

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 5, 2014

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

NEWMAN/EASTMAN CONSERVATION PROJECT

Weston & Sampson will attend the Commission's meeting on Monday, June 23rd to get input from organizations with interest in improvements to the athletic fields at Newman and the trails and educational sites in the adjacent Eastman Conservation area. This part of the meeting will start at 7:30 PM, which will be held in the Charles River Room. Information has gone to the contacts for the sports groups, school staff, and other Town departments. Once more information is drafted for the designs, a larger public meeting can be held.

FACILITIES STUDY

Chairman Cindy Chaston and I met with representatives of other Town boards and departments to help the consultants develop a system for evaluating properties based on specific criteria. The working session helped outline how to define various criteria. It is expected that information from that meeting will be available for the next working group meeting on June 11th for additional review.

POOL PRESEASON

The pre-season work by the DPW started late due to the winter weather, but finished prior to Memorial Day weekend, which is always the goal. Parks and Forestry did the initial landscaping clean-up last weekend, and the Pool staff has begun all their pre-season tasks. This week's rain has been welcomed and is helping to fill the lake and pool.