



Date: 11 January 2010
To: Board of Selectmen
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Subject: Parks & Recreation Monthly Report

Moore Park

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

I submitted 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 at town meeting. 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. A source for replacement parts 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. Contract language needs to be cleaned up and the contract executed. Liquid Planet will be a trip destination. CYAA has provided a written proposal for consideration with a steep discount for the 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.