

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**August 18, 2016**

*Background notes for Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**ROSEMARY POOL**

Last night, we had lots of fun at the celebration of the current Rosemary Pool. A number of former pool staff members returned to visit one more time, as did many people who hadn't visited in a number of years – and many of our regular visitors. It was a fun afternoon, too, with visits from two Park and Recreation programs, YMCA summer camps, Needham Children's Center, Carter Center for Children, Tobin School, and Rhythmic Gymnastics. Following the party, the pool staff was joined by the program staff for their end of the season party – a bonfire on the beach, snacks, and a celebration of all their work. Thank you to Commissioner Dave DiCicco for attending both parties, and expressing the gratitude of the Commission to the staff!

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**CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS**

The Town plans for capital projects with a minimum five year plan, and the project outlines are annually updated in the early fall. Information will be reviewed by the Commission at the meeting.

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**EVERSOURCE – Restoration**

The landscape firm hired by Eversource has been doing mitigation plantings along the transmission line in recent weeks, and just spent several days at DeFazio.

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**EVERSOURCE – Secondary Line**

The Commission is being asked to support the granting of the easement on the former gravel pit for the Eversource project to locate electrical lines underground through the area. Representatives will be at the meeting to answer questions. The recommendation would be given to the Selectmen, who are placing the warrant article on Special Town Meeting in October. *This is the suggested motion, if the Commission is in support of granting the easement:*

Motion to recommend to Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen the granting of a thirty-foot wide, perpetual, non-exclusive easement to NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, replacing and operating an underground electric transmission line in and under a portion of the property known as the "Gravel Pit" under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission, with exact location to be determined upon completion of field surveys and investigation of soil conditions.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Thursday, August 25 Conservation Commission for Rosemary Recreation Complex  
Friday, August 26 Rosemary Pool closes at 5:30 PM