

Town of Rowe Park Commission

Meeting Minutes for 8/12/19

Present: Susan Williams (Park Commissioner), Chris Hyytenin (Park Commissioner), Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner, and Sean Loomis (Park Manager)

Audience of Citizens: Ramon Sanchez (Conservation Commission, Chairman)

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Minutes from the August 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by

Mr. Sanchez, Chairman of the Conservation Commission spoke with the Park Commissioners about the Mass Wetlands Rules and Regulations. He suggested that the Park Department bundle a Notice of Intent to cover future work projects within a wetland buffer zone. The filing must be posted in the newspaper and then voted at a Conservation Commission meeting. Projects that might be included in the bundle would be bridge maintenance and repair, tree removal, building and maintenance of trails, and beach construction that might occur within the buffer zone of a wetland. The bundled Notice of Intent would be good for three years and can be refiled at that time with additions added.

Park Rules and Regulations were reviewed with some additions added. Once they have been finalized we will ask the Town Administrative Assistant to add them to the Town Website. We will also provide a link to the rules and regulations on the Rowe Park Facebook page and have them laminated and posted at the Park.

The Park Manager reported that all trails have been weed wacked and are in good shape for the winter. The Recreation Program and swimming lessons have concluded a successful season. The Adventure Program was still in session with some exciting activities planned for the week. All summer staff will be done Labor Day (and we thank them for a very productive and successful season.) Fences will be replaced at the beach parking area and at Percy Brown picnic area as money becomes available.

Next meeting a guest speaker, Gabe Porter-Henry, is expected to discuss plans for developing an interconnected mountain bike trail system in the Western Mass area. The Park Commission will have questions ready in regards to any proposed use of Rowe Park property

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Pike, Park Commissioner

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