

Town of Rowe

Park Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2026

6:01 PM

Attendance

Laurie Pike

Hannah Gibson

Erik Olsen

Briel Gibson`

Agenda:

Call to Order:

1. Approve meeting minutes from July 2026.
 1. Approved
2. Browning Bench proposal to pursue historic designation.
 1. Justine was unable to attend, benched.
3. Park role in newly acquired Truesdell property.
 1. The land's management will be under the care and control of the Rowe Conservation Commission with the property stewards/ managers the responsibility of the Open Space and Recreation Committee. The Rowe Park Department will provide support when requested.
 2. The park commission and manager reviewed proposed plan and is happy with the arrangement.
4. Next summer staffing and park plans for priorities: "nice to have" vs "need to have."
 1. Briel would ideally like to hire 3 lifeguards and 6 summer assistant rangers and has also found a rec program director.
5. Cultural Council grant proposals due mid-October. CC sponsored mushroom walk advertisement.
 1. Hannah gave overview of planned route and itinerary. Hannah will handle collecting the bill for Briel to submit for payment.

2. Briel will reach out to Donna on date for next years summer social for CC grant funded programming.
3. Laurie will handle next round of grant applications, Briel will reach out to school on possible field trip in May-June.
4. Commission expressed interest in hosting a weight training program.
5. Hannah will reach out to David Ellis on wildlife tracking event, potentially during February vacation.
6. Response to a resident concern.
 1. Park commission will be responding to concern with a phone call. Commission and manager outlined remedies for next season.
7. WP grant implementation.
 1. Briel reached out to 2 additional companies to satisfy municipal procurement laws.
 2. Hannah will send Brooke contract for signing.
8. Any unforeseen business within the last 48 hours of the posting.
 1. Briel will order lighter bar for bench press.
 2. 5th and 6th grade classes would like to build and donate a bench for 3 pine point. Bench was originally donated by Mary Jo P. and should be contacted.
 3. Briel will resend rules and regs to update and vote to adopt for next meeting.
9. Next meeting scheduled October 15th at 6 pm.
 1. Agenda items include Browning Bench conversation and beginning budget work.

Adjourned 7:05