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Moore Park

The formal sports season is winding down this month, with a Jesse Remington HS soccer tournament scheduled for October 16th. The ball fields will be mowed this week, one last time this year, for the event. The playground continues to be used on a daily basis by children, both the young and the young-at-heart. Depending on the weather, the bathroom water will be shut off and the lines drained some time next month.

The telephone poles that were relocated to the edges of the roadways are going to be “spiked” to the ground with rebar soon. The road agent will be working with me to define the edge of the parking areas and complete the long-ago created, but not implemented, parking plan for the area. The entrance thru the ball field fence to the salt shed from the ball fields is being cleared and the path reopened, should it be needed for emergency access. An investigation of the wiring for the park lights is being conducted, for future action. The tree pruning crews working in Candia in the past few weeks, trimming around power lines along the highways, have provided a good amount of wood chips for the front of the park area. The piles will be leveled off when the crews finish their work in Candia and move on.

Half the donated paint for the bleachers was applied to the bleachers in the front of the park. Most of it disappeared overnight, either soaking into the wood or being washed off by the rain. The rest of the paint will be used to try to get some additional protection for the wood

The Building Inspector has agreed to draw the sample(s) for the water test.

Skateboard Park

The same vendor that sealcoated the library parking lot has sealcoated the skateboard park surface. Donors are volunteering to have additional equipment installed in the park and are negotiating with vendors. The quotes for equipment are significantly higher than the amount of money available. One possibility being discussed is to put a warrant article forward for the town meeting to establish a capital reserve equipment fund for the acquisition, installation and repair of skateboard park equipment.

Summer Recreation & Ski Program

I’m working with the public and providers to implement summer recreation program suggestions. The CYAA will be handling the ski program administration this year. The 2011 season program materials have been received.