

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 10, 2011

*Background notes for Monday, June 13th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

Since your last meeting on May 16th, the office has been VERY busy with lots of work preparing for the summer season, as well as finalizing the fiscal year and starting the new fiscal year. I haven't had time to prepare a lengthy report, so I apologize for the brief one that follows!

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION LEGISLATION

This is the most recent update from the Community Preservation Coalition on the status of the legislation: **June 7, 2011:** *We are thrilled to report that An Act to Sustain Community Preservation (HB 765 / HB 1841) just cleared an important hurdle when the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business gave it a favorable recommendation. The bill will now move forward to the House Committee on Ways and Means. What's Next? There is still much to accomplish before the bill becomes law, as it must gain the approval of Ways & Means and passage by the full House and Senate. Stay tuned for further information on how you can continue to support the legislation. An Act to Sustain Community Preservation would provide a higher annual CPA trust fund match for each community participating in the program. In addition, it would broaden participation in CPA by making it easier for cities and less affluent communities to join, and clarify allowable uses of CPA funds (notably allowing CPA funding for rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreational facilities.)*

PARK SIGNS

The new park signs for DeFazio Park and Memorial Park were delivered and I met with the DPW staff member responsible for putting them up. I have noticed that some are up at Memorial as of yesterday, but I haven't heard if they are all up at both parks.

TRAINING

Staff training is well underway, and has been the focus of most of our work over the past two weeks, and the next two.

WEATHER

Last night's storm was a bit harder on Needham than the prior week's storm that included tornado activity in Massachusetts. An oak tree at Rosemary was hit by lightning last night. The DPW is determining when it will need to be removed.
