

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 7, 2016

*Background notes for Monday, July 11th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

SUMMER

It is hard to believe that Week 3 at the Pool and Week 2 at the Programs is coming to an end. We are very fortunate to have staff members who love coming to work each day, creating lots of smiles throughout town!

We all miss Assistant Director Robyn Fink, but are very happy that she's recovering well during her medical leave. The Pool Supervisors and Summer Recreation Supervisor have really stepped up to help keep everything moving forward. Recreation Supervisor Sarah Mallard is the Acting Assistant Director and has taken on oversight of most of Robyn's programs, as well as the planning for fall programs. I continue as Pool Manager, but have taken on most of Robyn's staff and program oversight. Administrative Specialist Kristen Wright just helped us with the cross over from fiscal years, while keeping the front office fully functioning. Marco Ciavattone has joined us for a few weeks, to help with all the front office work, so Sarah and I can be more flexible to be out at the sites.

Last week, Rosemary Pool was featured on the Needham Channel. This week, the Needham Times is doing a story on the Rosemary Camp Property and will feature our Outdoor Living Program who uses the camp property, lake and pool once a week for a full day. The Needham Times also featured three programs in its weekly Top 5 Things To Do In Needham: Arts in the Parks, Children's Theatre and Rosemary Pool's Friday Fun Night.

We encourage all to join us on Facebook (Town of Needham – Park and Recreation) and Instagram (needhamandr). Sarah is posting lots of photos and videos to give all a flavor of our many activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 12	Children's Theatre – Karen K & The Jitterbugs – Broadmeadow
Thursday, July 14	Arts in the Parks – Classic Groove – Memorial Park
Friday, July 15	Friday Fun Night – Disney Adventure – Rosemary Pool
Tuesday, July 19	Children's Theatre – Rob Clarke magic – Broadmeadow
Thursday, July 21	Arts in the Parks – Needham Community Band – Memorial Park
Friday, July 22	Friday Fun Night – Calling All Superheroes – Rosemary Pool

POLLARD

The project at Pollard is running ahead of schedule. The grading is done, irrigation installation is just about done, fence and backstop and by the end of July we anticipate the sod installation to be complete, giving a full month of growth before the fall use.
