

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**January 7, 2011**

*Background notes for Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**SPECIAL MEETING TIME**

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting will start at **6:30 PM**, so that a field scheduling summit can be held at 7 PM. The meeting will be held in the Charles River Room at PSAB.

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**FIELD SCHEDULING SUMMIT**

The annual meeting with all the sports groups will be held on Monday, January 10 at 7 PM in the Charles River Room at PSAB.

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**174 CHARLES RIVER STREET**

The hope had been to demolish the structures on the property during the last week in December, but final letters from electrical and cable companies were not in on time to receive a final demolition permit. The Commission will be notified of the actual start-date, once it is confirmed.

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**PROJECTS WITH DPW**

The first snowstorm of the year was challenging, but the DPW was able to keep up with it. The snow and subsequent warm weather slowed down the creation of ice at the ponds, so there was no official skating during the school vacation week. The colder temperatures have returned so there are now two areas with 6 or more inches of black ice, though there is still open water at most locations. The DPW Parks and Forestry staff will clean off surfaces as they can. The lights at the Reservoir will be turned on Fridays-Sundays and holidays, when it has measurements of 6 or more inches of black ice.

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Edward Olsen and I have started a winter tour of all the parks. We are working on combining our "to do" lists for each property.

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**POLLARD PROJECT**

The specifications for a parking plan utilizing the asphalt play area behind Pollard are underway. The area will be re-asphalted at the conclusion of the 2012 school year and the QuickStart courts recently painted by an Eagle Scout candidate will be repainted. A six foot fence separating the parking from the athletic fields will hopefully reduce the number of balls hitting parked vehicles.

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### **NEW YEARS NEEDHAM**

The weather certainly cooperated with this year's events, so it was an overall success. Nicole has worked with the committee, representing the Town Manager's office, and her coordination helped with the success!

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### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Town Manager has released her recommended capital improvement plan. Funding is recommended for Park and Recreation for a study of the Cricket building and small playground additions at Walker-Gordon. Second tier funding is recommended for DPW to renovate the diamond at Walker-Gordon.

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### **RECEPTION FOR REP. GARLICK**

An informal reception to honor Rep. Denise Garlick for her appointment as the Town's new state representative will be held on Sunday, January 9 from 5-7 PM at the Needham Historical Society.

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