

Town of Rowe Park Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 7th, 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: Gordon Residence

Called to Order: 6:34 PM

Request that anyone who is recording the meeting inform the rest of the attendees.

Approval of January 26th Park Meeting Minutes by roll-call vote: Laurie Pike-yes, Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen-yes, and Hannah Poplawski-yes.

### **Results of Budget Meeting**

1. There was a quick discussion regarding the meeting with the finance committee; overall it seemed to go well and there were not many comments about our proposed budget.
2. We will bring the need for the tennis court to be cleaned to a Special Town Meeting before the annual Town Meeting. The Park Commissioners feel that the courts need to be cleaned as soon as possible so they are safe to use for the summer season. Sean is going to reach out to Piretti Tennis, explain the plan and let them know when we expect to have money for the project so we can get on their spring schedule.

### **Update on Wildlife Tracking Program and other 2022 Program Ideas**

1. Hannah reached out to David Ellis to check in and confirm the time for the Wildlife Tracking Program on Saturday, February 19th. David is going to visit the Park prior to the program to check out what's been around.
2. Hannah will post on the Rowe School Community Facebook Page and on the Park Facebook Page on the 14th. She is also going to send flyers to the teachers at Rowe school to hand out.
3. Laurie heard back from the Cultural Council that we received funding for a Program with the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. We can start planning something with them soon.
4. The Park Commission was also awarded an additional \$400 for programs. We discussed the possibility of a Mycology Program in coordination with the Library and another program with Hannah Jacobson from Sweet Birch Herbal who could present about edible plants/herbs and their medicinal uses.

### **MTWP Grant Ideas**

1. The Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant is due on April 27th, 2022.
2. Ideas-
  - a. Professional graphic posters for the kiosks. Hire someone to design these to include the rules and regulations, the trail map and information about flora and

- fauna. Then this design would be sent to someone else who could make the posters for us. Sean knows a graphic designer who he will get in touch with.
- b. New trail blazes. These also need a graphic design from a professional.
  - c. Before our next meeting the commissioners will review the Forest Stewardship Plan and its agenda for projects that have not been completed yet.
  - d. Purchase local lumber for trail projects.

### **Misc Updates**

1. We have not heard yet if we got the grant for upgrading the Forest Stewardship Plan to a Climate one. Sean will talk with Alex soon to find out if he has heard anything.
2. We are still waiting on the new trail maps from Longview Forests. It should be complete by the end of the month.
3. The Rowe Fire Association offered to help fund and take care of the gardens and/or bird feeders around the benches donated by the Veber family if that was something the family wanted. Since the initial contact with the Vebers, Sean has not heard anything from them.
4. Within the next couple of months we are going to reach out to Alex or Bill Latrell and find out what tree species we should replant at Percy Point.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM  
Respectfully Submitted by,  
Hannah Poplawski  
Park Commissioner