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To: Board of Selectmen

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Moore Park

The park is up and running for the spring season, with families and kids showing up on a daily basis. The Field Day on Saturday, April 16th was a huge success. Town organizations, groups and the public came, worked, moved, spread and raked out 100 cubic yards of engineered wood surface protection material in the playground, repaired and maintained the bleachers, prepared the ball fields and spruced up the park. Special thanks to Dennis Lewis for moving the pile into the playground area early in the morning for us. The Girl Scout sponsored Easter Egg Hunt was its usual success, I understand. One bathroom is operational and the water is turned on. The playing field grassy areas are looking pretty sparse this year and possible turf improvements are being looked at. Only the front field is being used for softball this year, so we may have the opportunity to work on the back part before soccer starts in the fall.

Skateboard Park

The additional donated equipment to be installed in the park will ship the 20th of this month and is scheduled to be delivered and installed by the vendor's representatives the week of May 23rd. The concrete structures will be compatible with the existing structures and will replace the temporary wooden structures removed last year. We're also identified a compatible surplus concrete structure from the Exeter skateboard park that we can have, if we can get it moved. Two signs from the park have become detached from their standards and need to be reattached.

Summer Recreation Program(s)

I'm continuing to work with the public and providers to implement summer recreation program suggestions for the 2011 season.

The telephone pole parking barriers will be anchored to the ground as soon as I can get the rebar pins and some equipment.

The "Please Do Not Park In This Area" signs have been installed and seem to be working. Considering the amount of use that the park gets, the area is staying in remarkably good shape. Thanks to the public for helping keep the park clean!