

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**May 15, 2014**

*Background notes for Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**MEETING DATES**

Due to a conflict with the Memorial Day holiday and last week's conflict with Town Meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission is only meeting once in May – on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

The meeting location also needed to be changed, so the Commission will be meeting in the Great Plain Room on the lower level of Town Hall.

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**FACILITIES STUDY**

The Permanent Public Building Committee will be holding a 1.5 hr presentation and discussion providing a status update on the development of the Town's Facilities Master Plan Study that is currently under development. The Town of Needham updates the Facilities Master Plan each decade. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the Town's physical assets and make recommendations for their future needs. The meeting is to be held at the Needham Public Library in the Community Room on Monday May 19, 2014 starting at 7:30 PM. Matt Toolan represents the Commission on the study working group and will attend this meeting on the Commission's behalf.

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**RAIL TRAIL**

Coordination has begun between the Town staff and the non-profit organization, preparing to move the project forward. Preparation is underway to put together the design documents so that the permitting process may begin with the Conservation Commission. A meeting is also scheduled with some state officials to get an understanding on how the funds approved in the state budget can be utilized for the project.

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**TOWN MEETING**

There were no major projects for Park and Recreation on this year's Town Meeting warrant. The Athletic Facility Improvement Fund received an appropriation of more than \$40,000, bringing the fund's total to more than \$900,000. The Conservation Commission's boardwalk project at Ridge Hill was also approved. Town Meeting concluded after three sessions.

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**POOL PRESEASON**

The cleaning of the pool is complete and painting is expected to start, today, before this weekend's rainy weather. We had a late start due to the winter weather, but DPW Parks and Forestry did a great job catching up with time – now we just need the weather to cooperate and not rain much until painting is complete!