

Town of Rowe Park Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2025, 5:00 PM  
Location: Town Hall Meeting Room #1

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 PM by Laurie Pike.

Attendance:

- Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner)
- Justine Krumm (Acting Park Commissioner)
- Walt Quist (Park Commissioner)
- Briel Gibson (Park Manager)

Audience of Citizens:

- Arik Olsen

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Laurie Pike to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025 Park Commission meeting.

- Motion accepted.

Agenda Items:

1. Vote to Approve Revised Rules and Regulations for Pelham Lake Park  
Laurie made a motion to vote on the updated park rules.
  - Motion accepted.
2. Woodlands Partnership Grant Progress (Due May 15, 2025)
  - The current WP grant is due June 30, 2025.
  - Booklet invoices have been submitted.
  - Laurie requested invoices from Andrew at MA Audubon for their portion of the project.
  - Part of the grant includes elementary school participation—students will submit drawings of bats for possible inclusion in park signage.
  - Laurie will connect with Alex Barrett regarding the contract for the upcoming winter forestry project.

Next WP Grant Proposal:

- Proposal received from Longview Forestry for an Invasive Species Survey for Pelham Lake Park.
- Walt expressed interest in engaging Rowe residents in invasive species monitoring.
- Discussed sourcing snowmobile drags and lumber for trail work.

3. Review and Vote on Pay Schedule for Summer Employees
  - Briel presented a draft payroll schedule.
  - The Commission discussed pay rates and employment dates.
  - A vote was held and the pay schedule was accepted.
4. Hemlock Monitoring Training Reminder
  - Training scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 at 8:00 AM with Alex Barrett.
5. Unforeseen Business in the Last 48 Hours
  - Arik Olsen was introduced to general park operations and the forest management plan.
  - The Commission discussed increased illegal dumping on Davis Mine Road.
  - Briel reported dirt bike activity in the park; Laurie suggested adding more signage.

- Reminder: Conservation Commission meeting on Thursday.
- The Commission extended thanks to Walt Quist for his years of dedicated service.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:56 PM.

- All members were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 2, 2025 at 5:00 PM