

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 6, 2012

*Background notes for Monday, January 9th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Charles River Room at PSAB.

FIELD SCHEDULING SUMMIT

The annual meeting with all the sports groups will be held on Monday, January 9 at 7:30 PM in the Charles River Room at PSAB.

WALKER-GORDON

The renovation project for the park and 174 Charles River Street has been reviewed by Conservation Commission twice and should hopefully be finished at their January 12th meeting. The bid documents are almost at the final stage.

PROJECTS WITH DPW

Without snow, the DPW has been able to get some additional projects done. They are getting back to installing bike racks where they can go on asphalt. Those that need a concrete pad will need to wait until spring.

The trees planned for Perry Park were installed a few weeks ago. Using the park's Trust Fund, we had trees from the Town's nursery moved and planted by a specialist. Purchasing trees of that size would have been a much greater expense!

ADA parking signs, removed during construction, are expected to be installed next week at DeFazio.

The procurement process delayed the purchase of playground surfacing, but now that the contract is complete, I've placed an order and once it arrives, and weather permitting, the DPW will get back to the playgrounds, starting with Mitchell.

NEWMAN PLAYGROUND

I'm working with the Assistant Principal to move forward the planning stages of a replacement playground. This will remove the final wood structure!

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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!

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support during my recovery from the wrist fractures. It will be a while before I'm back full force, so I'll just keep doing the best that I can! Special thanks to Karen, Nicole and Sam for all their help – professionally and personally!!