

**Town of Rowe**  
**Park Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday February 4, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Rowe Town Hall**

**Attendance:**

Laurie Pike, Park Commission Chair

Erik Olsen, Park Commissioner

Hannah Poplawski, Park Commissioner

Briel Gibson, Park Manager

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

1. Approve Park Department meeting minutes from January 12, 2026  
Minutes accepted.
2. Update on Cliff Swallow project, Climate Smart Forestry Operation, and Post Powder Beetle extermination  
Cliff Swallow Project: RDA filed with Conservation Commission on 2/2/26. Mara will be paying for the structure and installation. Park will cover news posting fees. Arik suggested creating a flyer for the town website announcing the project after Conservation Commission approval. Briel will reach out to RCC asking about hosting a talk on Cliff Swallows.  
Climate Smart Forestry Operation: Pantermehl has completed operation plans and will return after spring melt to assess logging road and Davis Mine Trail repairs. Briel will install a gate in the deer fencing this spring. Discussion of possible uses for log sale money, including ash inoculation, invasive species treatment, and tree tubes.  
Post Powder Beetle Extermination: March or April dates are being discussed for a site visit with Orkin.
3. Woodlands Partnership Grant ideas – possible Percy Point picnic area revamp  
Discussion included accessible walkways, fire pit, pergola, and native landscaping at Percy Point.
4. Summer Recreation Program and camp licensure application  
Request submitted, awaiting decision from the Rowe Board of Health.
5. Goal Post articles  
Lottery for boat rack. Perch camping rules.

6. Any unforeseen business within the last 48 hours of posting

It was suggested to offer guest passes for loan at local libraries. It was decided that Heath and Charlemont would receive 2 passes each, to be used on weekdays only and loaned out for 1 day at a time. Briel will create and laminate visitor passes, working with Molly on how to best format this for library use.

Hannah suggested hosting a winter snowshoe event at the park.

Group discussed a regional trail project.

Adjournment: 7:23 PM