Town of Rowe – FY2007
Park Commission
Minutes – Thursday, April 5, 2007 – 6:00pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Present: Park Commission Eric Pike, and Earl Carlow; Park Ranger Sean Loomis

Audience: Mayra Carlow

Ranger Report:

April 2007

I. Completed Activities

A. Memo for the Rowe Historical Committee asking them if there are any funds available for the repairs of the Browning Bench Tool Factory has been sent to the three committee members and we are waiting for a response. Memo was sent last month w/ no response. Going to sent second memo (see attachment)

B. Park Meeting Minutes from past years

C. Front sign

D. Order new hats and uniforms

E. Winter activities in review

1. Cross Country Ski Trails.
   - Trails were groomed on regular bases, trails groomed were Williams Trail, Sabrina Rice Trail, Davis Mine Loop Trail, 1792 Trail, Davenport Trail, Sibley Trail, Short cut to Soule Property from Sibley Trail (Rowe Camps Land), Percy Brown Trail, Old Kings High Way all the way to the power lines, and Pelham Lake.
   - Snow and Ski wise the Percy Brown Trail was great. Everything was level and smooth. It was almost as good as the Williams and Sabrina Rice Trail.
   - Usage varied from great to minimal. Great being on the main flat trails and minimal on the trails further out. The Davis Mine Loop Trail really needs to be a loop. When I called Terry Crumm last summer/ fall I left him a lengthy message explaining what we would like to do and he never got back in touch. I'm going to call him again this spring and talk to him and see if we can have permission to cross his land.
   - There was average snowmobile use thru the park this year. It's hard to say how many came thru but it wasn't high by any means. There were no incidence where they broke the rules that were set up in the beginning of the season. Closed snowmobile gates on March 27, 2007.
   - Skating rink was a big success this winter. The rink was cleared on a as needed basis (around once a week). Due to snow and water issues on the lake I would like to pursue having the skating rink at the town hall next year. Either on Mill pond or have it on the common by the gazebo. The second being the primary choice. We can pack an area in the snow then flood it or clear an area and put plastic down then flood it.

F. Researching composting toilet for park.

1. Selectmen Mayra Carlow had asked me to look into composting toilets as a replacement for the outhouses. On her capital items list I had listed a price for flush toilets for the replacement of the outhouses. For an alternative to flush toilets she wanted to know a price for composting toilets. I had contacted a company out of North Andover, MA called Clivus. Clivus has done lots of composting toilets for the state parks in MA and in NH. They had sent me a quote for a unit that would sustain the usage that we have during the busy times at the park. The Quote is for 1 unit that accepts 2 toilets and a building that will house the unit (See attachment). The quote for the building is extremely high and we would have to get a better number for a building built locally.

G. Made arrangements to have Matt Crowningshild trim trees on the North West View (Matt has experience with high tree trimming). We were going to go up and trim the trees this winter but decided to wait until the leaves come out so we don't miss any branches that could block the view.

H. Fish for the Fishing Derby are coming on April 20. And I will be putting nets up that morning to keep the fish in the area we want until the derby is over the next day. We will be receiving around 500 8"-10" browns, brookies, rainbows and 3-4 15" lunkers. The 3-4 big fish along with 100 of the small fish will be for the fishing derby with the rest going in the lake.

II. on going Activities

A. Hanging boundary signs

B. Minutes from past years meetings

C. Park Rules and Regulation

1. We need to address the dock rules a.s.p.
   a. **No person or persons shall anchor or moor any raft or float, nor construct any pier or dock within the limits of the park without first obtaining a written permit from the park Commission.**

b. **Such a permit may be requested in writing and presented at any regular meeting of the Park Commissioners. Accompanying such request shall be a drawing or sketch of such installation showing the location, size and method of construction.**

2. The rule should be that any one wanting to install a dock or raft in Pelham Lake should request a permit on yearly bases. Ellen has said she will work on an application for Dock and Raft instillation.

III. Budget Status see attachment

IV. **Miscellaneous**

A. Yoga Class

1. I had contacted Juliet Seaver to teach a yoga class this spring and she has accepted to teach the class. The cost to have her come is $65.00 a class, $390.00 for all 6 classes. The price for residents to take the class is $5.00 per class, $30.00 for all six classes. I have made it that there has to be a minimum of 6 people signed up in order to have the classes. That would make the cost for the park at $35.00 per class or $210.00 for the 6 classes, if more people sign up for the Classes that means the cost for the park goes down. We're not into making money so if cost gets to low; I think we should lower the cost to the residents.
2. I had 1 resident ask me if non residents can attend the class. I was thinking that if there is room they can but at full price $65.00.
3. And I think we should allow school teaches (non resident) to be able to take the class at the resident price.

B. GPS

1. I found a GPS that will work great for the park and mapping the boundary of the park. It is a Delorme Earthmate PN 20. See attached

C. Trail Maps for the Park.

2. Would like to have a trail map made like The Green Hills Preserve Trail Map (see attachment)

D. In conjunction with the Rowe school curriculum I would like to offer a Map and Compass class that would be held by the Walnut Hill Tracking on May 5. The cost is $250.00 for a 2-3 hour course on navigation with a compass. All school kids from the school and kids that are home schooled are invited to attend. Again if there is not enough kids signed up the class will be canceled.

- Motion was made and second to change rule 15 and 16 under water area in the revise edition to the Pelham Lake Park Rules and Regulations

Routine Business:

- **Monthly Financial Review:** *Budget vs. Actual* reports was reviewed.
- **Minutes:** March 1, 2007 were approved as resubmitted.

Miscellaneous:

Adjournment: The Park Commission **voted unanimously** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean R. Loomis

Approved: _____
Mike Laffond, Co-Chair

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Eric Pike, Co- Chair

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Earl Carlow

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Date