TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
PRESENT: Commissioners; Earl Carlow, Russell Jolly, Henry Dandeneau; Park Ranger Sean Loomis
ABSENT: none
AUDIENCE: MaryJo Phelps, Laurie Pike, Peter Besgen, Carol Lively, Maeve Gallaghar, Kris Swenson, Sue White

- Reviewed minutes from September 13, 2007 meeting and accepted them.
- Welcomed new Commissioner, Henry Dandeneau.
- Decided to schedule meetings for 6:30

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sean is to get keys to open park locks to Russ Jolly.
- Sean is on light duty, to lift only 10 lbs. until the end of October—27th. Taking steroid shots for his back.
- .Discussed again boats on racks. The Goal Post has notice that boars are to be removed. One boat owner is not known. Bryants have not been notified by Sean, at this time. All other boat owners have been told. Henry suggested that any boats removed from rack need to be locked behind Browning Bench Tool.
- Sean to look at locust logs cut by Blue Sky before he cuts the rest of the logs to be sure that is what Sean wants.

PARK RANGERS REPORT: (see attached)

NEW BUSINESS

- Council on Aging bought a new stationary bike which Park Dept. had $2000 budgeted for. It was determined that if the tennis court repairs came to more than Park Dept. had budgeted, this $2000 could be used.
- Sean talked about using the GPS device he got earlier this year to do the boundary signs in the park.
- Discussed installing two large signs with rules and regulations on a large board with many laminated signs to cover all the rules. Two locations –one on the way to the bathrooms and the other in the beach area.
- Discussed going over the rules and regulations to see if they need to be altered. Would discuss this over the winter,
- Talked about installing a "no camp fire" sign at the fire works point, but fires would be allowed at the lean to where there is afire ring.
- Discussed painting blazes on trails—two colors, white & blue. Use regular house enamel paint.
- Pumpkin carving at the Browning Bench Tool on October 20th
- Commissioners voted (unanimously) to purchase the new Stihl weed whacker at LaBelles.
- Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the policy to allow people not from Rowe to use exercise classes (with instructors): The optimum number of members of the class would be decided by the instructor. The amount paid by the Town for the Instructors services would be divided by that number to determine the cost to a non-resident.
- Discussed opening up fitness center on Saturdays. Mr. Dandeneau said that, for security reasons, the town hall should not be open unless there is an attendant present.
- Fitness attendant (Roger Brown) starts in November and works til April, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 til 8:00 pm . Fitness Instructor works Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:00 p.m.
- Ranger's hours in the summer, May 1-September 1, are 8 am til 4 pm, Monday through Friday. If weekend work is required, Ranger takes a day off during the week. "off summer" hours (September through April) are 6:30 am tiil 2:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23
The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted:_____Date:_____

Approved:
Russell Jolly, Chair_____
Earl Carlow, Secretary_____ _____
Henry Dandeneau_____

PARK RANGER REPORT

October 4, 2007

I. Completed Activities

A. SS Percy Brown was look at by Paul from RL Ruprecht Associates. He said that it could be two issues. 1. The gas tank and gas. 2. The carburetor. I change the tank to a small 5 gallon tank and I bought 2 gallons of 93 octane from Vt and the boat did run with out stalling. The motor still needs to be gone through because it starts extremely hard and will only run on one cylinder for 5 to 10 minutes. At the end of the season (Late October, Early November I will bring the boat up to Ruprecht (route 100 in Dover VT).
B. The Docks will be coming out in Late October early November. I have not herd back from Mike Corson on a date yet.
C. Fitness Equipment that was requested to take out of the fitness room has been tag and will be removed next week. The equipment was tag for around a month and I haven't herd from anyone requesting it to stay nether has the Fitness Instructor Jodi Fontaine.
D. Bid sheets went out to New England Sealcoating (Hingham, MA), Advantage Tennis (Passumpsic, VT), and Copeland Coating (Nassau, NY), and have not herd back yet for them.
E. There where two weddings at the park in September
F. Have way through mapping the trails on the new computer program and converting the old program over to the new one.
G. No Dog signs are up at the beach. There are 4 signs that are 30 paces apart on the perimeter of the beach. Along with the signs I ordered no ATV and no camp fire signs. The No ATV signs are up and are at every entrance into the park. The No Camp Fire signs are for the Fire Works Area and the Lean-To.
H. GymKhana on September 16
I. Replaced boards on bridge at dam
J. Replace boards on bridge on Williams Trail

II. On going Activities

A. Hanging boundary signs
B. Blazing trails with color paint
   1) I did some research on what Parks around the area use for paint and I came up with a company called Nelson Paints. They have a Tree Marking Paint that will last 5-7 years. I'm in the process of setting up an account with them. Once we are cleared to purchase the paint, I'm going to by White, Blue, Yellow, and Red.
C. Once leaves fall, clearing all drainage ditches and water bars
D. Weedwack Glen
E. Weedwack Clement's Corner
F. Hiking Trails
   1) GPS
   2) Clearing down debris
G. Leave clean up
   1) I will be using my personal mower with bagger to pick up the leaves. (I can't do the labor of picking up the leaves and shoveling them from the trailer yet.)
H. Need to fix bridge going to Tennis Courts

III. Budget Status see attached

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Browning Bench repair.
B. Tennis court repair.
C. Pumkin Carving set for October 20, at the Browning Bench
D. The Haunted House will be at the Gracy House this year. The Park is in charge of the Haunted House and the PTP is in charge of the tail gate trick or treat.
E. Weedwacker from Labelle's. Purchase it or not.
F. Started working on the new trail maps. Walking trails with the GPS up loading them to the Delorme Topo Program and then cross referencing with the old Topo Program. Also Tim Fountain from Cartographics (company that is doing all the Towns Mapping) might be able to add Longitude and Latitude to the mapping software that would get us within feet of all the property boundaries in the park.
G. Northwest View clearing tree limbs