

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**February 20, 2015**

*Background notes for Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> AND FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> MEETINGS**

Due to weather conditions, the Park and Recreation Commission's meetings were cancelled on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. All agenda items have been carried over to the Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda.

The Chairman is out of state and will not be at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Assistant Director is out of state, running a half marathon, so will not be attending the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS LIGHT WAIVER**

The Needham Soccer Club is requesting an additional one hour for use of lights for the Friday night of their Memorial Day Weekend tournament. From the joint policy on lights, the following is allowed: *The time limits for special events may be waived by a supermajority vote of the Park and Recreation Commission or the Memorial Park Trustees and approval of the Board of Selectmen. The Park and Recreation Commission or Memorial Park Trustees will first allow discussions at two meetings or special meeting agendas prior to voting their final decision. Affirmative vote of the board will then be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for approval at their next meeting. A super majority of the Commission is 4 out of 5 members. The request will be on the 1/26 meeting for discussion. It will be placed on the 2/23 agenda as an action item for discussion and a vote on whether to approve or not.*

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**RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Board of Selectmen is creating a seven member advisory committee for the rail trail. Their hope is to appointment a member of the Park and Recreation Commission to this board, two residents who are members of the Bay Colony Rail Trail Association, as well as at least one abutter. The Parks and Forestry Superintendent/or designee and the Director of Park and Recreation/or designee are ex officio, non-voting members. Residents with interest should contact the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall or e-mail the office at [otm@needhamma.gov](mailto:otm@needhamma.gov).

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, February 24 @ 7 PM** – Board of Health Concussion Regulations Public Hearing at Powers Hall in Town Hall

**Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30 PM** – Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing on project proposals under review at Selectmen's Chambers in Town Hall.

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### **SNOW INFORMATION**

Park and Recreation has put together two informational sheets for residents. Gathering information from other departments, we produced some safety tips and contact information. But, as we also recognize the recreation value in having snow, we've produced a flyer with fun activities. Both are included in the Commission packets.

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### **RAIL TRAIL BIDS**

Due to the snow, the deadline for submitting bids for removing the rails and ties was extended from February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup>. Eight firms attended an option pre-bid meeting, though the hoped for site visit to some of the areas was cancelled. The firm that is awarded the contract will be able to sell the rails, but the expensive part of the project is disposing of the ties.

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