25 June 2025, Meeting called to order at 5:30pm ET

Commission Members in attendance: Justine Krumm.

Commission Members Absent: Abby Lively, Jay Willilams, Paul Graziano, Sue Zavotka, and Teresa Aguinaldo

Staff Present: Note taker Aaron Poulin

Public in Attendance: 1 in-person attendee

No attendees via Zoom

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order: Chair Justine Krumm called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Reading of the Notice: Chair Krumm read the public hearing notice into the record. The notice was published in the Greenfield Recorder and posted at Rowe Town Hall and on the Town website in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.
3. Statement of Purpose: Justine Krumm provided the following statement of purpose for the public hearing session:

“The purpose of this public meeting is to provide Rowe residents and concerned citizens with the background of the Historical Commission and the reasons for amending the current by-laws. The current by-laws only dictate the composition and stand-up of the Historical Commission; they do not state the roles and responsibilities of the commission. In order for the Historical Commission to serve the needs of the Town of Rowe, the Commission requires by-laws to operate within.”

1. Summary of Proposed Amendments: Chair Krumm provided a brief overview of the proposed by-law amendments, highlighting the inclusion of defined responsibilities for the Commission under M.G.L. c. 40 §8D, including conducting historic resource surveys, advising town boards, coordinating with preservation agencies, and adopting rules of procedure.
2. Public Comment: One member of the public attended in person. No questions or comments were made during the hearing. No written comments were submitted before or during the session. No members of the public joined via Zoom.
3. Next Steps: The Historical Commission will keep the petition open for signature through June and July. A second Public Meeting or Hearing will be coordinated for 29 July 2025 at 5:30PM. Justine will update the BoS on the progress of the H.C. efforts, next update is scheduled for 26 June at 6:00PM. The H.C. is seeking approval for adoption of the proposed by-laws to the Select Board for inclusion on the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting.
4. Adjournment: With no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justine S. Krumm

Historical Commission Chair

6/25/2025

*5/25/2025 Agenda as posted:*

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*Call to Order:*

1. *Statement of Purpose.*
2. *Presentation of Proposed By-Laws*
3. *Public Comments*
4. *Questions and Discussion.*
5. *Summary of Next Steps.*