

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 10, 2016

*Background notes for Monday, November 14th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board Hearing - Rosemary Complex on Tuesday, November 15 @ 7 PM in Charles River Room at PSAB

Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Forum – Wednesday, November 16 @ 7 PM in Powers Hall at Town Hall

Commission Meeting – Monday, November 28 @ 7 PM in Charles River Room at PSAB

I'll be on vacation November 21-25th.

VETERANS' DAY

The ceremonies will be held at Memorial Park, starting at 10:45 AM, rain or shine.

DeFAZIO PARKING LOT

DPW is reviewing quotes for the barriers and will then put together a contract for purchasing. The barriers will take 2-3 weeks to be delivered after ordered and will be stored in the DeFazio parking lot, outside of the area needed for snow operations. They will be set up in March, weather permitting, for the spring season, with signs.

SELECTMEN'S FOOD TRUCK/CART HEARING

The Selectmen held a public hearing on food trucks and carts on November 9th. Commissioners Dave DiCicco, Chris Gerstel and Michelle Geddes attended the meeting with me, and Commissioner DiCicco spoke on behalf of the Commission. The Selectmen are dividing the discussion into two parts, with the initial discussion studying possible set-up at parks/athletic fields, and the second discussion regarding food truck locations.

NEW HILLSIDE SCHOOL

The funding to construct the new elementary school on Central Avenue was approved this week. I spent some time with the working group on the outdoor plans, including playground areas, trail and small play area. The wetlands are constricting, as they are at most school and park sites, but the plan is getting as much out of the site as possible. Driving by, there is a large fence surrounding the site, where the majority of the buildings have now been demolished. The site will be seeded for the interim, before construction begins.

MILLS RESTROOM

The contractor has notified us that the building is constructed, but was waiting for the final interior pieces. The interior has been designed to be as vandal proof as possible. It is hoped the unit will be put in place prior to Thanksgiving. It will not be open for use over the winter, as the building isn't winterized, but will be available in the spring, when the temperatures are appropriate for the water lines.

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

Next week, I'm meeting with a representative from the national Keep America Beautiful program. Their regional staff member who coordinates community organizations will share with me ideas that might help with the trash issues at Needham parks and on the trails.

THANKSGIVING DAY GAME TICKETS

Tickets are now on sale for the Needham vs Wellesley Thanksgiving Day Football game. As in prior years, tickets can be pre-purchased at the NHS Athletics Office, through the Touchdown Club, and at the Park and Recreation Office.
