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photo by Claudine Poplawski

Projected FY27 Tax Rates and Average Single-Family Tax Bill

Projected tax rates and resulting average single-family tax bill—should all articles pass at the **FY27** Annual Town Meeting—are provided below. Prior years' figures are listed for comparison. Rowe utilizes a split tax rate to shift some of the tax burden from Residential to Commercial-Industrial-Personal taxpayers. The split tax rate is determined by selecting a Minimum Residential Factor (MRF). The MRF is selected by the Board of Selectmen with input from the Board of Assessors at the Classification Hearing in the Fall.

The FY27 projections are based on last year's total town property valuation of \$509,915,628. FY27 is an Interim Update Year and real estate property values are expected to remain fairly stable. FY27 projected tax rates are based on a presumed maximum allowed MRF shift of **0.5**.

	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u> (projected)
Tax Rate - Residential	\$5.01	\$5.14	\$5.24	\$5.73 (+9.5%)
Tax Rate - Com/Ind/PP	\$10.18	\$11.01	\$11.42	\$12.49 (+9.4%)
Avg Single-Family Tax Bill	\$1,355	\$1,468	\$1,661	\$1,816 (+9.3%)

*Note: To calculate your estimated **FY27 tax bill**, divide your property's total valuation by 1000, then multiply by projected FY27 residential tax rate above. Your current property valuation can be found on your FY26 tax bill or from the FY26 property value listing on the Assessor's page on the town website (rowe-ma.gov).*

Comparison to Other Towns

The following table compares last year's (**FY26**) 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	\$ 2.18	\$ 383,147	\$ 835 (lowest in MA)
Rowe	\$ 5.24	\$ 316,902	\$ 1,661 (2nd lowest)
Monroe	\$ 10.13	\$ 183,531	\$ 1,859 (3 rd lowest)
Florida	\$ 8.28	\$ 242,252	\$ 2,006 (4 th lowest)
Erving	\$ 9.58	\$ 289,399	\$ 2,772 (5 th lowest)
North Adams	\$ 15.97	\$ 243,823	\$ 3,894
Hawley	\$ 16.20	\$ 286,904	\$ 4,648
Colrain	\$ 17.82	\$ 268,881	\$ 4,791
Charlemont	\$ 16.81	\$ 296,032	\$ 4,976
Heath	\$ 19.39	\$ 261,296	\$ 5,067
Shelburne	\$ 12.79	\$ 402,361	\$ 5,146
Ashfield	\$ 14.23	\$ 387,740	\$ 5,518
Buckland	\$ 16.74	\$ 346,743	\$ 5,804
Greenfield	\$ 18.64	\$ 325,271	\$ 6,063
Weston	\$ 10.88	\$ 2,418,446	\$ 26,313 (highest in MA)
MA average	\$ 10.92	\$ 742,750	\$ 8,110 (MA average)

Part-time Job Opening Town Clerk

The Town of Rowe is seeking a responsible, organized, and community-oriented individual to serve as Town Clerk. This is a key administrative role in local government. If you are looking for a meaningful job that serves your neighbors and helps keep town operations running smoothly, we want to hear from you!

This is a part-time, in-person position requiring 10 hours per week. During some weeks, such as during Local, Mid-Term, and Presidential Elections, as well as Annual or Special Town Meetings, hours may increase to 20-40 per week. The specific office hours and schedule will be determined collaboratively by the chosen candidate and the Town Administrator.

Job applications and a full job description can be picked up at the Town Hall and are also available on the Town Website. To apply, please submit a resume and application to the Town Administrator in person at the Rowe Town Hall or send to townadmin@rowe-ma.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

submitted by Donna Butzke



Nan Williams & L'il Pig checking up on each other

photo by Rick Williams

Treasurer/Collector's News

Submitted by Jake Voelker

As a friendly reminder to the public from the Tax Collector, plate return and cancellation receipts regarding motor vehicle excise should be returned to the Board of Assessors. This will assist the Board of Assessors in determining if the taxpayer is due an abatement and refund as well as assist in ending any tax obligation remaining attached to the vehicle in question. The Tax Collector also asks that address changes for tax bills be directed to the Board of Assessors as well.

Town Clerk News

Submitted by Kevin Balawick

Important Dates:

Annual Town Meeting - May 11th 2026 - Rowe Elementary

Annual Town Election - May 16th 2026 - Rowe Elementary

The Candidates (All offices are 3 years unless noted)

Board of Assessors - Frederick Williams

Board of Health - none

Board of Selectmen - Joanne Semanie

Cemetery Commission - Joanne Semanie

Finance Committee - Daniel Pallotta

Finance Committee - Sarah Stine

Library Trustees - Rebecca Bradley

Park Commission - none

Planning Board - 5 year - Margaret Pallotta

Planning Board - 1 year - Hunter Gibson

School Committee - Susan Zavotka

Constable - Henry Dandeneau

Town Clerk Job Opportunity

I will not be continuing as Town Clerk passed the end of my Term which end June 30th, 2026. If you are interested in learning more about the job please see the job description on the town website or contact the town administrator.

Save the date for the Franklin County Repair Event on Saturday, May 30th from 10-1 at the Franklin County Tech School. It is free. Bring broken household items for repair. Additional information will be posted on franklincountywastedistrict.org. Or call 413-772-2438.

Jan Ameen, Franklin County Solid Waste District

New cliff Swallow nesting site in Soule's Field



photo by Claudine Poplawski

Hey Rowe residents! Have you thought of needing help for a project or want something done in your yard or property? If so, call or text Jesse at 1 (413) 672-2939! I do odd jobs like weedwacker, mowing, light tree work, bush trimming, brush work, wood splitting, wood stacking, and lots more! If you have a job that I did not list don't hesitate to ask! I also do free estimates! One thing I do on the side is 2 stroke repairs like weedwackers, chainsaws, and backpack blowers. I can also do some lawn mower repair. I charge \$20 an hour for 2 stroke repair and \$40 for lawn mower repair, but that does not include parts. I also occasionally buy those three things (weedwackers, chainsaws, and back pack blowers). Just let me know the brand and model and let me know how much you want for it. I hope I can help you guys get your spring and summer projects going!

Jesse Norcross (413) 672-2939

**** Council on Aging –Continuing to Spread Happiness****

The COA had a change of pace in April and hosted a 'happy hour' at the Rowe Camp on April 16th from 4-6pm instead of our usual coffee morning. The event was held at the Rowe Camp and about 20 residents attended. Before the talk started, appetizers, drinks and sweets were available along with some social time. The Library Feasibility Team started the event with a presentation of the proposed renovation and restoration of the Rowe Library. Thank you to all those who came out to enjoy the afternoon at Rowe Camp and much gratitude to Henry for taking the time to speak with us about his passion (deer).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May Third Thursday Coffee Morning: will be held at the Town Hall on May 21st from 10am-12 noon and will include a mystery food (tasting) event! _

June Coffee Morning/AARP Presentation- 'Making Cents of Caregiving': Taking place in the Town Hall on Thursday, June 11th at 1030 am in lieu of our coffee morning the following week. Come join us for a presentation from an AARP speaker- The 'Making Cents of Caregiving' session introduces people to AARP's Financial Workbook for Family Caregivers, a practical guide focused on health, housing, and money management. You will gain insight on how to navigate the challenges as you and your loved ones begin the journey of caregiving or care receiving.

WALKING CLUB: runs each Monday in May starting Monday, May 4th at 10am. The walk will be 1-1.5 hours of moderate intensity so make sure to bring good walking boots, warm clothes and water. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up ** In the case of inclement weather, the walking club MAY be cancelled. Use your best judgement for your own safety**

Fitness Program with Deb Lively and Nurse Rachel: Come join us in the Town Hall exercise room on Mondays in April AND May (excluding holidays) from 11:30-12:30 for a fun and interactive work-out experience! Offerings include- cardio drumming, circuit training, weight training, and more. Starts Monday April 6th at 1130- JUST SHOW UP! *And then pop across the hall to Nurse Rachel to get your blood pressure checked and enter into the raffle.*

BOWLING- Bowling continues each Wednesday from 3-5pm at the Shelburne Falls bowling alley, you can expect to bowl with fellow resident seniors. For now, the cost is FREE! To enquire or get on the mailing list, please contact Stefano at pickleballstefano23@gmail.com

Coffee and Puzzle Weekly Meet-Up: On the 2nd floor in the Town Hall, outside the fitness room, you will find a coffee/tea station and a puzzle set up and ready to go for you every day the town hall is open. Bring a friend or come alone but drop in to add a few pieces in the community puzzle while enjoying a brew.

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 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, at 2 p.m. Both 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.



Cardio drumming with the exercise program on Mondays in the Fitness Center



White-tailed deer talk given by Henry Dandeneau



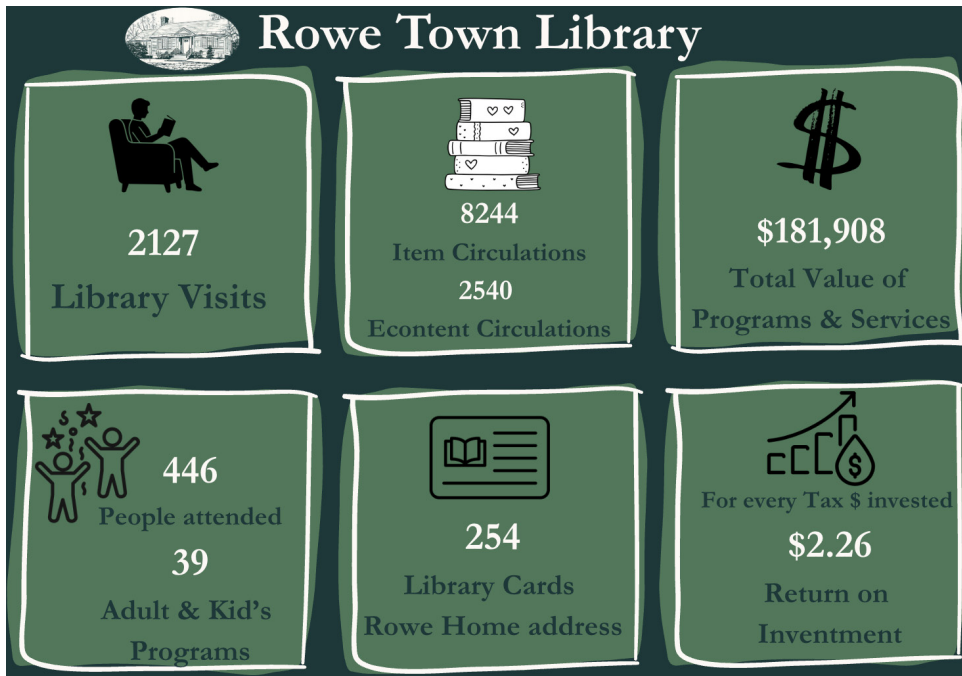
Rowe Town Library News
 Submitted by Molly Lane,
 Library Director

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

****Curious about the Proposed Library Renovation & Addition?**)**

The first image shows the lack of accessibility both with the library restrooms and throughout the browsing stacks. The second image is the proposed addition and renovation of the existing space to create accessible facilities, accessible browsing of the collection, additional collection space and community room for library programs and community meeting space.

More images and information available at the library. Stop by and ask us about this project.





Rowe Town Library

Where Stories Gather

Proposed Addition and Renovation

Current Library as it is today

PROJECT Feasibility Study and ADA Upgrades for the existing Rowe Town Library.

Existing Construct:

- Lack of ADA accessibility
- No Functional space for Library events
- Insufficient 4 season weathering
- Limited parking
- Insufficient reading and study areas
- Lack of security and functional children's room
- Impractical and inoperable furnishings



Rowe Town Library

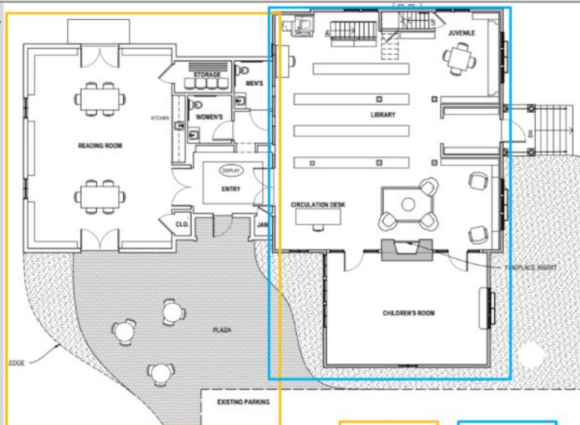
Where Stories Gather

Proposed Addition and Renovation

PROPOSED DESIGN

Upgrades:

- Improving Thermal Performance new windows and doors
- ADA Accessibility
- Added Meeting Room and Functional Event Space
- Added accessible Outdoor Reading and Event Spaces
- Increased Seating and Reading Areas
- Upgraded Infrastructure, Safety, and Cohesion



New Space

Renovated



ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April at Rowe School usually brings three things: family conferences, lots of activity in and out of the classrooms, and vacation. This year, conferences took place during the first three days of April and were well attended. In the 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms, many conferences were student-led, giving students the opportunity to share their progress and interests.

Classes are taking advantage of the warmer weather and getting outside as much as possible, especially the 3/4 class, which has been using their outdoor classroom at the top of the hill behind the school. April also marked the start of MCAS testing, with ELA exams for students in grades 3–6.

May will bring more learning both inside and outside the classroom. Students in grades 3–6 will continue with MCAS testing in Math, and 5th graders will also take the Science MCAS.

Town Meeting will take place in early May. Each year, we are grateful for the strong support the Town of Rowe shows for the school at this meeting, helping us continue to provide a high-quality academic, social, emotional, and physical education for our students. If you have any questions about the budget ahead of Town Meeting, please feel free to call me at the school.

We're also excited to share that native plants will be installed in the parking lot island, funded through a grant from the Franklin Conservation District. This project supports local ecosystems while helping reduce maintenance needs.

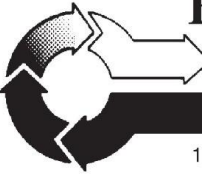
In May, our 5th and 6th grade students will take their annual week-long trip. This year, they'll be heading to Kroka Expeditions in New Hampshire, and they are very much looking forward to the experience.

Before long, June will be here. We're planning to bring back some favorite end-of-year traditions, including the talent show and the art/music show. The last day of school is Thursday, June 18th, and 6th grade graduation will take place that evening at 6:00 p.m.

As always, the school is open to anyone who would like to stop by and see what's happening—we love sharing the great things taking place here each day. You're also welcome to call me at 413-512-5101 or email jfriedman@roweschool.org with any comments, questions, or concerns.

submitted by Jon Friedman

REDUCTION
RECYCLING
COMPOSTING
DISPOSAL



Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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www.franklincountywastedistrict.org • info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

SPRING “CLEAN SWEEP” BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Spring 2026 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. The three collection locations are Erving Highway Garage on Public Works Boulevard (off Rt. 2); Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Rd. (Route 112 South); and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane in Whately.

Residents and businesses from any of the District’s 21 member towns may bring bulky items to these collection sites. There are charges for most items (cash only). A price list for the most common items is at: franklincountywastedistrict.org. Pre-registration is not required for Bulky Waste Day.

Acceptable items include tires, appliances, refrigerators, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, bulky rigid plastics for recycling, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible. Please note that textiles and books are no longer accepted.

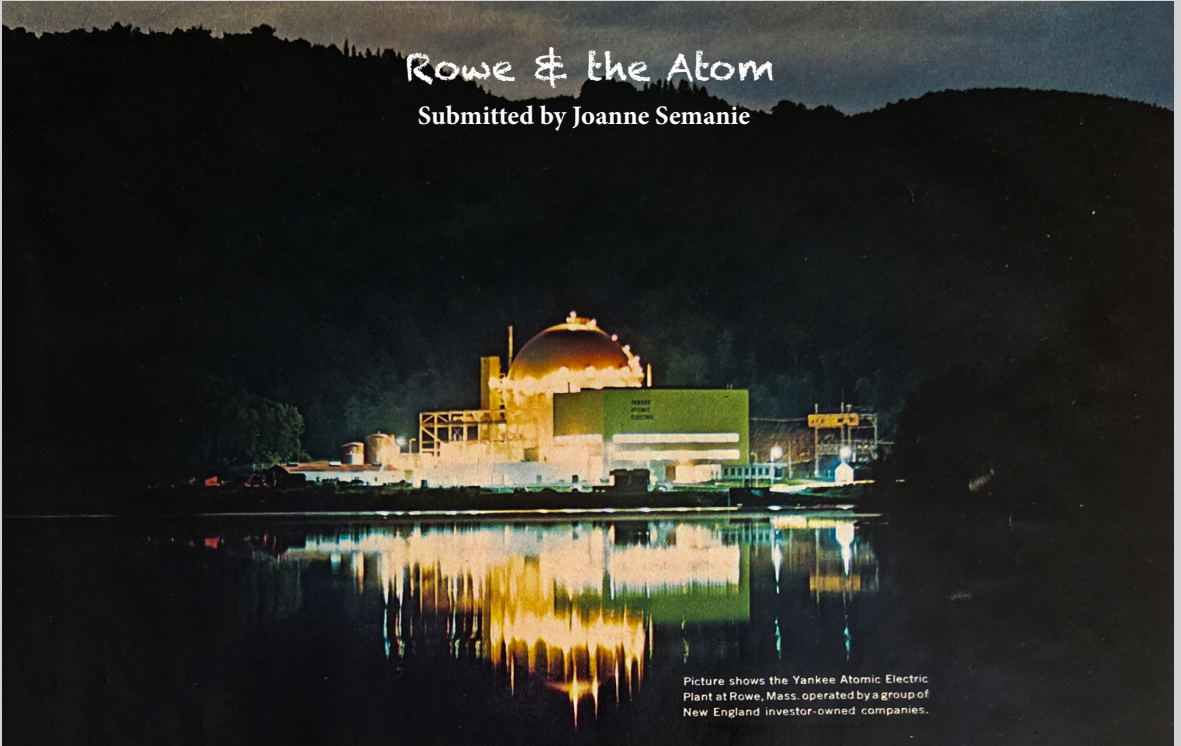
For more information, visit franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.



photo by Claudine Poplawski

Rowe & the Atom

Submitted by Joanne Semanie



Picture shows the Yankee Atomic Electric Plant at Rowe, Mass. operated by a group of New England investor-owned companies.

Atoms for Peace

GRAND OPENING OF THE PERMANENT YANKEE ROWE EXHIBIT

June 28, 2026 1 - 4 PM Public Showing
Employee & Family Reunion Dinner 4 - 6 PM

Location

Kemp-McCarthy Museum
282 Zoar Rd. Rowe

Light Refreshments

RSVP for dinner ticket
information

RSVP to kerrimclatchy@gmail.com

Published in 1904 the historical sketch “Amid Rowe Hills” by Mrs. M. A. Smith ended with the following observation:

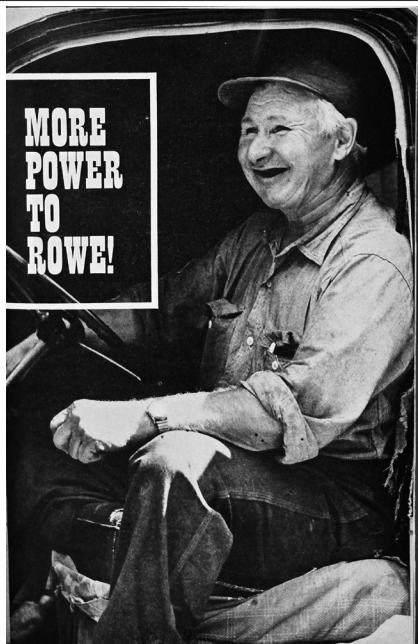
“Whatever future years may bring to us as a town, be it a larger area of neglected acres, to revert to forests until it shall have regained its fertility, and local industries still farther wane, or a wave of prosperity whose flood tide shall reach the hill towns, infusing new life into business, let us ever hold in grateful remembrance those sturdy pioneers of steadfast soul and stalwart arms who subdued the wilderness, sowing that we may reap, leaving to the later generation a record of which they may well be proud, an example they may safely follow.”



**The Noyes-Wheeler Farm, Rowe Massachusetts Circa 1900
The Present Site of the Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Rowe Massachusetts
(Courtesy of The Monroe Historical Society)**

“Fifty three years later, in 1957, modern “Pioneers of the Atomic Era” moved into Rowe with men and machines to begin construction of the first Atomic Electric Power Plant in New England. Costing over \$50,000,000 this “Wave of Prosperity” seems ideally suited to the future progress of the town of Rowe. With about 65 permanent operating personnel this plant can infuse “New Life” into the town. With our favorable tax structure, our improving school system, our road improvement program, our town recreational park, our community activities, etc., we are in a position to offer “Modern Country Living” to those families who recognize and appreciate the advantages which Rowe has to offer.

The citizens of Rowe have indicated their willingness to accept the responsibilities placed upon the community by this pioneering development and have responded with understanding and enthusiastic support. Remembering “those sturdy pioneers of steadfast soul” who founded Rowe in 1785, and by following their examples, the town of Rowe can have a bright and healthy future in the “Atomic Age.”
Taken from the Town of Rowe Annual Report December 31, 1957



Deb Truesdell in Yankee Magazine 1957

Long-term residents worked tirelessly to ensure the town would not lose what was loved most, initially by establishing town by-laws before construction began. Rowe was the first town in Franklin County to vote by-laws in. The forward thinking of those involved is impressive, it's the bedrock of what we have today



JOHN H. WILLIAMS JR., 28, and his attractive wife, Nancy, 26, are a major part of the town's young leadership. He is chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to which he was elected six years ago, as possibly the State's youngest selectman; he also is chief of police. Mrs. Williams, 26, is the tax collector of Rowe. Both are completely enthusiastic over the prospect of the new atomic power plant, hope that it not only may benefit the town taxwise, but also that it may stimulate both cultural and economic growth.



Mrs. Volland ringing students in. 1957

June 28th will be the grand opening of a permanent exhibit at the Kemp-McCarthy Museum. The exhibit includes an extensive collection of photographs and artifacts. Come take a tour from 1 to 4 in the afternoon; light refreshments will be served. From 4 to 6 there will be a gathering and dinner at Rowe School for the former employees and their descendants to catch up and reminisce over a catered dinner. Contact Joanne Semanie at dogmom256@gmail.com, Kerri McLatchy at kerrimclatchy@gmail.com or Susie Zavotka at szavotka@gmail.com for more information



Sleep Apnea- Is it just Snoring?

Sleep apnea is a potentially serious condition that causes breathing to stop and start several times during sleep. People with the condition snore loudly and feel tired even after a full night of sleep.

The most common type of sleep apnea is **Obstructive sleep apnea**. Also known as OSA. This type of sleep apnea happens when the muscles in the back of the throat relax. These muscles support the back of the roof of the mouth, the tongue, tonsils, and the side walls of the throat. When the muscles relax, your airway narrows or closes as you breathe in. You can't get enough air, which can lower the oxygen level in your blood. Your brain senses your inability to breathe and briefly wakes you so that you can reopen your airway. This awakening is usually so brief that you don't remember it. You might snort, choke or gasp. This pattern can repeat itself 5 to 30 times or more each hour, all night, affecting your ability to reach the deep, restful phases of sleep.

Some of the most common symptoms of sleep apnea include:

- Loud snoring.
- Gasping for air during sleep.
- Morning headaches.
- Episodes in which
- Awakening with a dry mouth.
- Trouble staying asleep, known as insomnia.
- Excessive daytime sleepiness, known as hypersomnia.
- Trouble paying attention while awake.
- Irritability.

Common causes of sleep apnea include: excess weight, narrow airway/nasal congestion, male gender assigned at birth, use of alcohol, smoking, and advancing age.

Complications of prolonged sleep apnea include:

- **Feeling very tired during the day.** The repeated awakenings caused by sleep apnea make typical, restorative sleep impossible. In turn, OSA causes severe daytime drowsiness and irritability. You might not be able to concentrate or find yourself falling asleep at work, while watching TV or even when driving. People with OSA have an increased risk of motor vehicle and workplace accidents.

- High blood pressure or heart problems. Sudden drops in blood oxygen levels that occur during OSA increase blood pressure and strain the cardiovascular system. Having OSA increases your risk of high blood pressure, also known as hypertension.
- Type 2 diabetes. Having OSA increases your risk of getting insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.
- Sleep-deprived partners. Loud snoring can keep anyone who sleeps nearby from getting good rest. Sometimes a partner has to go to another room, or even on another floor of the house, to sleep.

Treatments of sleep apnea include: Sleep apnea may not be able to be prevented in everyone, but addressing risk factors can decrease the likelihood of breathing problems during sleep. To decrease OSA risk, healthcare professionals recommend losing excess weight, treating nasal congestion and not drinking more than a moderate amount of alcohol.

- CPAP Machines: Deliver constant air pressure through a mask to keep the airway open.!
- Oral Appliances: Custom-fit devices, such as mandibular repositioning mouthpieces, that hold the jaw forward to prevent airway obstruction!
- Lifestyle Changes: Essential for mild to moderate cases, including weight loss, smoking cessation, and positional therapy (avoiding back sleeping).

References: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/sleep-apnea/symptomscauses/>

Blood Pressure Month

Come and get your BP checked by the Town Nurse in the month of **MAY** and be entered into a raffle draw for a chance to win a GIFT CARD! (come up to 2X week any day/time the nurse is in-office)

From May 4th until May 28th (not including Memorial day)

**** May is Blood Pressure month in the Nurse's Office****

Come get your BP checked anytime the nurse is in and leave with a raffle ticket. At the end of the month one lucky winner will receive a prize! The more times you come to get your BP checked, the more chances you will have to become a WINNER!

submitted by Rachel Lewis

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS

Vines & Volunteers



Invasive Removal & Native Plant Workshop

Join Park Manager Briel and Commissioner Arik for a hands-on day learning to identify native plants and remove invasive Bittersweet.

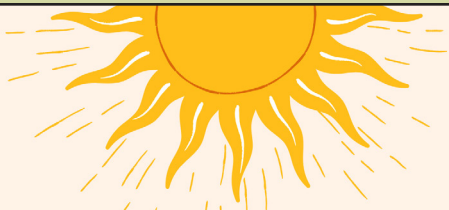
Bring work gloves and loppers if you have them (a limited supply will be available to borrow), along with sturdy shoes and water.

MAY 16

10:00 AM Onwards
Meet at the Riding Ring at
the intersection of Pond
and Cyrus Stage Rd



submitted by Briel Gibson, Park Manager



Summer social

SAVE THE DATE

July 11
10 am - 2 pm
85 Pond Rd
Pelham Lake Park

spring beauties



photos by Claudine Poplawski



Morning at Mill Pond



Tree Warden News: Ode to Ash

This is the year we've been dreading: the great ash tree die-off is well underway. Early disease vectors since 2021 are now beginning to be seen across the Rowe landscape. The ash tree is a keystone tree here, and a recent detailed survey found that they are nearly 30% of all roadside trees in some places. Sadly, Rowe likely has several hundred ash trees rapidly declining right now, a staggering number to manage.

Caused by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle, this invasive insect lays its eggs on the ash bark, then the larvae bore into the tree in vast numbers. Once inside, they feed on the critical cambium layer, quickly cutting off nutrient flows and overwhelming even the healthiest trees. "Blonding" is the most visible sign of a diseased tree, caused by our bird friends gorging themselves on the beetles. Once the external bark is visible, the tree has little viable prospect for survival.

We are conducting field inspections of all ash trees to inform a recovery plan, and it's a big job. This is an expansive, expensive and heartbreaking prospect befallen a beloved and very special tree. We are working on an expedited permit process for roadside removals for residents, and collaborating with everyone on how we can manage such an extensive loss of a species. The longer we wait, the more expensive removals become as the trees become brittle and unpredictable, requiring bigger contractor equipment to remove them safely.

There is some hope, and many are working together on a future path forward for the ash. While pricey, landowners with beloved ash who really want to try to keep them should consult with a certified arborist as there are some beneficial treatments that may have some success. Focus should first be on identifying "female" ash trees now as they begin to leaf out - look for the hanging samaras (seed pods) - and prioritize them. DCR is also test releasing harmless natural parasitic wasps to control EAB, but not here in Rowe yet. Sadly, our roadside ash are either too diseased to be saved, or the treatment costs would be overwhelming for the town to consider. While I'll be inspecting all areas of town, you are always welcome to send me a note at rowetreewarden@gmail.com if you want me to take a quick look.

submitted by Connie Englert, Tree Warden



Ash tree 'blonding'

photo by Connie Englert



William Belval- 1939-2026

William C. Belval age 86 of Rowe Ma. Passed away on April 7th, 2026. Born April 14, 1939, in Burlington Vt. He was one of 6 children to the late Henry and Cleo (Amour) Belval. He grew up in Hinesburg Vt. And in Strafford Ct. Bill had two children from a previous marriage. William Charles Jr. and daughter Michelle. Bill was predeceased by his parents, son William Jr., brothers Robert of Vermont and Harold of Connecticut and sisters Sandra Moody of Vt. And Patricia Abbatts of Arizona. Survivors, Brother Richard of North Carolina, his daughter Michele Tomasin, (husband Neal) of Alpharetta Georgia, grandson Ryan Tomasin, (wife Brittany) of California, granddaughters Coralie Tomasin and Ava Peterson. Bill leaves many nieces and nephews.

Bill married Marilyn Hured Carlquist October 8th, 2002, in Wilmington Vermont. Bill has two stepsons, William Carlqueist (wife Michellle) of Bethlehem Ct. and Harold Carlqueist, (wife Michele) of Beckett Ma. 5 step grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren. Through the years Bill enjoyed riding his motorcycle, boating, camping and riding his horse (Socks Cowboy), as well as team roping in many rodeo events. Bill loved Nascar races. Bill worked in construction and belonged to the operating engineers local #478 in New Haven Connecticut. Bill worked on heavy equipment, asphalt, gravel and concrete plants. After he retired, Bill moved to Rowe with his wife Marilyn. They bought a 200-year-old farmhouse and renovated it. Bill was active in town affairs; he worked on Old Home Days and the GracyHouse committee and volunteered helping many seniors throughout the years.

There will be no calling hours, and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

FITNESS PROGRAM

WITH DEB & RACHEL AT TOWN HALL FITNESS ROOM

Mondays in April and May (excluding holidays) from 1130-1230

- a 6-week program
- Starts Monday, April 6th at 1130
- Cardio drumming, chair exercise classes, finger yoga, stretching, cardio, balance, and weight training!
- Just Show Up! (No commitments- except to yourself)



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	Wed - 5pm-7pm, & 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	Tues/Wed 2-4pm, Thur 10-12pm
Tax Collector	106	collector@rowe-ma.gov	Tues/Wed 2-4pm, Thur 10-12pm
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	by Appointment Only
Public Safety Adm	115	publicsafetyadmin@rowe-ma.gov	M&W 3pm-9pm; Fri 7:30-3:30

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

Transfer Station (413) 339-0216
boh@rowe-ma.gov

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

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