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To: Board of Selectmen
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Moore Park

Moore park does not appear to have suffered any significant damage from the recent storm. I am and will be working with the CYAA, the Moore School athletic director and the Scouts to schedule a work session, in conjunction with the normal April Field Day, to clean up the brush and tree limbs. My intent is to chip anything and everything that I can to use under the pine trees in the front of the park, so you may be seeing some brush piles until that can be arranged. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the process, have them contact me.

The town meeting supported the funding of an increased playground maintenance fund, allowing us to address some of the issues with the equipment and/or the surface. Hopefully, the voters will continue their support of this important warrant article. A source for replacement hardware for the park playground equipment has been identified to restock the park parts storage case. I will be meeting with him soon to discuss the repair of a piece of equipment and the options for installing a sand pile. I will be having the fence repairs discussed last fall done early this spring.

I will be reviewing the status of the bathrooms with the CYAA and working with them to complete the repairs scheduled and any additional work that needs to be done. A water test is necessary and has been agreed to by the board. It is suggested that the test be done as soon as possible, to ensure that any corrective action necessary is done before we get into the busy season.

Repairs are planned, in conjunction with the CYAA, for the bleachers and I will be repairing and or replacing our supply of picnic benches. The picnic benches in the woods across from the town offices are going to be moved to the park. That site hasn't been maintained and isn't being used.

Skateboard Park

I'll be scheduling meetings with the park users to replace or repair one of the remaining wooden structures.

Summer Recreation Program

Next year's program was advertised in December, with M&C as the contract agent, as a fully user funded program. There has been little reaction to the program from the public. Despite that, as soon as the results of the voting are in, the contract language will be cleaned up and the contract should be ready for signature at our next board meeting, along with the CYAA proposal for use of their facility on rain dates. The CYAA has offered a steep discount for the summer recreation 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.

I will be investigating the use of the federally funded volunteer youth services for this summer. There is a significant amount of work necessary to clean up outside of the ball field area fences, including the area adjacent to the brook.