

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**February 10, 2012**

*Background notes for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**SAD NEWS**

A 23 year old former lifeguard at Rosemary Pool died last week. Assistant Director Karen Peirce and I attended the wake and I sent a plant from the staff and Commission.

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**FIELD MAINTENANCE BUDGET**

DPW Parks Superintendent Ed Olsen attended a meeting this week with the Finance Committee regarding his budget request. He needs to provide some additional data, but in general, there was some understanding for the reasons for the additional funds.

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**RECYCLING**

A group of residents work together through their religious organizations on "green" projects. They have approached the DPW about donating recycle bins to parks. DPW has agreed to a trial, as they aren't sure they have the capacity to do this, while insuring the recycled material remains separate. DPW has suggested trying these containers at DeFazio and Memorial. A photo of a sample container is in the Commission packet.

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**RIDGE HILL**

The League of Women Voters held a forum last night to discuss the future of the building areas at Ridge Hill. This is not an official study on behalf of the Town. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager have a formal working group, and Tom Jacob and I are in that group. One handout from last night is in the packet.