potency steroid cream, such as 1% hydrocortisone (available over the counter) is not usually helpful. A stronger formula may be

helpful, but a physician's prescription is required.

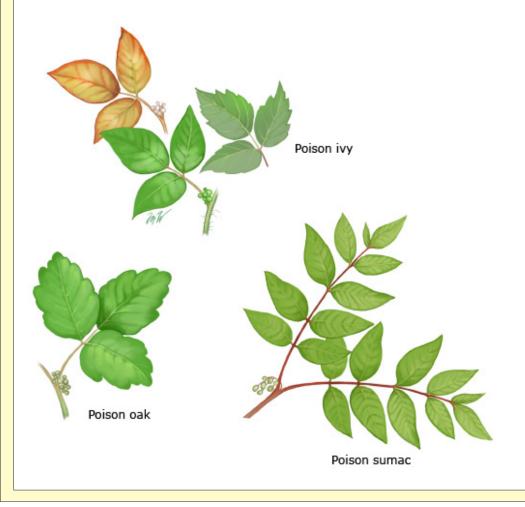
<u>Other treatments</u>—You should NOT use antihistamine creams (Benadryl) or lotions, anesthetic creams containing benzocaine, or antibiotic creams containing neomycin or bacitracin to the skin. These creams or ointments could make the rash worse.

\*If the symptoms are very severe or do not improve, see a physician- a steroid medication or antibiotic (if the rash gets infected) may be warranted. \*

## \*\*And as always- CHECK YOURSELF FOR TICKS DAILY\*\*

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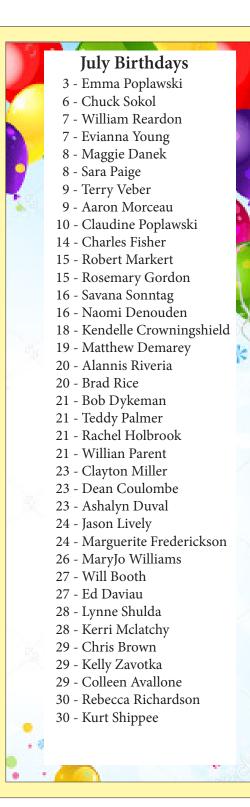
Give me His feet That my tears might find a place of ministry Give me His feet That the very hairs of my head He may Know Give me His feet That I might find a place to wait upon Him Let me be His footstool That His feet might find a place of rest Give me His feet That I might walk as He walked Be it upon life's tempestuous waters Or through death's dry barren vale Give me His feet For they have holes That I can Fill ...

By Reed Edwin Brown

Just a Reminder Reed and Paulette are trying To find a way to Open the Church back up and Keep it going for another generation. People are welcome to Visit The facebook page RoweCommunityChurch and request to join . Ph# 413-663-1299 email reedbrown10@yahoo.com

Military knife found in town, if yours please contact the Police department to pick it up with description of knife. Thanks Chief Shippee

Julie Shippee Chief of Police Town of Rowe PO Box 462 Rowe, Ma 01367 413-625-8200 413-339-8340 Office



# **Town Departments**

The Town Hall is Open Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm (413) 339-5520

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
Town Administrator	100	townadmin@rowe-ma.gov	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Admin Assistant	101	adminasst@rowe-ma.gov	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Accountant	102	accountant@rowe-ma.gov	By Appointment Only
Town Clerk	103	townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	Tuesday's 6:00pm-8:00pm
Board of Assessors	104	assessor@rowe-ma.gov	Tues-Thurs 8am-1pm
Board of Health	105	boh@rowe-ma.gov	Tues-Thurs 8am-1pm
Treasurer	106	treasurer@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-4pm
Tax Collector	106	collector@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Nurse	107	nurse@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Wed, Thurs 8am-4pm
DPW	111	dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov	Monday – Friday 6:30a-2:30p
Fitness Center	149		Mon,Wed 9am-11am/4pm-6pm

# **Emergency Services**

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
Fire Chief	112	firechief@rowe-ma.gov	Thursday's 2pm-8pm
EMD	112	firechief@rowe-ma.gov	Thursday's 2pm-8pm
Police Chief	113	policechief@rowe-ma.gov	Wednesday's 5pm-8pm

## Town Library (413) 339-4761 rowelibrary@gmail.com

Days	Hours		
Tuesday	10am-5pm		
Wednesday	12pm-8pm		
Thursday	3pm-7pm		
Saturday	10am-3pm		

## Transfer Station (413) 339-0216

boh@rowe-ma.gov

Days	Hours	
Wednesday	7am-10am & 4pm-7pm	
Saturday	8am-2pm	
Sunday	8am-Noon	

## Elementary School (413) 512-5100

Name/Position	Ext. #	Email
Principal, Bill Knittle	1	wknittle@roweschool.org
Secretary, Laurie Laffond	2	llaffond@roweschool.org
Nurse, Lydia Brisson	3	lbrisson@roweschool.org

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