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To: Board of Selectmen
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Moore Park

Winter is here, but the park continues to be used on a regular basis by our residents and taxpayers.

The town meeting supported the funding of an increased playground maintenance fund, allowing us to address some of the issues with the equipment and the surface. Hopefully, the voters will continue their support of this important warrant article. A source for replacement hardware for the park playground equipment has been identified to restock the park parts storage case.

Skateboard Park

The park is essentially closed for the winter.

Summer Recreation Program

Next year's program was advertised in December, with M&C as the contract agent, as a fully user funded program. Now that the budget for this year is clearer, the contract language can be cleaned up and the contract should be ready for signature at our next board meeting, along with the CYAA proposal for use of their facility on rain dates. They have offered a steep discount for the summer recreation program.

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? Come spring, I will be moving some of the ones we have around to more clearly define the traveled way and to better control parking, erosion and off-road damage.