

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 5, 2014

*Background notes for Monday, September 8th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

CANCELED MEETING

The Park and Recreation Commission canceled their meeting on August 25th so the agenda has been moved to the September 8th meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING DATES

The Commission traditionally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. In October, the 2nd Monday is Columbus Day and the 4th Monday is Special Town Meeting. Replacement dates will be chosen at the meeting.

OFFICE UPDATE

Twenty-one applications have been received for the position of Recreation Supervisor, and interviews will begin within the next week for a small number of those applicants. The Personnel Board has approved an updated job description for the Assistant Director position, and that will be posted later in September, so that applications may be sent after the posting. Assistant Pool Supervisors Eric Buckley and Julia Chisholm are assisting us in the office. Eric is at the final stages of completing his class work and testing to become an EMT. Julia, an accomplished vocalist, will be heading out in early October for a position with a cruise line as a singer. They are both working towards exciting careers, but have some time right now to help us out. During my time out of the office on bereavement, Administrative Specialist Kristen Wright and Pool Supervisor Jacob Cotton did a fabulous job keeping everything running smoothly, with some assistance from Parks and Forestry Superintendent Ed Olsen.

CHAMBER'S COVE

The Commission has met with former NHS hockey players Tom Smith and Tom Parlato to informally discuss their desire to name a portion of Rosemary Lake as "Chamber's Cove", to honor long-time NHS hockey coach John Chambers, who also created the Needham Park and Recreation youth hockey program, now known as Needham Youth Hockey. Once a formal written request is submitted, the Commission's policy states that discussions will be held at a minimum of two of their meetings, providing time for public input prior to a vote being taken on the request.
