

Town of Rowe Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026
6:00PM
Rowe Town Hall: Meeting Room #1

In attendance: Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Hannah Poplawski (Park Commissioner), and Arik Olsen (Park Commissioner)

Audience of Citizens: None

Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Request that anyone who is recording the meeting inform the rest of the attendees.

Approval of December 8th, 2025 meeting minutes as amended by roll call vote; Laurie Pike - yes, Hannah Poplawski-yes, Arik Olsen-yes.

Budget hearing on January 22, 2025 at 6 PM: Our budget is all set, just waiting on the COLA from the Finance Committee and Board of Selectman. Arik and Briel will attend the meeting to answer any questions on our proposed budget. They will also give the Finance Committee a heads up that we will be putting in a request for a reserve fund transfer at the end of this fiscal year for unexpected expenses on the old truck.

Update on grant work. DLTA funding, Woodlands Partnership exemption work, MVP - Climate Smart Forestry Operation, and Cultural Council. Next round of Woodlands Partnership grant applications due in spring: Waiting to hear from the OPRC on the DLT Grant. The Woodlands Partnership project that was extended last year needs to be completed by June 30th - we should have invoices coming in soon to be paid and then we can file for reimbursement.

The Operations Plan will start soon, we are just waiting for better weather to start.

For the next round of the Woodlands Partnership Grant, we should review the master list from the Climate Smart Forest Stewardship Plan. Applications usually come out in April so we should have ideas and estimates prepared for when that comes out. One idea is to apply for funds to make Percy Point an accessible picnic area.

Summer Recreation Program planning: Briel started working on the handbook for the summer rec program and has been in touch with Randy at FRCOG to ensure we meet all camp criteria. The camp paperwork will need to be submitted in advance to acquire the certificate.

Brainstorm ideas for possible future park events and activities: To discuss more at future meetings, but Laurie would like to host a four week summer yoga program.

Any unforeseen business within the last 48 hours of the posting: Laurie and Briel have been working with Mara Silver on the Cliff Swallow issue. In further discussions, Mara has suggested that the freestanding structure may be a better solution than the Soule Barn. The structure

would be located across the bridge from the highway garage before entering the Williams Trail. Briel will get in touch with the Conservation Commission on filing an RDA for this project.

Meeting Adjourn: 7:18 PM

Minutes for this meeting were approved by roll-call vote on February 4, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Hannah Poplawski
Park Commissioner