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To: Board of Selectmen
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Moore Park

The CYAA bathrooms have been closed for the season. CYAA drained the lines and shut off the water.

I attended the November meeting of the CYAA and discussed open issues and actions with them.

I've obtained a quote for the cost of moving the chain link fence that surrounds the old pitching practice area to the back side of the playground and the additional fencing that needs to be purchased and installed to complete the northeast perimeter of the playground. I hope to have the work completed before the ground freezes. Study of the installation of a kid's sandpile in the park continues. The budget to allow for a regular program of repairing and/or replacing worn out facilities and equipment on an annual basis will be addressed by a warrant article. The surface of the playground is getting thin and may well need to be redone before the end of the 3-year cycle. Expansion of this fund and a transfer of some of the unspent funds from this years budget may be the appropriate vehicle for addressing the issues. An inventory is being created of the playground equipment and replacement parts kit, to restock the park parts storage case. Supplies need to be ordered.

Skateboard Park

I need to schedule another Skateboard Park Users Association meeting to get the kids more involved in the care, maintenance and development of the park. We still need to address the drainage along the road beside the park. It's draining thru the park, rather than down the road, depositing sand in the park. A relocation of some of the telephone poles might solve some of the problems.

Summer Recreation Program

Next year's program will be presented to the BOS for approval, with M&C and Liquid Planet possibly involved, as a fully user funded program. We need to start advertising the program now, to allow people time to plan.

Continuing Concerns, Issues and Questions

The parking area between the skateboard park and the town office parking lot by the police department was further improved by the Road Agent, opening up the area for parking spaces, something that continues to be sorely needed during events. The improvement of the area was part of a long term plan. We need to complete the rest of the plan, whatever it is.



We still need better parking control barriers in the park. What's a good source for those short cement saddles that would hold old telephone poles off the ground? What's a good source for old telephone pole donations? I'll try moving some of the ones we have around to more clearly define the traveled way and to better control erosion.

The cost (\$100) of the person from Pinard that policed the area during the OHD event was paid out of the park budget. I still need to find out whether or not there were costs from the Road Agent's efforts to fix up the road areas in the park before OHD, so I can transfer the costs into the park budget.

Parking continues along the sides of the entrance road to the park, particularly in the WiFi "hot-spot" area. Some form of signage needs to be developed and installed.

A cleanup of the areas outside the ball park fencing needs to be done, to eliminate some of the poison ivy and to remove some of the accumulated grass, brush and other trash that is dumped there during the annual cleanups. I'll be working with the park users on this. .