

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**October 14, 2016**

*Background notes for Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Saturday, October 15	Town-Wide Clean-Up
Tuesday, October 18	Commission on Disabilities – Rosemary Project
Wednesday, October 19	Capital Facilities Meeting
Monday, October 24	Commission Meeting – Powers Hall with Selectmen

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**SYNTHETIC TURF TESTING**

The annual testing of the synthetic turf testing at Memorial and DeFazio was performed this week. Results are typically available by December. To date, no concerns have been found with the testing results.

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**TRAILS**

The Sudbury Aqueduct Trail was formally “opened” in early October. MWRA has taken down the “no trespassing” signs and added fencing openings in areas where the aqueduct has fencing. MWRA will install educational signs in two locations – on the section of trail adjacent to the Eliot School, and a section of trail at Babson and Olin. The Town will add other signs, and we’ll create a trail map.

Bay Colony Rail Trail Association has reached out to members to volunteer on the Town-Wide Clean-Up day, on the trail. There were a few areas where unauthorized vehicles could access the trails, and these have now been blocked off. The High School Rail Trail Club painted the white fence at the Fisher Street entrance, so it looks much more welcoming. The major issue seems to be people bringing off-leash dogs on the trail. The Police Department has been sent all reports. The Animal Control Officer has moved to a new position in Dover, so the Police Department will be hiring for that role, and will do their best in the interim.

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**NRPA CONFERENCE**

I attended numerous sessions with helpful information at the conference. In the vendor hall, I spent about 45 minutes with our representative for our on-line registration program to learn about the scanning module for memberships that we’ll be able to use at the new pools. We also use this system for field scheduling, and the next major upgrade will be on the calendar, making it easier for groups to view the calendar rather than consult the lengthy PDF format.

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