

Town of Rowe  
Park Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2020  
Online Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Sean Loomis (Park Manager), Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Sue Williams (Park Commissioner), Chris Hyytinen (Park Commissioner).

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.

October meeting minutes were accepted by roll- call vote. Laurie Pike -yes, Sue Williams- yes, and Chris Hyytinen-yes.

#### Old Business:

1. Purchase of a new playground for the beach area was approved at the special town meeting. Bear Playground will be contacted to ensure that it will be installed and ready for the end of the fiscal year '21. An RDA has already been filed and approved by the Rowe Conservation Commission for this project. The old playground will be torn down this month.
2. Cultural Council Grant deadline has been extended to December 14, 2020. We are still looking for ideas of interesting programs to offer the towns people of Rowe in the coming year.
3. There was some discussion on implementing various parts of the Forest Assessment Plan. Several plots of hemlock trees will be set up and monitored on a regular basis for invasive species (wooly adelgid). Sean will contact Alex Barret from the Forest Assessment Team to determine where best to do these plots. We may wish to have the school involved in the monitoring of these plots for invasive species.
4. Sean has been working on leaf clean-up and cleaning of down debris on the trails to be ready for winter.

#### New Business:

1. The next meeting will be devoted to discussing line items for the next fiscal year '22 budget. Some projects for discussion should include replacing the Ranger at some point in the near future, new decking for the longer Davis Mine Trail bridge, and removing the rest of the diseased trees at Percy Point Picnic area and plan for after the trees have been removed (will we plant hardier trees to replace them).
2. Sean will research a possible local lumber grant for future Park projects.
3. Some discussion took place about the proposed new lean-to at the old fire works site. Given its proximity to the road discussion revolved around how we would control the possible extra trash and human waste that may be generated there if camping is allowed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laurie Pike  
Park Commissioner

Approved by:

Laurie Pike \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Park Commissioner

Sue Williams \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Park Commissioner

Chris Hyytinen \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Park Commissioner