

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 5, 2012

*Background notes for Tuesday, October 9th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

TUESDAY MEETING

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting was moved to **Tuesday**, as the regular meeting date fell on Columbus Day. The meeting location is Town Hall – Selectmen's Chambers on the main floor.

Reminder: I will not be attending the October 22nd meeting, as I will be in California for a conference and brief vacation, leaving October 11th, returning to the office on October 24th.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall – Selectmen's Chambers
Monday, October 22 at 7:00 PM at PSAB – Charles River Room
Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM at PSAB – Charles River Room
Monday, November 26 at 7:00 PM at PSAB – Charles River Room
Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall – Highland Room (lower level)

REPRESENTATIVE DENISE GARLICK

Needham's State Representative Denise Garlick will be attending the meeting to update the Commission on news from the legislature. I attended the Selectmen's meeting this week, and heard Rep. Garlick's update to that board. Some of the highlights: Massachusetts has the 2nd lowest unemployment rate in the US, and has the highest bond rating in the Commonwealth's history. The new fiscal year budget has increases for local aid, veterans, elders and community colleges. Rep. Garlick has worked on projects specifically for Needham, including negotiation on the NSTAR tree issue, assisting Park and Recreation with communication with the DEP on the Rosemary Lake permit issue, and supporting the passage of the CPA legislation changes, to name just a few.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

CPA Public Hearing Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 PM at Town Hall
Town-Wide Clean-Up* Saturday, October 13, sign in at 8:30 AM at PSAB
Trail Sign Installation Saturday, October 13, 10 AM – 1 PM at Town Forest
Spooky Walk Saturday, October 20 10:45 AM – Noon or 12:30-1:45 PM at Town Common
Special Town Meeting Monday, October 29, 7:30 PM at Town Hall

** another group has scheduled a rail trail clean-up on this same day, using Park and Recreation's flyer and a very similar program name, but they are different programs*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting under Exception 6: to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. As it may involve negotiating with a private organization, the Chairman has determined that public discussion may be detrimental to possible negotiations.

Process: The Chairman will state his recommendation, on the record, to move into Executive Session, stating that public discussion could be detrimental to the negotiating stance of the Town. A member of the Commission would then make the following motion: *I move that the Park and Recreation Commission adjourn its regular meeting and move into Executive Session under Exception 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as the chair has stated that discussion at an open meeting could have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town and Commission, and to not return into open session at the conclusion of the executive session.*

Once the motion is seconded, the Chairman must call for a roll call vote, stating each member's name and the vote, all which will be recorded in the minutes. Minutes are taken of the Executive Session, and later are made public once the matter under discussion is resolved.

SPECIAL THANKS

Tom and Deb Jacob have made a very generous donation to the Park and Recreation Department – the purchase of our treasured Adirondack Chair in the silent auction! We have enjoyed having the chair just outside our office all summer and happy to have it back in its place, and are so proud of our summer staff artists Bridget Chisholm and Chelsea Donovan. It is wonderful to have it become a permanent part of our “home at work”!! Thank you Tom and Deb!!

Our Recreation Supervisor Nicole DiCicco was the artist for the Board of Selectmen's chair which was part of the live auction. She provided a lot of assistance to Economic Development Director Devra Bailin who assisted the merchants with organizing this program. Nicole painted three additional small chairs that were auctioned off as part of the silent auction, helped promote the children's coloring contest and later with our Administrative Assistant Cassandra Halloran, judged the coloring contest entries. Cassandra assisted with some of the set-up details, and Karen helped provide some of the items needed for the auction, including clip boards. I provided the paint and supplies for the Park and Recreation chair, and the chair painted by Bridget Chisholm as the Town's gift to Aly Raisman. We were all happy to assist with the program and are pleased it was such a great success.

SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER

Friends of Needham Elderly will host an event on Wednesday, October 17th from 6:30-9 PM at the Needham Golf Club. They are well on their way to raising \$600,000 for extra amenities for the new center.
