

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**January 20, 2011**

*Background notes for Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR**

Nicole just spent 3 days in West Springfield to be re-trained and recertified as a Playground Safety Inspector. It seems hard to believe that 3 years had already passed since she was first certified!

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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT LEGISLATION**

Senator Creem and Representative Kulik have re-filed the recommended changes to the CPA legislation. At this time, they are seeking the signatures of other state senators and representatives. Last year, both Senator Brown and Representative Harkins signed on as co-sponsors, as did then-Representative Ross who later was elected as our state senator. Hopefully, both Senator Ross and Representative Garlick will sign this year! The Park and Recreation Commission, Board of Selectmen, and Community Preservation Committee have all supported the wording that clarifies how the funds can be used for recreation projects.

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**174 CHARLES RIVER STREET**

Several utilities were required to submit letters indicating that all connections had been disengaged prior to demolition, and the final letter from Comcast was just submitted, so all paperwork has been finalized in order to receive a Demolition Permit.

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**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**

Conservation Agent Patty Barry and I are trying to pull together the final edits of the Open Space and Recreation Plan so that our approved draft plan can be replaced at the state and final copies can be produced.

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**WINTER SAFETY**

Both the Needham Times and Patch.com posted safe sledding information over the weekend. I had sent them the information after hearing about snow jumps being built at some parks. The safety information is also posted on the website. There have been some days for skating, but the snow has created surface issues. Due to the amount of extra clean-up work needed after these large snowstorms, including a tremendous amount of damage to trees, the DPW has not had an opportunity to plane the surfaces at any of the ponds.

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### **POLLARD PARKING PLAN**

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 27 at 7:45 PM to review the current plans for the parking and access improvements to the Pollard Middle School. The meeting will be held in the Charles River Room at the Public Services Administration Building.

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### **SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT REQUESTS**

As the school programs have priority on their own fields, and the requests submitted to date are not unusual requests, I have given them their requested dates, as follows:

Newman PTC End-of-Year Picnic: Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 5 PM - Dusk

Hillside PTC Spring Fling: Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 AM – 6 PM

Hillside PTC End-of-Year Picnic: Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM – Dusk

High Rock PTC Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social: Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2-5 PM

Pollard Field Day: Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 12:30 PM

Broadmeadow, Eliot and Mitchell have not submitted any requests, despite several reminders.

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### **COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENT REQUESTS**

This week's agenda will have special event requests for spring events: Little League Opening Day, Soccer Club Memorial Day Weekend Tournament, and Track Club's Bear Run.

I will not seek your approval at this meeting for the summer and fall requests, as the Commission and Trustees continue their discussions. They are as follows:

Track Club Team Challenge – 6/29

Track Club Youth Classic – 7/15-7/16

Track Club All-Star Meet – 7/27-7/28

Rocket Lacrosse Clinic – 6/27-6/30

Rocket Lacrosse Prep Clinic – 7/18-7/21

Soccer Club Pre-Season Clinic – 8/8 – 8/11

Soccer Club Pre-Season Clinic – 8/15-8/18

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters – 8/28, 9/11 or 9/18 (with raindate)

Walker School Walk – 9/18

Needham 300 Cricket Match – 9/25

The Trustees of Memorial Park have the following requests to review:

Summer Baseball Try-Outs

American Legion Baseball Try-Outs

Soccer Club's Memorial Day Weekend Tournament

NBA October Harvest Fair

Rocket Lacrosse Clinic – 6/27-6/30

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