

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 21, 2017

*Background notes for Monday, July 24th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

VACATION

I'll be out-of-state on vacation from August 1st – August 11th. The Recreation Supervisor and Administrative Specialist are all set to keep everything running, and if needed, will have department managers available to assist.

WALKER POND

With funding received at Town Meeting, the Conservation Director is coordinating the hiring of ESS Group, an environmental consulting and engineering firm, to look at the long-term health of Walker Pond, including an assessment of current conditions and recommendations for actions for restoration. A meeting will be held with neighbors, including those who are owner-abutters, as well as representation from Park and Recreation.

RESERVOIR ALL-PERSON TRAIL

The erosion control is in place, and limited brush and tree removal has been done. The modular boardwalk units are being designed and then manufactured. Work will begin on the two former wells in the back, and then trail construction will begin. To date, people have been able to continue to fish from the parking lot side of the Reservoir.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The capital budget requests will be due in early September, so will be discussion items at the two August meetings. The projects to review for re-submission are (not listed in a particular order at this time): (a) removal of buildings at Camp Property; (b) improvements to Rosemary trails; (c) renovation of Cricket building; (d) playground improvements; (e) boat launch on Charles River; (f) athletic fields master plan. DPW Parks and Forestry will update their recommendations for projects.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

An initial draft is under review. Commissioner Cynthia Chaston read through the initial draft and suggested some clarifications and added some questions, which have been sent to the consultant. The Commission will have an update of the goals and objectives to discuss, and sometime in the next week, the full draft to review for input.
