**TOWN OF ROWE**
**PARK COMMISSION**
**MINUTES OF MEETING**
**JANUARY 22, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**: 6:37 p.m.
**PRESENT Commissioners Russ Jolly, Earl Carlow, MaryJo Phelps; Ranager Sean Loomis**
**ABSENT**: none
**AUDIENCE**. None
**MINUTES:** Read and approved Minutes of meeting of January 8, 2009

Sean reported that there were very large trees down across the 1792 trail and he wanted to get loggers with oxen to pull them out. The trail is part of the cross country track. Commissioners reminded him that logging is not allowed in that part of the park because of the Percy Brown Covenant and that he should wait til the spring to cut them up and roll them out of the trail.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Russ was supposed to have met with the Selectboard over the budget but the meeting was cancelled and he hadn't presented the budget yet.

Commissioners continued discussion of the new toilet system. Earl reported he had spoken with an architect who gave him a rough figure of $200 a square foot in estimating the cost to build a structure only which she said was a bit high. Sean has sent in an application for federal monies from the STATE OF MASS to build the toilets, which would be administered by the state.

MaryJo has tried to tied to contact two local architects, George Dole Jr and Jack Sorbon for estimates and hasn't reached either one.

Sean was supposed to hear from Joe Ducharme (sp) from Clivus about looking at the New Seabury plans but hasn't heard back. He will give him a call. Clivus provided price of $17,000 for a waterless system and $23,000 for a foam flush system without sinks or running water in the structure. Earl reminded commission that a system with running water or a foam flush system would require heating the building. Commissioners discussed possibility of installing a conventional flush toilet system with either tight tank or septic system instead. Discussed having a perc test done to see if this is possible.

Russ is going to call Brian Devries, architect in Heath, and Justin Pope, , architect in Shelburne to se if either would be willing to meet informally with us. MaryJo is going to do the same with the other two architects.

**PARK RANGERS REPORT: (see attached)** Ben Foberg and Max Patten are working on clearing trails with Sean. Russ suggested that Sean concentrate on winter use trails and not worry so much about the summer hiking trails at this time.

Brush for the Gravely that Sean saw has already been sold. Sean is looking for another has not been keeping the rink clear because blowing snow fills it right back in again.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:39 pm

**The next meeting is scheduled:** February 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted:_____ Date:_____

**Approved:**
Russell Jolly, Chair_____
Earl Carlow, Secretary_____
~~Henry Dandeneau~~ MARY JO PHELPS