

Town of Rowe Park Commission

June 5th, 2017

Present: Richard Hamilton (Chairman), Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Michael Phillips (Park Commissioner), Sean Loomis (Park Ranger)

Audience: None

Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order 6:30 pm
- 2) Minutes from May 2nd and 9th meetings distributed and approved

New Business: Received tick awareness signage and literature from the Board of Health's Maggie Rice

1) Reviewed Cease and Desist letter received from conservation commission concerning the newly installed osprey pole. A copy of the letter will be included with minutes. Discussed the need for independent wetland verification - how much would this cost? (This is an expenditure the commission would like to avoid) -Would remediation be more destructive? Listened to Ranger Loomis's side of the conversation; clearly a misunderstanding took place-discussed a partnership versus an adversarial relationship with the con com. It was decided that the chair of the park commission would draft a letter in response to the conservation commission's notification. A copy of that letter will be included with the minutes.

2) The discussion about the Osprey Pole dilemma evolved into one concerning our ongoing difficulties with both trail and general park maintenance; and how we may benefit by receiving some guidance from the conservation commission as to how to better navigate the process of filing RDA's and the attendant legal hurdles of working in wetland areas (which defines a great deal of the park) We will seek to engage the con-com for assistance.

3) Discussed the summer recreation program; most summer positions have been filled and we are satisfied with the coverage for the summer Rec. Program as well as the waterfront for the summer. Some special events have been booked for the recreational program and will be available to the community at large. Flyers for these events will be posted at the park as well as at the normal town locations.

4) The YMCA does not wish to staff our summer swimming lessons this year. We need to look into other options. Ranger Loomis will be contacting a local instructor who we have been told may be interested in teaching our swimming classes this summer. This needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

Old Business:

-Ranger Loomis is continuing to pressure the parties involved to get the railing to the bathroom installed.

-Another bid will be solicited from Vermont Stoneworks for our fire-pit repair

-Berkshire East general manager John Schaeffer has been unable to attend a meeting to discuss an apparent proposal to connect the park trail system with the Charlemont trail system. The board is interested to hear the proposal; this may be a conduit to receiving some state grant money for trail maintenance.

Discussed ongoing Park maintenance and projects.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Hamilton

Approve: _____ **Date:** _____

Chair, Richard Hamilton

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Laurie Pike

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Michael Phillips