

Town of Rowe  
Park Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2020  
6:30 online Zoom meeting

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

Audience of Citizens: Alex Barrett , Mary Wigmore, and Rosie Gordon.

Acceptance of meeting minutes from June 15, 2020 by roll call vote. Laurie Pike – yes, Sue Williams- yes, and Chris Hyytinen- yes. Acceptance of meeting minutes from July 9, 2020 by roll call vote. Laurie Pike- yes, Sue Williams- yes, and Chris Hyytinen- yes.

Welcome to audience of citizens. Ms. Gordon was asked if she had something she wished to discuss but did not respond.

Mary and Alex from the forestry assessment team were then given the floor to discuss the forestry assessment plan due in September.

An overview of some of the items on the draft plan include the following:

- improve boundary markings and signage with a yearly maintenance schedule for covenant and non-covenant properties.
- guardrail to protect the pitcher plant bog on Davis Mine Road.
- investigate potential acquisition of some of the boundary properties to extend the Park's acreage.
- ongoing monitoring of invasive insect species by setting up formal plots to be checked regularly for signs of invasion.
- enhance old growth forest near Bench Tool Factory and highlight and provide information for community educational purposes.
- create an open habitat for songbirds. (Division of Fish and Wildlife can assess and give recommended guidelines.)
- active management of invasive plant species.

A citizens' forum will take place on Zoom on August 27 to go over the draft plan for final comments.

Horse back riding will be limited to certain trails within the park boundaries and no horses will be allowed on bridges within the park for safety reasons. Sue Williams will put together a list of rules and appropriate trails for horse back riding. This rules and list will be published in the next Goal Post.

Fitness Center remains closed at this time but is able to open under the current Massachusetts Covid-19 guidelines. In the event that townspeople are interested in using the facility a plan should be submitted to the BOH that outlines how the Park would open the facility safely and in accordance with the guidelines.

Next meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by ,  
Laurie Pike  
Park Commissioner

Approved by:  
Laurie Pike  
Park Commissioner

Sue Williams  
Park Commissioner

Chris Hyytinen  
Park Commissioner