



Date: 7 December 2009
To: Board of Selectmen
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Subject: Parks & Recreation Monthly Report

Moore Park

The park continues to be used on a regular basis by our residents and taxpayers.

Maintenance activities continue. I will be submitting the remainder of reimbursement requests for expenses that occurred during the year that have not been previously reimbursed.

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

The park continues to be used on a regular basis by our residents and taxpayers. A number of issues remain outstanding and will be addressed during the winter months.

Summer Recreation Program

Next year's program will be advertised starting this month, with M&C as the contract agent, as a fully user funded program. Contract language needs to be worked out, Liquid Planet will be a trip destination. CYAA has been approached regarding being an inclement weather facility and will be given a written proposal for consideration.

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 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.