

Town of Rowe

Park Commission Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2025

Attendance:

Laurie Pike, Chair

Hannah Poplawski

Arik Olson

Briel Gibson

Rick Whitney, MA Audubon

Agenda:

Call to Order: 6:04

1. Approve meeting minutes from October 6, 2025.
  1. Laurie made a motion to approve meeting notes. All in favor.
2. Meet with Mass Audubon to discuss signage for the Operations Plan.
  1. Rick Whitney brought prints of draft signage to share with park commission and gave overview on project background regarding climate resilience.
  2. The commission reviewed the draft signage and offered suggestions.
  3. Conversation continued onto potential additional signage covering the Hemlock monitoring work done in another area of the park.
3. Discuss possible updates to the agreement with the Historical Society for use of the Browning Bench.
  1. Briel suggested adding a line about inspection of items before inclusion in the collection for wood destroying insects to prevent future infestation.
4. Background on DLTA funding source.
  1. Laurie introduced the commission to DTLA funding. \$7000 grant maximum; projects come from a pre-selected list that can vary from year to year. Commission will apply for pollinator habitat funding if available in the next grant round.

5. Discuss a possible plan for Percy Point Picnic Area.
  1. Laurie and Briel gave an overview of potential improvements at Percy Point. Plans include seed and loam, stone fireplace, accessible picnic table, walkway, pergola and native plant landscaping. Commission discussed possible plant species and timeline of funding.
  2. Laurie suggested Community Woodlands grant for funding.
6. Work on the fiscal '27 budget.
  1. Briel will contact contractor for cost on liquid removal for composting unit.
  2. Hannah will make updates and send a draft before next meeting.
  3. Briel will get quotes for special projects – accessible walkway to bathrooms and stone fireplace at Percy Point
7. Any unforeseen business within the last 48 hours of the posting.

Adjourned 7:45, next meeting December 8