

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 5, 2010

*Background notes for Monday, February 8th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

MONDAY'S MEETING

The February Commission meetings will be held in the **Newman School Conference Room**.

PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (PSAB)

Some of the Commissioners have been into Town Hall this week and seen the organized chaos of the big move. This weekend, the final items will be moved over to Ridge Hill for temporary storage, and those of us sending some furniture to PSAB will have that moved over. If you visit our office early next week, you'll see some desks, chairs and lots of packing crates!

On Wednesday, the computers will be packed up and moved over, and by the end of the day, the remainder of our furniture will be brought downstairs for the auction. We'll be set up with one laptop computer to get through Thursday.

As we have programs scheduled for the school vacation week, we'll be getting word out to those families that it will not be easy to reach us. We are waiting for word on whether our voice mails will work during the transition, so that we can get messages and return them. I should still be able to receive e-mails on my Blackberry and will do the best I can to respond to urgent questions.

The bulk of our materials will be moved over the long weekend so we have to complete most of our packing, today, and we'll do as much unpacking as we can on Tuesday, so that we are ready for some business on Wednesday. We hope to be all settled in by Friday and in full operation after that!

ROSEMARY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Please bring your copies of the Rosemary Feasibility Study to the meeting. It will be part of the discussion on the Senior Center Feasibility Study.

ROSEMARY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Phil Robey and I met with a representative of the DEP, Conservation Commission members Lisa Standley and Janet Bernardo, Conservation Agent Kristen Phelps, and BETA Group Project Manager Phil Paradis in the parking lot at Rosemary Pool. The DEP had questions about the proposed improvements to storm water management at the site. Dr. Standley noted that this project was voluntary, and was intended to make cost

effective improvements. Mr. Paradis went through each detail and why it was chosen. The DEP representative seemed to understand the project scope, and will review with her colleagues. She will try to expedite the decision, on whether to accept the permit and Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission or to provide a DEP Order of Conditions that would supersede Needham's Conservation Commission.

NEWMAN CONSTRUCTION

The PPBC and School Department have been having discussions about starting preliminary work at Newman this summer. The primary task would be to prepare the foundations for the modular classrooms in the parking lot, which would require that area to be fenced off until the following summer. The bad news is that the tennis courts would be converted to parking over the summer! I am attending a planning meeting with the Superintendent on Monday afternoon, so will have further information at that time. Karen is working on alternate plans for the summer tennis lessons which were scheduled to be at Newman. There appear to be some scheduling conflicts with moving the program to the High School.

GREENE'S FIELD

On Thursday, I drove by Greene's Field and saw that someone had posted a "Save Greene's Field" sign at the playground. I removed the sign from the park.
