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photo by Brooke Shulda

Town Clerk News

submitted by Kevin Balawick

Happy start to Summer everyone! On Saturday, May 17th the town held our annual local election. A few folks reached out that they did not understand that the vote by mail applications only last for election in the calendar year. I am sorry for not making that clear in early posts. Next year I will send out vote by mail applications with the annual census and dog license renewal forms, that way folks can have a reminder that they must renew in order to vote by mail in the local election.

Please note that because Marilyn Wilson won a seat on the Select Board she is forced to resign from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will nominate a person that they would like to be appointed to the Finance Committee and the Select Board will make an appointment to fill the vacancy. The person that fills the vacancy will hold the seat until the next Local Election in May 2026. At that time there will be two seats on Finance that are up for election. One will be a 3 year term and one will be a 5 year term.

Below are a summary of the results of the local election. Detailed results are available on the Town Clerk's page of the town website.

Board of Assessors – 3 Years

Herbert Butzke 85
Blanks.....20

Board of Health – 3 Years

Kathleen Atwood..... 94
Leann Loomis 1
Blanks.....10

Board of Selectmen – 3 Years

Marilyn Wilson..... 58
Edward Silva (I)45
Blanks.....2

Cemetery Commission – 3 Years

Jaymes H Williams 98
Blanks.....7

Finance Committee – 3 Year

Jeffrey Bailey..... 58
Edward Silva40
Write-ins2
Blanks.....5

Library Trustee – 2 Years

Diane Parrington..... 91
Blanks.....14

Library Trustee – 3 Years

Kathleen Atwood.....	95
Blanks.....	10

Park Commission – 3 Years

Arik Olson	87
Jeffrey Bailey	1
Blanks.....	17

Planning Board – 5 Years

Margaret Pallotta (WI).....	4
Edward Silva (WI)	4
Write-ins	6
Blanks	91

Planning Board – 1 Year

Margaret Pallotta.....	82
Blanks.....	23

School Committee – 3 Years

Matthew Stine.....	92
Roberta Baker	1
Blanks.....	12

Town Moderator – 3 Years

Robert Clancy.....	95
Write-ins	4
Blanks.....	6

The Beautification Committee is gearing up to beautify our wonderful Town of Rowe. Unfortunately we are down to only three members so it will take a bit of time, but we're optimistic about our plans. If any of you can find a little time to help us out, please call Cyndie at 413-339-4231. We would appreciate any assistance.

Our garden tour is set. It will take place Saturday, July 12 from 10 am until 3 pm. A boxed lunch for only \$10 will be available by calling Cyndie by 7/10. It will be either a hummus veggie wrap or turkey provolone sandwich along with accompaniments and seltzer. We have six gardens on the tour this year and are excited to present it again.



Assessor's News
Submitted by Rick Williams

Recent Property Transfers (May 2025)

Further details may be obtained by researching the specific deeds at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at masslandrecords.com/franklin

- ❑ **KATZ, DEBORAH** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **KATZ, DEBORAH, TRUSTEE OF THE DEBORAH KATZ REVOCABLE TRUST** of Rowe, MA, property located at 80 Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 36) (Bk 8471 Pg 120)

- ❑ **MARCHEGIANI, ELLIOTT N.** of Nashua, NH, for consideration of \$0, grant to **MARCHEGIANI, ELAINE M.** of Londonderry, NH, property located at 1 Pelham Lake Drive (Map 201 Lot 42) (Bk 8477 Pg 75)

- ❑ **MARCHEGIANI, ELLIOTT N.** of Nashua, NH, for consideration of \$0, grant to **MARCHEGIANI, ELAINE M.** of Londonderry, NH, property located at 5 Pelham Lake Drive (Map 201 Lot 59) (Bk 8477 Pg 78)

Comparison to Other Towns

The following table compares last year's (**FY25**) residential tax rates, average single-family home values, and average single-family tax bills for some of our neighboring towns, and for Weston—the highest town in MA. [Data source: MA DOR Municipal Databank]

<u>Town</u>	<u>Residential Tax Rate</u>	<u>Average Single Family Home Value</u>	<u>Average Single Family Tax Bill</u>
Hancock	\$ 2.69	\$ 381,722	\$ 1,027 (lowest in MA)
Rowe	\$ 5.14	\$ 285,592	\$ 1,468 (2nd lowest)
Monroe	\$ 8.99	\$ 176,489	\$ 1,587 (3 rd lowest)
Florida	\$ 7.77	\$ 227,477	\$ 1,767 (4 th lowest)
Erving	\$ 9.31	\$ 271,330	\$ 2,526 (5 th lowest)
North Adams	\$ 16.71	\$ 225,448	\$ 3,767
Colrain	\$ 18.26	\$ 242,117	\$ 4,421
Shelburne	\$ 12.84	\$ 351,627	\$ 4,515
Heath	\$ 18.81	\$ 243,263	\$ 4,576
Hawley	\$ 16.35	\$ 281,664	\$ 4,605
Charlemont	\$ 18.30	\$ 267,678	\$ 4,898
Ashfield	\$ 13.46	\$ 387,590	\$ 5,217
Buckland	\$ 16.94	\$ 325,722	\$ 5,518
Greenfield	\$ 19.56	\$ 286,497	\$ 5,604
Weston	\$ 11.10	\$ 2,294,016	\$ 25,464 (highest in MA)
MA average	\$ 11.04	\$ 700,615	\$ \$7,732 (MA average)



Oral Jackson

In the early morning hours of May 8, 2025, at the young age of 67 years, this world lost a wonderful man, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. Oral Jackson passed away peacefully to go home to God with his wife by his side after a 5 year courageous fight with cancer. Oral was born in Greenfield, MA on October 15, 1957. Oral was an amazing person and he left a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Oral was an auto technician for over 30 years, most recently with Burke-Whitaker in Northampton, MA. We heard on multiple occasions that the

shop was just never the same and that it was too quiet after he left....absolutely no one was immune from his crazy antics. Oral was a selfless person and he would help anyone, anytime, no matter what it was. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed various hobbies. He loved to go fishing, go on motorcycle rides and go to car shows with his wife. He also enjoyed hunting, camping, boating, snowmobiling and having picnics & camp fires at the Pelham Lake in his longtime hometown of Rowe, MA. Oral's happiest memories were made when he could spend his time with his wife and children. Most recently, Oral found his way to God and made the choice to be baptized in his name. This gave Oral a lot of comfort, especially in his final days with us. Besides his loving wife, Darlene, of 47 years, he also leaves behind his daughter, Lisa Jackson, his daughter Crystal Benard and his son-in-law Neill Benard, his beloved dog Tucker and his cat TabithaLynn. In addition to his immediate family, he leaves behind 3 sisters: Jewel Isch (Jeff), Darlene Dwyer (Mike), and Valerie Jackson; and 2 brothers: Forrest Jackson (Mary), and Fred Brouillet (Dorene). Oral was pre-deceased by his father, Richard Jackson and his mother, Eva Jackson (Holmes); 2 sisters: Roxanne Jackson and Sandy Benware; and 1 brother, Rick Jackson (Rita). He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins and the many, many friends he's made over the years. Oral loved to have fun and his pranks and sense of humor are something no one will ever forget. Despite everything he went through with all of his health conditions and the cancer treatments, he never lost his sense of humor and could make someone laugh right up until the very end. We would like to extend our immense thanks to the doctors and nurses at Cooley Dickinson for the amazing care and attention they gave to Oral and his family over the last 5 years. We also want to thank Dr. Howard and his staff in the Oncology Department as they worked tirelessly through every treatment to give him as much time with us as possible. We especially want to express our sincerest gratitude to Ben from the Oncology Department - Oral's final wish was to be able to see his dog Tucker one more time and Ben made it possible for us to bring Tucker down to him so he could say his goodbyes. It was Oral's wish not to have any formal services but rather to get together as one big family and have a potluck cookout and spend time together laughing and sharing our memories of him. A potluck style Celebration of Life is planned for July 13th from 1-6 pm at Camp Apex at 45 Peckville Rd. Shelburne Falls, MA. Cremation arrangements are being handled by The Cremation Society of New Hampshire.

submitted by Lisa Jackson



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

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

Upcoming June Events:

Sunday, June 8th @ 11:30 - Join Mara Silver at the Library for a presentation on our endangered Cliff Swallows and take a walk over to the Town Hall to observe the colony

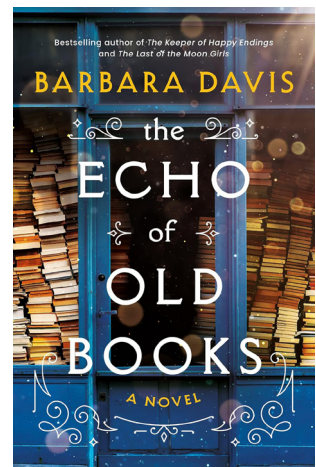
Thursday, June 12th @ 4pm - Summer Reading Kick-Off Party! Music, Games, Crafts, and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 18th @ 4pm - 1st in our Summer Series of Kids' Activities - Tie Dye!

Thursday, June 19th - CLOSED for Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 25th @ 4pm - 2nd in our Summer Series - Make Your Own Sparkly Worry Stones

Thursday, June 26th @ 5:30pm - Monthly Book Chat - Echo of Old Books by Barbara Davis



Catherine Thompson Snyder



June 21, 1954 – December 24, 2024

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A LIFE WELL-LIVED

Saturday, June 21st at 11am

Smith-Kelleher Funeral Home

40 Church St, Shelburne Falls, MA

Prior to the service, a gathering of family and friends will
be welcome at 10am.

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



May was a busy month, inside and outside the school. The 3/4 and 5/6 classes finished the MCAS Math tests, and the 5th graders took the Science and Technology MCAS. We had 100% participation this year. Some of the classes have been working in the vegetable gardens outside the Library windows and exploring nature at Pelham Lake Park, while the 5/6 class took the first trip to Washington, D.C. since before COVID. This is all in addition to the math, reading, and writing work they are doing every day, both inside and outside the school.

We appreciate the support shown by the voters in Rowe for the school at Town Meeting, allowing us to offer a high-quality academic, social, emotional, and physical education to the Rowe students. We will again have four classrooms next year: a PreK/K class, a Grade 1 and 2 class, a Grade 3 and 4 class, and a Grade 5 and 6 class. We will also continue to invite community members to a monthly lunch in the cafeteria on the last Wednesday of each month.

The last day of school is scheduled for Monday, June 16, and we are planning Graduation for that day, at 6:30 at the school.

It has been another exciting and challenging year, and the entire school staff has stepped up and done what the students needed to both be safe and to learn. The support of School Committee members Susie Zavotka, Matt Stine, and Beth Balawick, Superintendent Franzoni and the rest of the NBSU Central Office staff, the Rowe School community, and the Town Hall staff has made it possible for the staff to do the amazing work they do with students, and our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone.

As I reach the end of my fourteenth and last year at Rowe School, it has been the pleasure of my life to be a part of the Rowe School community. I will always treasure my time here, the people I've worked with, both inside and outside the school, and every one of the students who have come through our doors. Thank you for everything.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5100. You can also email me at wknittle@row-school.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

submitted by Bill Knittle

What the Proposed Historical Commission By-Law Means for Rowe

As Rowe residents consider the Warrant Article to amend the Historical Commission's By-Laws, here's a quick overview of what it does—and what it doesn't do.

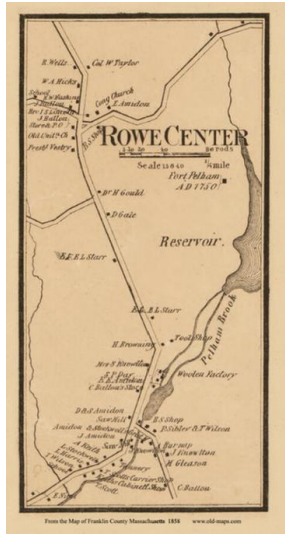
What It Does:

- **Creates an advisory Historical Commission** under current Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8D.
- **Supports preservation efforts**, especially for **Town-owned properties** which could include buildings, sites, or historic trails.
- **Applies for and manages grants** from state and federal sources, including the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Documents Rowe's historic resources** and promotes local heritage.
- **Advises** property owners and town boards—**not regulates**.

What It Does *Not* Do:

- **Does NOT regulate private property.**
- **Does NOT create a Historic District.** *
- **Does NOT impose restrictions on homeowners.**

Any proposal to form a Local Historic District would require a **separate Town Meeting vote.*



Why This Matters:

With limited budgets, small towns like Rowe benefit from grant funding to preserve historic places and improve accessibility and sustainability. These Historical Commission by-laws will help make Rowe eligible for that funding—without placing a burden on residents.

This Commission is a **resource, not a regulator**, created to help the entire community. It's a step toward protecting what we value about Rowe's past—while planning for its future.

Let's preserve what we love—**together**.



Fire Department

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

In the 1920s, 1930s, and early 1940s Merritt Peck, Charles Newell, and Howard Truesdell, in turn, were named fire wardens and with other quasi-volunteers were paid for their time at fires under the town contingency account. Frequent forest fires, often lasting for days, were usually set by sparks from the B&M or HT&W railroads in the Soapstone and Pulpit Rock areas and on Negus Mountain, which was soon called "Old Smokey". If a fire was set by a train the railroad would pay the expenses. Other towns would help quell the fires and Rowe was most often dependent on Charlemont. Rowe's worst recorded fire was in 1923, when the house of Mr. And Mrs. Roy Holden burned, killing three children who were trapped on the second floor. Many other houses have been lost over time, especially in the early days, but this fire caused the only known loss of life.

The first town appropriation specifically for fires was \$200 in 1947. In that year a committee investigated the purchase of a firetruck. One was ordered and delivered in April 1948 from the American-LaFrance Company; it sported a 100hp Mercury engine on a Ford chassis with snow tires. Included was a portable gas engine pump with 500 feet of 1 ½ inch hose with fog nozzle for approximately \$7,400. In October 1948, a new firehouse was completed on the end of the town garage for \$6,000.



L to R: Alton Davenport, Foster Newell, Ralph Newell, Gerald Truesdell, Charles D. Avery, Kenneth Soule (in truck), Samuel Murray and Howard Truesdell. Richard Truesdell is child in back of the truck.

In March 1948 the selectmen appointed the first fire chief, Samuel Murray, and a volunteer fire department was organized with 16 members. As soon as the fire truck arrived the department engaged in many practices and training sessions. A Volunteer Firemen's Association was formed, and the upstairs of the firehouse was made into a lounge and kitchenette for meetings. This group organized the Firemen's Field Day in July 1952; this event became the annual Old Home Day, which the group sponsored until 1961.

A Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association was soon formed to assist the firemen with food at fires and whatever else was needed. The ladies also helped with Old Home Day and raised funds for other projects. These organizations were social clubs and met a need at the time. The members also gave many hours of their time for the benefit of the town.

These organizations lasted into the early 1980s.

Dear Rowe Homeowner,

It is that time of year to purchase your dump tag and stickers for use at the Refuse Gardens. The new FY26 tags will go into effect on July 1, 2025. The yearly price remains at \$25.00! This includes your FY26 hang tag and 52 bag stickers. Please note the following:

- ☐ All tags purchased after September 1, 2025, will be \$50.00.
- ☐ Lost or replacement tags are an additional \$25.00. This does not include additional stickers.
- ☐ Additional stickers can be purchased throughout the year for \$1 each or a lot of 28 stickers for 25.00.

There are various options to pay for your FY26 tag and stickers:

- 1) **Online:** Rowe offers the convenience of online payments through UniPay. You may pay by eCheck (ACH) or by any credit/debit card. Please visit The Town of Rowe Website home page and scroll down to “pay other bills”.
- 2) **Mail or Drop Box:** **Personal check or money order** made out to the Town of Rowe. When payment is received stickers will be mailed to you. **Please attach the form below with your payment.**
- 3) **In-Person:** **CASH, personal check or money order** made out to Town of Rowe. The BOH office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. **Please attach the form below with your payment.**

Christine Bailey
Clerk, Board of Health

PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN

Please fill out and return this form with your \$25.00 fee before June 15th. Tag and stickers will be handed to you in office or mailed to you. Checks/money orders should be made payable to: Town of Rowe.

Name _____

Phone: _____

Rowe resident address _____

Mailing Address if different _____

**** Council on Aging is Preparing for Summer****

In May, the monthly Third Thursday coffee morning was a more chilled out social event, which included EXTREME puzzle making, friendly chatter with our friends and neighbors, and of course coffee and treats! Thank you to our lovely Town Administrative Assistant Donna Butzke for her delicious lemon -rhubarb loaf (rhubarb picked from right here in Rowe) and to our Town Nurse Rachel, for the chocolatey brownies. We will NOT hold a coffee morning in June, as it falls on 'Juneteenth' holiday, but will see you in July for the summer social AND for our summer picnics at the lake, held in combination with the Rowe Park.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

WALKING CLUB: will run each Monday in June starting Monday, June 2nd at 10am. The walk will be 1-1.5 hours of moderate intensity so make sure to bring good walking shoes, bug spray and water. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up! It is getting warmer and buggy- so don't forget your water and bug spray ** In the case of inclement weather, the walking club MAY be cancelled. Use your best judgement for your own safety**

BOWLING- Bowling has been paused for the summer season and will resume in the fall

TANGLEWOOD!- The Council on Aging, with support from the Rowe Cultural Council, will host its first-ever senior trip to Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony, in Lenox, on *Sunday, August 3*. The featured performer is famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma. We have some tickets left, with priority given to seniors, including a bus from Town Hall, which will leave around noon, for a 2:30 performance. We will arrive back in Rowe around 7 p.m.

If you have never been to Tanglewood, this is a great opportunity to visit without the stress of driving or parking. Attendees will be let off at the gate.

These seats are dubbed "lawn plus," because they enable you to enjoy a picnic on the lawn, but also have shed seats in section 11 in case of rain, or if shade is needed.

You may bring a picnic lunch, or there is a cafeteria and snack bar at the venue.

The tickets are \$50, including transportation. Tickets will be sold first come first served. If you are interested, please bring a check for \$50 to Donna at the town hall- made out to 'The Town of Rowe'. No cash will be accepted.

Lifepath Grant: The Council on Aging recently received a \$3,000 grant from Lifepath, a Greenfield-based non-profit that provides services for the aging and their families. This grant funded the purchase of a new smart tv for the fitness center, which will enable us to host online workshops and movies, along with a beach wheelchair for Pelham Lake Park, which will enable those with physical limitations to get into the water.

Memory Café and Caregivers Support Group: The Shelburne Senior Center is offering two helpful resources for residents who are caring for seniors. The Memory Café is held on the third Friday of

each month, (June 20th) from 12 to 2, and offers a healthy lunch, a speaker or entertainment, and camaraderie for seniors and their caregivers. Also, the center offers a Caregiver Support Group on the first Monday of the Month, (June 2nd) at 2 p.m. Both of these resources are offered for free, and the center requests that you sign up a day or two ahead of time by calling 625-2502.

Summer Social Cake Picnic: Start your mixers! Plans are moving forward for the second Rowe Summer Social, at Pelham Lake Park, Sunday, July 13. Last year, visitors to the social raved over all the baked goods everyone donated. This year, the Council on Aging is hosting a “Cake Picnic,” and asking residents to bring a cake to share. We are trying this out after seeing the success of other Cake Picnics in places like San Francisco. Let’s see if we can get a good turnout for Rowe.

SAVE THE DATE for 2 Summer Picnics hosted by the Rowe Park and COA. **July 24th and August 21st** from 11am-1pm- there will be a BBQ with desserts at the Pelham Lake Park gazebo. Please save the date and come join us for lunch, social, and beautiful views!



EXTREME puzzle making!

The Monday morning walking group did the old HT&W RR trackbed from Monroe Bridge south and back. Beautiful spring day with a scarlet tanager singing his heart out.



SCREAMING EAGLE DELIVERY, INC

PART-TIME CONTRACT MAIL DELIVERY

Location Charlemont, MA (8 hours a day, 6 days a week)

(PT Carrier will work on days set by the FT Carrier)

Requirements

- At least 18 years of age
- Valid state driver's license from state of residence, good driving record
- Able to pass a background check
- Able to speak/read English

--Vehicle provided by Full-Time Driver; Sub pays for the gas.

Duties

- Sort mail/parcels in delivery sequence (6 days per week)
- Deliver mail/parcels to customers along an assigned line of travel (6 days per week)
- Other administrative duties as required

Salary \$200.00 Daily (PT Driver will be paid by FT Driver)

If interested in working as a Part-time mail delivery contractor, please contact:

Matthew Belue at: mbelue525@yahoo.com

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CONTRACTOR POSITION AND NOT AN EMPLOYEE POSITION WITH THE US POSTAL SERVICE**

BEAR CAUTION



ROWE RESIDENTS-there have been many bear sightings this year! Please be mindful and follow these tips to help protect yourself, your family, your animals, and the bears.

- When out and about- make yourself known with noise (music, whistling, singing, and talking).
- Do NOT feed the bears.
- Do NOT run away from the bears and NEVER approach the bears.
- Keep livestock and other animals in enclosures such as electric fences, or coops.
- Keep household pets well monitored.
- Bird feeders should ONLY be outside from the end of November until the end of March. The birds will have plenty of natural food otherwise so please bring in your feeders.



Summer Social Lunch Vouchers

Coupons for a barbeque lunch at the town summer social will be available starting June 30th for all town seniors. Stop by or phone the town hall to get your name on the list and receive a voucher for one barbeque lunch. Cliffs Barbeque will be at the park providing a prefixed menu for seniors and other items for sale for everyone else. Drinks will be provided by the Council on Aging and all attendees are encouraged to bring a cake for our cake picnic. Let's get creative with our recipes and show off our baking skills... (a purchased cake is also appreciated!) Hope you're getting as excited as we are!

‘Summer Safety’

For many, summer is a favorite season; having the opportunity to sit by the lake, have day trips to the beach, hiking and biking, or just putter about in the garden during long summer days (not to mention lack of worry over impending snow storms!). Along with warmer temperatures and abundant sunshine, summer also brings some special health considerations for young children, seniors and other vulnerable populations.

As we get older, our bodies lose the ability to manage temperature changes efficiently. This can lead to conditions such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which has the potential to become a medical emergency. Newborn, and young children, pregnant women and those with chronic conditions like heart disease or COPD, as well as age-related physical changes and the side effects of certain medications are also at higher risk for heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion results from a loss of water and salt in the body. It occurs in conditions of extreme heat and excessive sweating without adequate fluid and salt replacement. Heat exhaustion occurs when the body is unable to cool itself properly and, if left untreated, can progress to heat stroke. Heat stroke, the most severe form of heat illness, occurs when the body's heat-regulating system is overwhelmed by excessive heat. It is a life-threatening emergency and requires immediate medical attention.

Tips to prevent Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke:

- ☐ Stay indoors when temperatures are above 85 degrees/or extremely humid - To help keep your home cool, keep the curtains drawn closed during the day to block strong sun rays, keep a fan circulating air throughout your home, keep lights turned off during the day, and appliance use to a minimum (such as an oven).
- ☐ Schedule vigorous sports or outdoor activities during the cooler parts of the day and take frequent breaks in shaded areas.
- ☐ Keep well-hydrated. (consider using an electrolyte drink if you are sweating excessively)
- ☐ Apply cool wet towels to your body throughout the day

- ☐ Wear light, loose-fitting clothes and sunscreen/hats.

Symptoms and Treatments of Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke

Condition	Symptoms	Treatment
<i>Heat Exhaustion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Muscle cramps☐ Temperature over 100.4☐ Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea☐ Headache☐ Weakness, fatigue☐ Anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Move to a cool place and rest☐ Remove excessive clothes, apply cool cloths☐ Give cool sports (electrolyte) drink☐ If no improvement, go to ER for IV fluids and treatment.
<i>Heat Stroke</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ High fever (usually over 104)☐ Rapid heart rate☐ Nausea, vomiting☐ Fatigue, confusion and/or agitation☐ Seizure or coma which could lead to death	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Move to a cool place and rest☐ Call 911- Heat stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency and needs to be treated by a doctor.☐ Remove excess clothing and drench skin with cool water; fan skin.☐ Place ice bags on the armpits and groin areas.☐ Offer cool fluids if alert and able to drink.

STAY IN TOUCH

For homebound or mobility-limited seniors, having a trusted neighbor, family member or friend who checks in regularly can be an important safety measure in the summer- AND ALL YEAR ROUND!. It is a good idea to keep close contacts informed of daily routines, such as walks and gardening. Keeping emergency phone numbers handy and sharing this information with a friend or neighbor can help in the event of a heat-related health emergency as well.

submitted by Rachel Lewis, Town Nurse

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS



photo by Dan Pallotta

The Rowe Park Department extends sincere thanks to Walt Quist for his years of service on the Park Commission. Walt has generously volunteered his knowledge and time, helping guide the commission's work with a thoughtful and steady approach. His perspective has been valued, and his contributions have supported the ongoing care and management of Pelham Lake Park.

We're also pleased to welcome Arik Olsen as the newest member of the Park Commission. Though new to town, Arik has quickly become an active part of the community. You may have met him leading summer yoga on the beach or out exploring the trails this winter. Arik brings a fresh perspective and an appreciation for outdoor recreation, and he's looking forward to contributing to the stewardship of Rowe's parks in his new role.

We thank Walt for his service and welcome Arik as he begins this new role.

The Park Commission would also like to remind visitors that motorized vehicles are not permitted on any of the park trails, with the exception of snowmobiles on select trails when winter conditions allow. This policy helps protect the natural environment and ensures that trails remain safe and accessible for all users.

submitted by Briel Gibson, Park Manager

SUMMER SOCIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All of this plus so much more!

7:30

Morning Hike: Start your day with a scenic hike around the lake, led by Justine Krumm.

2 PM

Pickleball Tournament: Kicks off in the late morning, with the championship round at 2 PM.

2-4 PM

Antique Tools Trivia: From 2-4 PM, test your knowledge with the Historical Society.

3-6 PM

Cliff's BBQ: Serving your favorites from 3-6 PM – come hungry!

4 PM

Live Music: Enjoy a performance by Matt York starting at 4 PM.

ROWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

rowehistory.org

WE OPEN June 14 from 10 am – 2 pm. And, we'll be open the second and fourth Saturday's of every summer month! How long has it been since you've come to either museum? Have you seen the collection of over 20 pristine 19th century "women of Rowe" costumes restored by Kathy May? Have you seen the family farm equipment at Browning Bench? In July, the story of the company that changed the town will be open, Yankee Atomic and Electric Co.

Kemp-McCarthy Museum (282 Zoar Road)

Operating until 1962, the Village School was given to Rowe Historical Society by the townspeople. The West School (b. 1797) was joined to the complex in 1966. They house seven areas of collection/exhibits.

Browning Bench Tool and Farm Museum (Pond Road)

This 2 ½ story barn was once a carriage & wagon shop and later a bench tool factory. It was given to the town and moved to its present site in 1976. Leased to the society in 2017 it houses farm and homemaking implements, bench tool, sleighs, sleds and amazing historic photos.

Come, immerse yourself in the hard-working spirit of our past. Consider how it shapes us today. And be sure to rest your soul by the brooks.

submitted by Wayne Zavotka

Town Mosaic Project Update

The Town Mosaic will be ready by the time this update reaches you. The project will consist of three panels to be displayed at Rowe Town hall as a welcome sign. The large middle panel will feature Pelham Lake with several waterfowl and people enjoying the water. This larger panel will also have the word Welcome. The second smaller panel will feature an evening winter scene with animals, an owl and lovely winter scenery. The last panel will have a fall scene.

We are looking forward to ordering all our materials and starting to have residents work on different areas of the mosaic by the end of June. Look for work times at the library, lake and town hall. You will be invited to clip tile and add pieces to different areas of the mosaic. If you are interested in working on this piece and want to have a section to work on let us know. The possibilities are many... We are looking forward to creating this piece as a community art project and all will be included...

Town Mosaic Committee

Praise

Vitamin Joy!

submitted by Susan Gleason

Others have sung praise
for dappled things
or leaves of grass
or God from whom all blessings flow.

I sing praise for the snake
who lives beneath my kitchen doorstep
and startles me as it slides into the sunlight.

“What self-respecting creature
would move like that?”

It moves in sweet humility,
keeping its head down,
beneath the hawk’s sight,

I ask protection, “Please eat the ticks
that could make me sick.”

A low quiet answer, “Look at me,
See that I am small and greenish brown,
with a yellow stripe on each side.
I eat bugs—those that would hurt you
and those that would help you.
I eat to live, and I lie in the sun to warm myself.”

I smile and stride off in my arrogant, tall way,
all five feet of me.
The snake slides on
feeling the cushion of the grass and the
heat of the day.

We both whisper
“Be well.”
“Be well.”

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

Thank you!

I would like to thank Sue Gleason for coming out of retirement to join the Finance Committee when no one else would. The Finance Committee will miss Sue's exceptional dedication and her valuable contributions during her time on the committee. Her keen insights and witty comments greatly enhanced our discussions. It has truly been a pleasure collaborating with you, Sue, and I appreciate the positive impact you have had on our team and the community. Thank you for your hard work and commitment!

Finance Committee Chair, Daniel Pallotta

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE & CRAFT EXPO

7 JUNE 2025

1030-1400
Rowe Town Hall
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- 2 - Chris Morano
- 2 - Reed Brown
- 3 - Gail May
- 3 - Matt Crowningshield
- 4 - Dan Miller
- 5 - Joshua Lively
- 5 - Dennis Humbert
- 7 - Leann Loomis
- 7 - Roman M. Kichorowsky
- 9 - Prue Berry
- 9 - Crystal Reardon
- 9 - Hannah Poplawski
- 11 - Brandon Sprague
- 12 - Aria Killough-Miller
- 12 - Luke Paige
- 13 - Taylor Loomis
- 15 - Jayden Williams
- 17 - Bailey Cousineau
- 19 - Paulette Roccio
- 20 - Alan Bjork
- 21 - Steve Crowningshield
- 25 - Emmytt Crowningshield
- 25 - Austin Willis
- 29 - Carl Mclatchy
- 29 - Tammy Stanford

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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	Fri - 12:30pm-3:00pm, & by Appt
Board of Assessors	104	assessor@rowe-ma.gov	Wed-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
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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	by Appointment Only
Public Safety Adm	115	publicsafetyadmin@rowe-ma.gov	M&W 9-12, 4:30-7:30; Fri 7:30-3:30

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Thursday	3pm-7pm
Saturday	10am-3pm

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

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