

**Town of Rowe
Park Commission
April 4, 2017**

Present: Richard Hamilton (chairman), Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Sean Loomis (Park Ranger), and Beth Flaherty (Recreation Program Director).

Audience: None

Agenda:

1. Call to order 6:35 PM.
2. Minutes from March 7, 2017 distributed and approved.
3. **New Business:**

Beth Flaherty (Director of Summer Recreation Program for Children) discussed summer programming for the four-week summer recreation program for children of Rowe and Rowe school choice. The program will run from July 17th through August 10th, Monday–Thursday from 10 AM until 2 PM. The Rowe School will be contacted for permission to use the building in the event of inclement weather. If that is the case, a sign will be posted at the entrance to the park asking parents to drop off children at the school. Participants in the program will be split into two groups (provided there is adequate coverage) consisting of a younger group 4-7 year olds and an older group 8-12 year olds. Swimming lessons will again be offered during the recreation program the first two weeks. For added swimmer safety it was suggested that participants wear color coded wrist bands to indicate which participants are swimmers and which are not yet swimmers. Ideas for a couple of special programs with guest presenters were discussed and are to be appropriate for all age groups to attend. All participants must sign up a week before and have paperwork up to date before participating. Information about the summer recreation program will go out to children and their families in May.

The selectmen have requested that the budget be level funded. The budget was reviewed and the Park Operations line item was reduced to \$19,830 which level funds the budget '18-'19.

A request was made by Rosy Gordon for more senior picnics. A picnic will be added June 22 to bring the total to three, 6/22,7/13, and 8/3,2017. It was suggested that the Park Commission meet with the Council on Aging to collaborate on senior programs.

A free bike rack will be ordered courtesy of FRCOG.

A gently used Concept 2 Rower has been offered to the Park Fitness Center for a reasonable price. Estimate for refinishing the wood floor in the fitness room came in at twice the amount budgeted. Discussions will continue on what to do.

4. Old Business:

See attached Ranger Report for budget items discussed.

Discussion of policy for Rowe school choice students and families use of Park facilities ongoing.

Jon Shafer will attend the next month's meeting to discuss a proposed mountain bike trail system that could be connected to some of the park's land if approved.

Next meeting will be May 2nd, interviews will be conducted for summer help.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Pike

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