TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES, THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.
PRESENT: Commissioners; Earl Carlow, Russell Jolly
ABSENT: Eric Pike
AUDIENCE: Marilyn & Bill Belval, Peter Besgen, Myra Carlow, Mary Ann & Bob Dykeman, Mary Jo Phelps, Laurie Pike

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: The Dykemans and Belvals reported an unpleasant encounter with a visitor to the Park (not a Rowe resident) rejecting their statement that the woman's dog was not permitted on the beach. They wanted to know if they were right that the dog should not have been on the beach (they were) and what could be done to prevent this happening again. There was extensive discussion about the kind of signage which would be more forceful and visible but not set an unpleasantly restrictive tone at the park. The Commissioners asked Sean to see what pre-made signs were available which could be purchased and installed immediately as everyone agreed that the existing sign is not particularly conspicuous.

Members of the audience reported to the Commissioners that the Summer Rec Program directed by Carol Lively was excellent and a great success.
MARY JO PHELPS ASKED FOR 2ND RECIEVED PERMISSION TO "ADOPT" THE GARDEN AT THE FRONT GATE TO THE PARK.

PARK RANGERS REPORT (see attached)

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioners reported that they had received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Eric Pike.
- Discussed decision made at last meeting to allow non-residents to attend classes sponsored by Park & Rec and paid for by town if there was room in the class and if the person paid his/her share of the cost of the class. Decision made at last meeting was contingent upon Selectmen determining that the insurance carrier had no problem with this policy and Chair Jolly reported that this had been done.
- Held discussion about the kind of roofing needed for the wood shed and where to go for the metal. W.W. Supply was thought to be the cheapest. Peter Besgen mentioned that Steve Crowningshild had some pieces left over from other jobs.
- Outhouse needs to be pumped. Bostley is to be called.
- Terry Krumm was contacted to see if Park could use part of their property for a trail . The response was no.
- Garret White would like to put his sailboat at the beach area rather than at the dam end. Permission was denied. This led to a discussion about those who leave their boats in the racks at the dam year round and the fact that some people can't get their boats onto the racks.. Commissioners asked Sean to contact people with canoes at the rack to take their boats off in the winter.
- Commissioners reminded Sean to send to Don & Jean Atwood's son the form required for getting a raft permit.
- A meeting was posted for August 30 in error and will be cancelled. The meetings were to occur twice each month during the summer season.
- Commissioners determined that no large groups of people, of fifty or more, will be allowed on the beach without a form being filled out prior (by _____number of days) to coming to the lake,. If there are more than _____people, the group will provide a lifeguard.
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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of July 19 meeting reviewed, approved, and signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Earl Carlow Date: 8/13/07

Approved:

Russell Jolly, Chair

Earl Carlow

Earl Carlow, Secretary

Eric Pike
14 Potter Road
Rowe, MA 01367
August 1, 2007

Russell Jolley
Chairman Park Commission
Town Of Rowe
Zoar Road
Rowe, MA 01367

Earl & Russell:

My nearly three-year tenure as a Park Commissioner has been a very rewarding experience, and I regret having to make a difficult announcement.

Due to both business and personal reasons I must regretfully resign from my position as Park Commissioner.

As a result, my last meeting will be Thursday September 6, 2007.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Pike
Park Commissioner

Cc: Earl Carlow
Park Commissioner (Secretary)

PARK RANGER REPORT

August 16, 2007

I. Completed Activities

A. Weedwacked and tree trimmed 7/8th of the trails.
B. Lower ¼ of the snowmobile trail on the Percy Brown Trail has been restored back to its natural state.
C. Where the Percy Brown Trail crosses the brook the trail has been rerouted along the brook for 200 feet to where there is a better location for a bridge. The cribbing is in for the bridge and waiting for lumber for the stringers to complete it. Decking has also been brought out to the location.
D. Mechanic from a boat shop in Wilmington is going to come down and take a look at the SS Percy Brown. He is a Certified Yamaha Dealer and Yamaha mechanic.
E. Park boundary signs have been ordered and are in.
F. All Drainage ditches are cleaned out on the Williams Trail, Sabrina Rice Trail, Sibley Trail and the Davenport Trail.
G. Swimming Lessons completed.
H. Blue Sky has quoted 40$ per log for a 12foot log, 10inches round. He will saw the logs in half. Logs have been ordered and waiting for delivery.
I. 2x6 Hemlock has been ordered and should be delivered any day.
J. Bridge on the Beach Trail has been started. There will be 2 sections of bridging spanning 30 feet each. The bridge will be 5 feet wide to accommodate the snowmobile.

II. On going Activities

A. Continue working on Snowmobile trail
    1) Cleaning up debris, and leveling uneven surface
B. Rec Program will be ending on Friday. There was 42 kids that signed up with anywhere from 25-35 kids attending every day.
C. Finish weedwacking and trimming trails.
D. Reroute Williams Trail around the wet bog area along with a new bridge. Decking has all ready been brought out.
E. Finish bridge on the Beach Trail.
F. Finish bridge on Percy Brown Trail.

III. Budget Status see attached

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Browning Bench repair
B. Tennis court repair
C. Roof on the wood shed needs to be replaced
D. Outhouses need to be pumped
E. The Krumms are not interested in having a trail cross their property at the beginning of Davis Mine Rd.