TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING September 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 p.m.
PRESENT: Commissioners Russ Jolly, Earl Carlow, MaryJo Phelps; Ranger, Sean Loomis
ABSENT: none
AUDIENCE: David Lenth
MINUTES: Read and accepted minutes of August 21,2008 meeting

OLD BUSINESS: Russ reported on the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding the Knoblock land, which Mr. Knobloch attended. The Selectmen are having a forester go over the land to get an idea of how much harvestable lumber is on the land to make the purchase of the land more affordable by the town. Earl asked about the possibility of grants and MaryJo said that the opportunity has passed this year because requests to the state had to have been in by June of 2008. The Selectboard is the entity which would purchase the land. The Park Commission can only recommend or not recommend the purchase. Russ moved to recommend the purchase of the Knoblock land, with the reservation that the purchase could jeopardize future purchase of the Yankee Atomic land.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: David Lenth asked if the Commission was going to do anything about the weeds in the lake. Russ told him that, because of the laws around waterways, the Commission would have to get a naturalist in to talk about what could be done. MaryJo suggested talking to other towns to see what they do to remove weeds. Russ suggested talking to Walt Quist.

OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED): Russ announced that there is still some confusion over ownership of some land that was used by the Park over near the Rowe Conference Center. He asked Assessors Chair Rick Williams to check the tax maps to determine who actually owns the land in question

PARK RANGERS REPORT: Northwest view is cleared; all trail maps are installed except for the dam; has not yet contacted the Rowe Conference Center about building the boat rack. Sean stated that he is convinced that there is a leak in the tank under the toilets and , according to Lisa Danek Burke (Agent for the Board of Health) the Park has two years to correct the condition. Being considered are tight tank, septic system or composting toilets. Sean will check with Ellen Babcock about what monies are available from the town for new toilets. See if can get an idea from the Board of Health as t which would be the best overall system to go after.

Hope to use the Gracy House for the haunted. house again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Earl Carlow Date: 11/6/2008

Approved:
Russell Jolly, Chair
Earl Carlow, Secretary Earl Carlow
MaryJo Phelps