

Town of Rowe Park Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2022  
6:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen (Park Commissioner), Hannah Poplawski (Park Commissioner), Sean Loomis (Park Manager)  
Audience of Citizens: None

Called to Order: 6:35 PM

Approval of January 3rd Park Meeting Minutes by roll-call vote: Laurie Pike-yes, Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen-yes, and Hannah Poplawski-yes.

### **Mass Trails Grant Update**

1. The mini excavator that we would like to purchase with the aid of this grant is not made in America, which is one of the grant requirements. Amanda Lewis, who awards the grants, said that it is possible a waiver for the Buy America certification could come out before the grants are awarded, in which case we could be exempt from this requirement. She suggested that we submit what we have and if the waiver is not available before the grants are awarded we can apply again next year.
2. We have received letters of support for the mini excavator from Angus McCuster, Michael Cucchiara, the Select Board and Adam Hinds that can be submitted with our application.
3. Sean is going to reach out to Alex, from Longview Foresters, and ask for a draft of the updated trail map and expected trail maintenance to legitimize the work that needs to be done with a mini excavator. This will be submitted with the application.

### **Continuation of Budget Planning**

1. Due to some confusion with the Wage and Salary Schedule the Park Commissioners decided to review the salary of the Park Manager one last time before the meeting with the Finance Committee on February 1st. From this final review we decided on a fair increase based on the Park Managers time and importance at the Park.
2. We also completed a final review of the Fiscal Year '23 budget that will be presented at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 PM  
Respectfully Submitted by,  
Hannah Poplawski  
Park Commissioner