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photo by Claudine Poplawski

TOWN OF ROWE
Board of Health

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321 Zoar Rd.

Rowe, MA 01367

May 1, 2026

Dear Rowe Homeowner,

It is that time of year to purchase your dump tag and stickers for use at the Refuse Gardens. The new FY27 tags will go into effect on July 1, 2026. The yearly price remains at \$25.00! This includes your FY27 hang tag and 52 bag stickers. Please note the following:

- All tags purchased after September 1, 2026, 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 ea or a lot of 28 stickers for \$25.00.

There are various options to pay for your FY27 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 cut/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 cut/attach the form below with your payment.**

Respectfully,

Christine Bailey
Clerk, Board of Health



Please fill out and return this form with your \$25.00 fee asap. 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

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**Mailing Address if
different** _____

Herb Butzke

Kathleen Atwood

Dan Poplawski

REFUSE GARDENS:

Big News! Empty paper cups, such as coffee cups, may now be included in household recycling and go in the paper bin with paper and cardboard. This new guidance includes all paper cups: coffee cups, fountain drink cups, bathroom cups, and compostable cups. Paper hot drink sleeves are also recyclable. *Please rinse any residual food from cups.* **Important note:** Lids and straws belong in the trash!

Board of Health News
Submitted by Christine Bailey

FCSWMD Sponsored Event!

Regional Repair/Fix-It Days

These events are free and open to all Franklin County residents.

The Franklin County Solid Waste District and the Franklin County Tech School are hosting the 2nd annual Franklin County Regional Repair Event on Saturday, May 30th from 10 am – 1 pm at the Tech School, 82 Industrial Blvd, Turners Falls.

Students, instructors, and local fixers will be on hand. Every effort will be made to repair your item(s). Antiques and heirlooms cannot be fixed at this event.

Check out the [flyer](#) for more information..

There is a [West County Fix-it Day](#) scheduled for Saturday, June 13th from 11-2 at the Colrain Grammar Elementary School, 22 Jacksonville Rd. This event is open to all Franklin County residents and is free. For more information, email Nancy at FixitDay@gmail.com, Jan at fcswmd@crocker.com or call the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438.

On Saturday, June 27th from 11-2 there will be a fix-it/repair event at the Conway Grammar School. Save the date! More details will be posted soon.

On Saturday, August 15th there will be a fix-it/repair event at Mahar Regional High School in Orange. Save the date! More details will be posted soon.

We may need to limit the number of repairs per participant based on the number of participants waiting for a repair slot. Fixers will do their best to repair items. Some items may not be fixable. Fixers and organizers will not be responsible for damages.

Town Clerk News
Submitted by Kevin Balawick

Election Results

Board of Assessors	Total
Frederick Williams	93
All Others	7

Library Trustee	Total
Rebecca Bradley	93
All Others	7

Board of Health	Total
W.I. Christine Bailey	46
All Others	54

Park Commission	Total
W.I. - Laurie Pike	24
All Others	76

Board of Selectmen	Total
Joanne Semanie	78
All others	22

Planning Board 5 Yr	Total
Margaret Pallotta	90
All Others	10

Cemetery Commission	Total
Joanne Semanie	83
All Others	17

Planning Board 4 yr	Total
Hunter Gibson	89
All Others	11

Finance - 3 Yr	Total
Daniel Pallotta	88
All Others	12

School Committee	Total
Susan Zavotka	67
All Others	33

Finance - 3 yr	Total
W.I. - Loretta Dionne	11
All Others	89

Constable	Total
Henry Dandeneau	96
All Others	4

Finance 1 yr	Total
Sarah Stine	93
All Others	7

Please note that in an earlier published unofficial results of this election, some write-ins and were left off. Those write-ins had been mistakenly counted as blanks because no "x" was made next to their name on the ballot. I have corrected that mistake in the results above. The mistake did not impact the outcome of the election.

Streetlight Conversion Project

To save money and energy, the town is planning to switch our streetlights from 50-watt and 100-watt high-pressure sodium bulbs (which produce 4,000 lumens) to LED bulbs. National Grid has installed two different types of LED bulbs for us to look at and decide which one to use.

The two LED options are installed on Zoar Road, in front of the pond near town hall. Please drive by, compare the lighting, and share your thoughts or preferences with town hall.

Pole 2 on Zoar Road has a 15-watt, 3000K LED bulb. (This pole is directly across from the library driveway.)

Pole 3 on Zoar Road still has our original 50-watt high-pressure sodium bulb, which produces 4,000 lumens. (This pole is the next one south past the library driveway.)

Pole 4 on Zoar Road has a 19-watt, 3000K LED bulb. (This pole is just south of the library driveway and one pole before the Kings Highway bridge.)

- The main difference in appearance is that LED lights give off a white-blue light, while our current high-pressure sodium lights look warm and orange. Please keep this in mind as you compare the sample poles.

*The Town of Rowe has **43 streetlights: 35 use 50-watt bulbs and 8 use 100-watt bulbs.**

*We currently spend over **\$8,000** a year on streetlights.

*If we switch to LED bulbs, our yearly cost will be \$5,495.

*We could save up to \$2,698.50 each year, depending on the wattage we choose. **There is no fee for converting or replacing bulbs.**

***Where we currently use 100-watt high-pressure sodium bulbs, we will switch to 41-watt LED bulbs.

*We ask you to look at our current streetlights and then see the sample poles by the pond.

We welcome your feedback before we make a decision.

submitted by Donna Butzke

Assessor's News

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Annual Permit Inspections

The Board of Assessors will be conducting field review of **open building permits** for the purpose of updating property cards prior to establishing property valuations for FY27. An individual from **Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc** (Assessor's appraisal consultant) will drive around town to inspect properties with open building permits. The Assessor's Office will be making phone calls to inquire about the status of your open building permits. To the extent practicable site visits will be pre-arranged and coordinated with the homeowner. A member of the Board of Assessors may participate in these inspections.

Cyclical / Full Measure & List Inspections

This summer the Board of Assessors will be continuing the state-mandated **10-yr cyclical reinspection program** of all properties within the community. The purpose of this program is to collect information to update the Assessor's property card database so as to ensure accurate data for the uniform and fair assessment of all properties in Rowe.

What? The Department of Revenue (DOR) and Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) require the Board of Assessors to maintain a reinspection program of the properties within the community. The program consists of an inspection of all properties in Rowe every ten (10) years; i.e., Cyclical Reinspection. The inspection consists of measuring the *outside* of the property as well as conducting an *interior* inspection of the property. The property owner does not have to allow an interior inspection; however, refusal of such inspection can result in denial of any assessment appeal or abatement application. As a minimum we ask that the owner respond to questions from the inspector about the interior so as to ensure accurate property card data.

Why? The Board of Assessors is responsible for maintaining a full and fair market value for all properties in Rowe. This can only be accomplished if the data we have is accurate. The collection and maintenance of current and accurate property inventory data is a critical element in determining uniform, fair market value.

How and When? These inspections will be performed this summer. The inspections will be scheduled by street and announced via a town robo-call.

Who? The Board of Assessors has contracted with **Catalis/Patriot Properties** to conduct these inspections. All contracted inspectors will wear an identification card. A member of the Board of Assessors may participate in these inspections.

As always, your cooperation during these inspections is greatly appreciated. Contact the Assessor's Office with any questions or concerns.

Recent Property Transfers (April/May 2026)

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

BERNHARDT, WILLIAM J., of Ridgefield, CT, for consideration of \$125,000.00, grant to **BERNHARDT, JEAN.**, of W. Salisbury, MA, property located at 143 County Road (Map 202 Lot 035) (Bk 8632 Pg 182)

BERNHARDT, WILLIAM J. and SARAH B., of Ridgefield, CT, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **BERNHARDT, WILLIAM J. and SARAH B., TRUSTEES OF ZOAR ROAD TRUST**, of Ridgefield, CT, property located at 20 Brown Road (Map 202 Lot 052) (Bk 8632 Pg 186)

JAYNOS, LLC., of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$440,000.00, grant to **YOUNG, KARA**, of Hong Kong, SAR, property located at 112 Ford Hill Road (Map 202 Lot 061) (Bk 8636 Pg 215)

BALAWICK, KEVIN & ELIZABETH of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **BALAWICK, KEVIN**, of Rowe, MA, property located at 17 Middletown Hill Road (Map 204 Lot 004) (Bk 8643 Pg 206)

ROBERTS, LEONARD H. & JOAN, of Ashfield, MA, for consideration of \$129,000, grant to **HUMBERT, ANNA J. & DENNIS A., TRUSTEES OF ANNA J. HUMBERT TRUST**, of 530 Tunnel Road, property located on Tunnel Road (Map 407 Lot 032) (Bk 8644 Pg 294)



photo by Meg Pallotta

There have been many bear sightings this year!
Help protect yourself, your family, your animals, and the bears.

A Reminder from the Board of Health:

- Do NOT feed the bears
- Do NOT approach the bears
- Bring bird feeders in from March until December



Rowe Town Library News
Submitted by Molly Lane,
Library Director

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

Library of Things - Tool Lending Library... Have you heard of these? They are both ways to borrow “things” from the library. We have many items, from small to pretty large, inside use and outdoor use. And we are always looking for suggestions and donations. Stop by to see our collection. Or give us a call to see if we own something you are looking for.

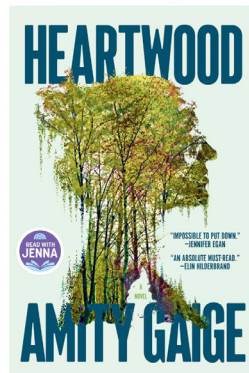
Upcoming Events:

June’s Book Chat Pick of the
Month is a thrilling mystery,
“Heartwood” by Amity Gaige

Book Chat meets every Third Thursday
of each month at 5:30pm. We will meet

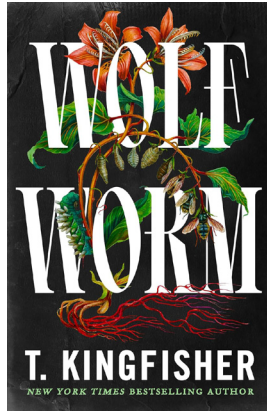
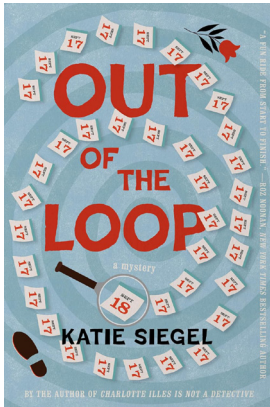
next on:

June 18, 2026 @ 5:30pm!

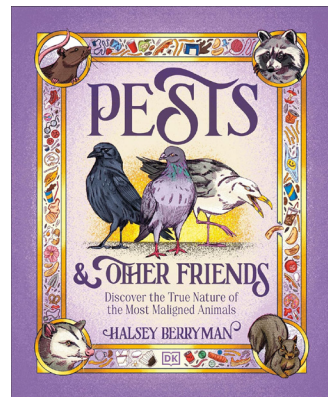
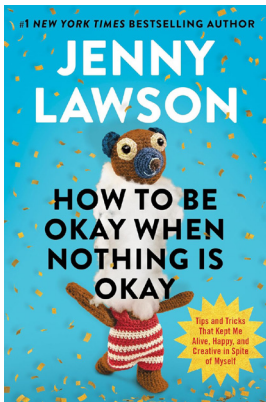


Some New Books at the Library

Adult Fiction:



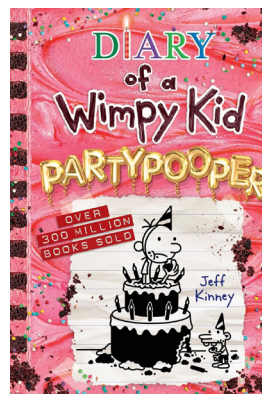
NonFiction:



DVD:



Kids:



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 again this year. All classes continued to work through the Wit and Wisdom ELA and the Illustrative Math curriculums. It always seems there is so much to do with so little time!

Our 5/6 class took a week long trip to Kroka Adventures in Marlow, NH. Working with youth ages 9 to 19, Kroka provides unique wilderness programs centered around the cultivation of consciousness and altruistic will. Students stayed at the Kroka Farm and Village engaging in teamwork through outdoor adventures such as hiking, canoeing, farm work, service projects, and other activities.

We appreciate the support shown by the voters in Rowe, for the school, at Town Meeting. Your support allows us to continue to offer high-quality academic, social, emotional, and physical education to the Rowe students. If you voted, you may have noticed the sticker designed by one of the 3rd graders here Rowe Elementary.

The last day of school is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, and we are planning Graduation for that day, at 6:00 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 Patrick Gonder, 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 first year at Rowe School, I can truly say it has been one of the best changes I have made in my career. The people I work with, both inside and outside the school, and every one of the students who comes through our doors, make it all worthwhile.

Thank you for supporting us at the school. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5100. You can also email me at jfriedman@roweschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

submitted by Jon Friedman

Town of Rowe
Highway Department
Seasonal Plow Truck Driver
Job Advertisement

The Town of Rowe is seeking an on-call spare plow truck driver for the winter season. In this role, you will work under the supervision of the Highway Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, handling snow removal and sanding operations to ensure the safety of our roads. You will operate plow trucks and apply sand and salt, inspect and maintain vehicles, and communicate with supervisors throughout your shift. The job requires long and irregular hours during storms, including overnights, weekends, and holidays, and involves working in harsh winter conditions. Applicants should have a high school diploma or equivalent, a valid Class D driver's license, a clean driving record, and be available on short notice during weather events. Experience operating heavy equipment, knowledge of local roads, mechanical skills, and living within 20 miles of Rowe are preferred. This is an hourly wage position of \$22.00-\$25.00, depending on experience. If you want to help keep your community safe this winter, we encourage you to apply.

Town of Rowe
Highway Department
Heavy Equipment Operator/Laborer
Job Advertisement

The Town of Rowe, with approximately 37 road miles, is seeking qualified applicants to fill the open heavy equipment operator/laborer position in the Highway Department. This role is essential for maintaining town roads, infrastructure, public safety, and equipment year-round. This is a hands-on position that combines equipment operation and physical labor. The ideal candidate has experience in this field, takes pride in their work, and values teamwork. Qualified applicants must possess a valid Class B (CDL) driver's license and a 2A Hoister's license. Pre-employment drug testing is required. This is a full-time, 40-hour-per-week position, with overtime required throughout the winter or in any emergency at any time of year and is considered on call on a 24/7 basis. The starting wage is between \$28.14 - \$33.53, depending on experience. Interested candidates should send their resume to the Town Administrator at townadmin@rowe-ma.gov. A full job description and an application can be found on the Town of Rowe website <https://rowe-ma.gov/> and are available at the Town Hall, located at 321 Zoar Road in Rowe, MA. For more information, please contact the Town Administrator at (413) 339-5520 x100.

submitted by Brooke Shulda

The Golden Egg

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

In the early spring of 1955, the Rowe selectmen were notified that a location on the old Noyes Wheeler Farm along the Deerfield River in the Northwest corner of Rowe had been chosen as the site for what might be the first commercial nuclear reactor for generating electricity in the United States. Ironically, the Noyes Wheeler farm was known as “Rowe’s Golden Egg” because of the large tax revenue generated by the valuation of all the farming equipment and cattle.

The townspeople were at first stunned to realize the magnitude of the projects and its consequences for a small town. But it was the “Atoms for Peace” era, and the townspeople, once realizing this was not a weapons manufacturing plant, were proud to be part of a peaceful use of the atom.

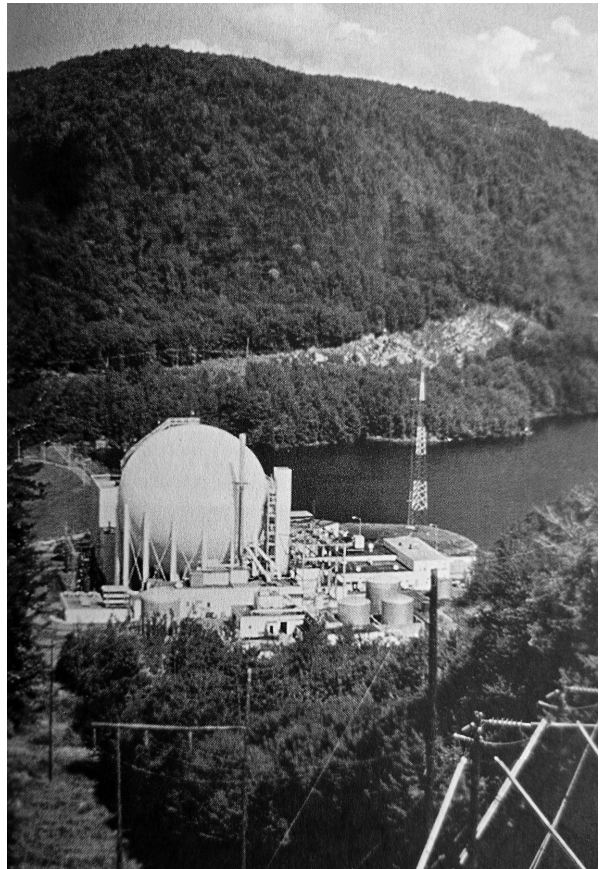
The first effect on Rowe was the intense media attention, which continued for many years. Reporters descended on the town to interview locals, and stories were written about Rowe from coast to coast. The immediate task was for the Board of Selectmen, John H. Williams, J. Henry Stanford, and Edward C. Henderson to envision the problems and make plans for the future to ensure the smooth transformation of a small country town of 250 people to whatever type of community Rowe might wish to become. The bylaws proposed were passed in 1956 and gave the townspeople a feeling of security that came from having “the right, the privilege and the power to regulate future development.

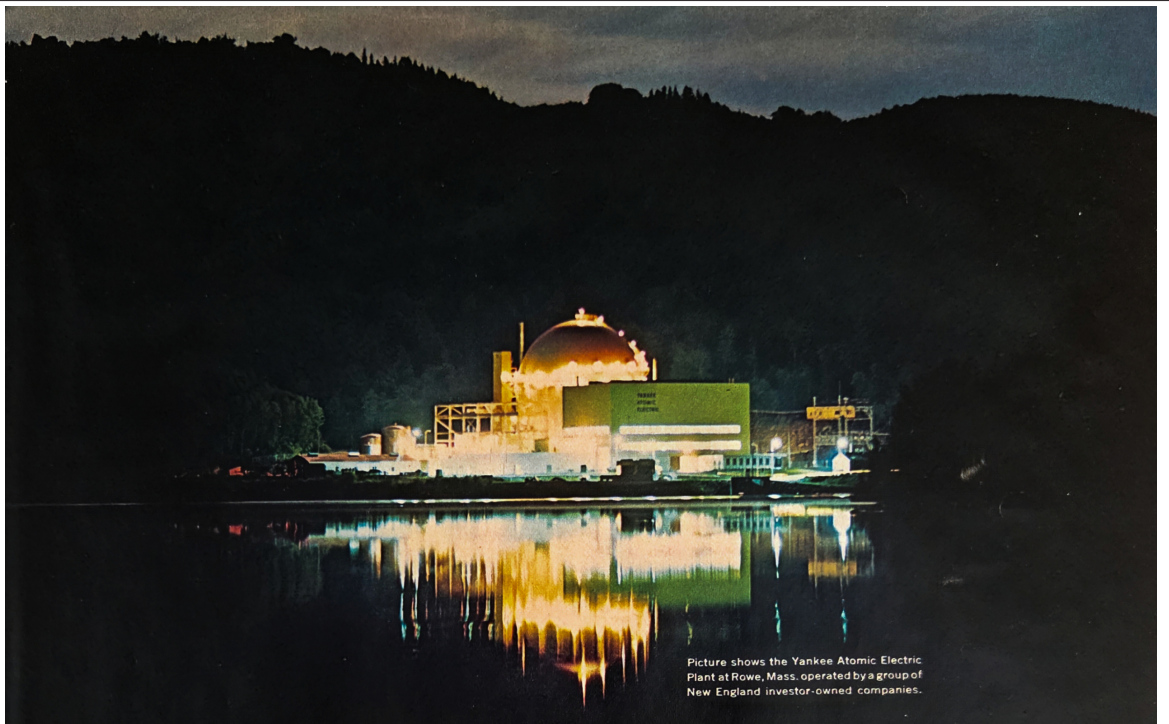
The total assessed valuation of Rowe in 1955 was \$695,403. And the tax rate was \$54 per thousand. The new atomic plant was estimated at \$57 million.

While some townspeople were able to obtain employment at the plant, Yankee drew more than forty new families, the “Yankee Pioneers”, and their influx was one of the most important things that could have happened to a small town with a dwindling population and difficulty finding enough people to serve as town officers.

Yankee replaced the Noyes Wheeler farm in generating the most income. Rowe found its new Golden Egg as well as new life being breathed into town with the “Yankee Pioneers”.

*Information taken from the History of Rowe by Percy Whiting Brown and Nancy Newton Williams. The book will be available at the opening of the permanent Yankee Rowe Exhibit on June 28 at the museum at 1 P.M. Come for the exhibit, stay for the snacks.





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



**** Council on Aging –Blazing Into Summer****



The COA hosted Kelle Quist and her amazing culinary talents as she walked us through ALL THINGS OLIVE OIL during our May coffee morning! There was an educational talk, blind tasting, treats and chatter for all. Thank you Kelle for immersing us in the intricacies and wonderments of one of our not so ordinary cooking oil. Another big thank you to Deb Lively for helping lead the weekly cardio drumming/circuit training exercise group during April and May. It was fun, heart pumping and entertaining (to say the least)!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

WALKING CLUB: runs each Monday in June starting Monday, June 1st 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 case of inclement weather, the walking club MAY be cancelled. Use your best judgement for your own safety**

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.

Paint and Sip Activity Free for Seniors: A paint and sip event is being held at the library on **Sunday June 28, 2026 at 1 PM**. The COA will cover the cost for seniors but, pre-registration is required- Please call the library to sign up and let them know you are a senior!

BOWLING- Bowling has finished for the season- please be on the lookout for more bowling in the fall! For more info please contact pickleballstefano23@gmail.com

SUMMER SOCIAL & CAKE PICNIC: At Pelham Lake Park, Sunday, July 11th from 10am-2pm join town folk for a community social event. For the second year running, the Council on Aging with the help of Cyndie Stetson is hosting a “Cake Picnic,” at the summer social and asking residents to bring a cake to share (only from 1-2pm)- Please contact Cyndie at the ccstet29@gmail.com for more information. Last year was such a delicious success- show off your baking skills and sample other’s baking creations!

SAVE THE DATE : For 2 Summer Picnics hosted by Rowe Park and COA. **July 23rd and August 13th** from 11:30am-2pm- 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!

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.



submitted by Rachel Lewis

'Summer Heat Safety'

For many, summer is a favorite season; 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 of Heat Exhaustion VS. Heat Stroke

Heat Exhaustion - Body temp of 101-104F, pale skin, muscle cramps, headache, dizziness, increased heart rate, nausea/vomiting.

Heat Stroke - Body temp above 104F, dry red skin, inability to sweat, seizures, dizziness/fainting, slurred speech, hallucinations or altered mental status, confusion/agitation.

Treatment - Anyone can experience symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke (although elderly and very young children and babies are at higher risk). Treatment for heat exhaustion includes trying to bring your temperature down with icepacks to the back of neck and armpits, cool rags to the neck and forehead, sitting in a shaded area, and drinking lots of cool water. If symptoms do not improve or get worse- seek medical attention. Heat Stroke is ALWAYS a medical emergency- It can become deadly very quickly, so it is important to listen to your body and take preventative measures.

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. 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.

STAY HYDRATED - Older adults often become less aware of thirst and our aging bodies naturally have a decreased ability to conserve fluids. It is vital for seniors to stay hydrated, especially in the summer months and when exerting themselves. Making hydration a habit will help keep you healthier; some medications can exacerbate dehydration- combine this with hot summer sun, soaring temperatures, and/or loss of bodily fluids during exercise, this may be a recipe for dehydration disaster.

PROTECT YOUR BODY -Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and protective gear when involved in any outdoor activities. Sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and loose fitting, light-colored clothing are all important accessories for people of all ages (and remember bug spray if going outdoors especially around dawn or dusk).

References taken from: <https://www.seniorlifestyle.com>, <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/heat-exhaustion-vs-heat-stroke>

submitted by Rachel Lewis

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS

The Rowe Park Commission is excited to invite the community to the launch of the new Davis Mine Climate Adaptation Trail at Pelham Lake Park on Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 PM. The guided woods walk will introduce visitors to an innovative forestry and climate resilience project taking place along the Davis Mine Trail. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

This special event offers residents and visitors the opportunity to explore how climate-smart forestry practices are helping shape the future of Rowe's forests. Participants will tour the Davis Mine project area, view the newly constructed slash wall, hear about ongoing forest management efforts, and learn how the Park Commission is working to create a healthier, more diverse, and more resilient woodland ecosystem.

Along the walk, attendees will learn about efforts to protect regenerating forests from deer browse, improve wildlife habitat, and support long-term forest health in the face of a changing climate. The project highlights practical adaptation strategies designed to ensure future generations can continue to enjoy the forests, trails, and wildlife that make Pelham Lake Park such an important community resource.

The event will also feature project-based artwork created by Rowe Elementary School students, connecting local environmental stewardship with community education and creativity.

Community members of all ages are welcome to attend. Registration is encouraged through the QR code on the event flyer. Questions about the event may be directed to Andrew Randazzo at Mass Audubon.

TOWN OF ROWE 

SUMMER

July 11 Social

Join us for a fun-filled day at the park! Start the morning at 10 AM with a live raptors presentation from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, then enjoy live music from the Jazz Queens. Bring your favorite homemade cake for our Community Cake Picnic — share a slice and sample everyone else's creations! Play or participate in the second annual pickleball tournament, enjoy games, crafts, laughter, and plenty of community fun throughout the day. Pack a lunch to enjoy in the park, and we'll provide chips and drinks. All are welcome!

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Rowe Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

submitted by Briel Gibson, Park Manager

EXPLORE THE DAVIS MINE CLIMATE ADAPTATION TRAIL

Join us to celebrate our new educational trail

You are invited to join us for a guided event at Pelham Lake Park in Rowe! Come explore the slash wall (pictured below), enjoy project-based art from Rowe's elementary students, and learn about the park's climate smart forestry practices.

Registration is encouraged. Scan QR code next to event description to register. If you need help registering or have questions, email Andrew at arandazzo@massaudubon.org or call 413-252-9534.

Davis Mine Climate Adaptation Trail launch event

Date: Saturday, June 6th

Rain Date: Saturday, June 13th

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Davis Mine Trailhead,
Davis Mine Road, Rowe MA

RSVP Encouraged: Scan QR code



Pictured: A slash wall on Davis Mine Trail to reduce the impacts of deer while promoting soil health and wildlife habitat

Join us to explore how the Parks Commission is protecting ash trees from an invasive beetle, planting trees for the next generation of forests, and using a resilience harvest and slash wall to create a healthier more diverse forest. Together, we will explore the ecology of this forested landscape and the plants, birds, and wildlife that depend on it.

Register Here



This work is made possible by funding from EEA's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grants.





Time for an update on National Grid’s “1019W1 Reliability Project.” This regional project intends to upgrade existing electrical poles and wires along Hazleton Road and construct new poles and power lines along the southern portion of Tunnel Road, and in a short mid-section of Hazleton Road. The utility has stated that the project objective is to provide redundancy to the Rowe and regional power grid by constructing a second pathway for power to limit extended outage impacts that occurred in March 2025. The utility hosted a community information meeting earlier this spring, and recently provided sufficient information to begin the Chapter 87 tree hearing process. National Grid has requested a July 2026 start of tree removal work, and line construction shortly thereafter through 2027.

National Grid has requested the removal of 147 trees along Town right-of-way, primarily the southern section of Tunnel Road below Petrie Road. This is a significant project that requires a thorough, thoughtful deliberation for both the benefits and impacts this project will have on Rowe. MGL Chapter 87 provides a specific public process whereby public advertisements, a public comment period, and a hearing are undertaken. If any objections are raised, the Tree Warden would then provide those objections and other materials to the Selectboard. My role as tree warden is to support the community and the Selectboard in that thoughtful deliberation, providing field data, analysis, mitigation strategies and best practice.

The public hearing will be scheduled and advertised shortly, with a hearing likely in mid-June. I will also offer an informational field “walk-and-talk” of lower Tunnel Road prior to the hearing. The tour will orient you to the National Grid proposal and tree lists, and offer a chance to discuss the Chapter 87 process, mitigation strategies, and ways to stay informed and engaged. All materials will also be posted on the town website. If you’d like to be on my email list for this project, just let me know at rowetreewarden@gmail.com

Be well in these summer days ahead! ~ Connie Englert, MQTW


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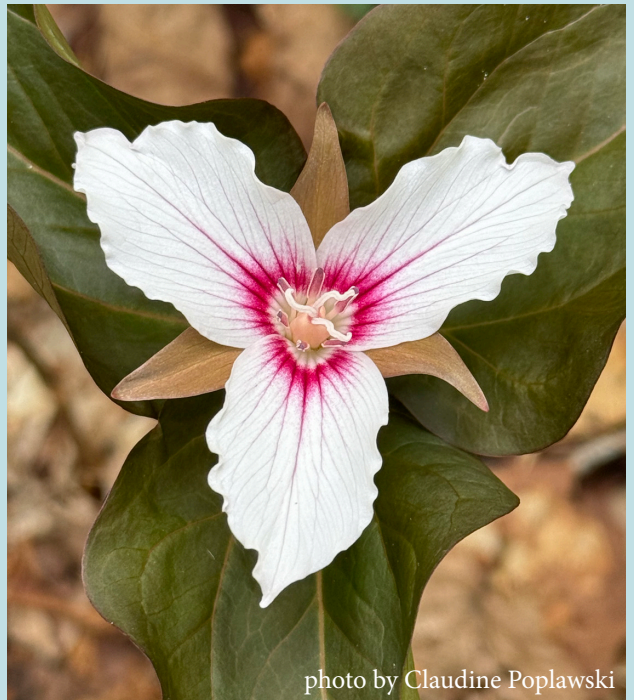


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Town Administrator	100	townadmin@rowe-ma.gov	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Admin Assistant	101	adminasst@rowe-ma.gov	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Accountant	102	accountant@rowe-ma.gov	By Appointment Only
Town Clerk	103	townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	Wed - 5pm-7pm, & by Appt
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

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boh@rowe-ma.gov

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

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

Elementary School (413) 512-5100

Name/Position	Ext. #	Email
Principal, Jon Friedman	1	jfriedman@roweschool.org
Secretary, Laurie Laffond	2	llaffond@roweschool.org
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