

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 15, 2013

*Background notes for Monday, November 18th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The Park and Recreation Commission typically meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Because of Veterans' Day, the Commission has decided to meet on Monday, November 18. It had been hoped to hold a special meeting on that night to review Rosemary Pool options, but that has had to be rescheduled to Monday, December 9th.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Needham Board of Health has been reviewing reports from Needham Public Schools on the number concussions reported during school activities and outside of school. Commissioner Dave DiCicco and I attended their 11/14/13 morning meeting and will update the Commission on the discussion.

OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Copies of the information submitted to the Town Manager will be reviewed at the Commission meeting. Chairman Mike Retzky, Vice Chairman Cindy Chaston and I have met with the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Managers for the initial review. Once the Town Manager has completed her review of all requests, she will put together her budget for all departments.

REVIEW OF ROSEMARY POOL OPTIONS

As noted above, a public meeting will be scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 7 PM in Powers Hall at Town Hall to give residents the opportunity to hear the options studied by Weston and Sampson and be able to ask questions to clarify the information.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The state typically gives some matching funds to the local CPA fund. In the prior fiscal year state budget, up to \$25 million dollars additional funds was appropriated to the state CPA fund, depending on the surplus at the end of the fiscal year. That full amount went into the fund, and the local distributions have been announced. Needham will receive more than 50% match to its collections...or \$886,498. In recent years, it has received closer to 25%, or \$420,000 on average.

RAIL TRAIL

Monday, November 18th is "rail trail day" at Not Your Average Joe's. People eating or taking out food on that day, who provide the appropriate coupon will have 15% of their food bill contributed to the rail trail project. This is a great opportunity for additional fundraising! Of the needed \$235,000, less than \$100,000 is still needed for the project to begin, and there is an anticipation that part of those funds will be provided by the state.
