TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
PRESENT: Commissioners Russ Jolly, Chair, Earl Carlow, Henry Dandeneau
ABSENT: Ranger Sean Loomis
AUDIENCE. Laurie Pike, MaryJo Phelps, Loretta Dionne, Bob Clancy, Peter BesgenT Jeannette Crowningshield, Matt Crowningshield, Jenna Plante, David Lenth

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: Matt Crowningshield & the snowmobilers would like to have a steak fry on the beach sometime in February. The Park Commission said to firm up a date and they would vote on it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Revised minutes of Dec 6, 2007 from "Russ said he thought this was a good idea." to "The Committee thought this was a good idea." The minutes as revised were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

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PARK RANGERS REPORT: (none, Ranger on vacation)

NEW BUSINESS

- Asked Matt if his father had started work on the Browning Bench Tool yet . Matt said his father needed a key. Russ replied he had one and to let Steve know.
- Budget: Talked about increasing Sean's pay by 2.3%, the COLA agreed-upon by the town. The other park ranger positions had their last pay raises in '02 and would like to increase their pay. Decided to find out what the Grasshoppers were going to get via the Finance Committee and Selectboard to see what we would do. Discussed Sean's Budget Sheet and voted to take this to the Selectmen
- Laurie Pike mentioned the exercise class doesn't have enough exercise mats and would like to get more. Russ pointed out that there is money for equipment available in the budget. The Commission voted unanimously to allow the purchase of the mats.
- Signed pay request for Roger Brown
- Received a request from Selectboard for a written policy for the use of the exercise room. The Commission repeated the hours for the exercise room to be open and asked that Russ give the information to the Selectboard in writing.
- We were informed by Laurie Pike that Jodie Fontaine would be holding her class on the day following New Years and Christmas, rather than the Saturday. Russ said he would contact Roger and let him know not to go on those two Wednesdays.
- Mary Jo asked to be on the agenda to discuss what programs this park commission would like to see started. Russ explained that due to budget restrictions , i.e. level funding from Finance Committee and Selectboard, there didn't seem to be a way to add new programs without increasing the budget. Henry stated the primary item he would like to see done is new sanitary facilities and would like to see the park utilized more than it is now. He sees the sanitary facilities as one obstacle to more utilization. The tennis courts and trail systems are underutilized and he would like to see programs that would bring the community out to use the park. Brought up the idea of the composting toilet and asking the Selectboard about the possibility of exploring the use of the Capital Fund to fund the toilets.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:18 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled : January 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Earl Carlow Date: 1/3/08

Approved:
Russell Jolly, Chair
Earl Carlow, Secretary Earl Carlow
Henry Dandeneau