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To: Board of Selectmen

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Moore Park

Organized Spring sports finished up successful seasons last month. Mowing of the ball fields, being done on an as-needed basis, will likely not be done again until just before Old Home Day.

Volunteers continue to provide cleanup and maintenance in the park. The brush pile left from the fence project has been cleaned up and the front part of the park and around the scout cabin has again been mowed

The upgrade of the fencing around the playground area has been completed and some problem areas on the old fence have been addressed. I'm going to be using some surplus yellow drain pipe to protect the top of the short fences around the playground. One picnic bench has been reconstructed for the basketball court area and I have the parts from another broken one. The picnic benches in the woods across from the town offices are going to be moved. Repair of the bleachers is also a priority, within the budget.

I've contacted the firm that supplied the playground equipment and now have a quote for the repair of a piece of equipment and the material necessary for improving the surface in the playground. That appears to be a significant task. The height of the protective surfaces around the equipment is more than several inches less than required.

The bathrooms have been thoroughly cleaned and continue to be worked on, with repairs scheduled and additional work that needs to be done. The Building Inspector had agreed to draw the sample(s) for the water test. I don't know if that was accomplished before he retired.

Save the Trees Campaign

I've put up some no parking signs to encourage people not to park their vehicles under the trees in the front of the park. I'm still looking for wood chips to use under the trees in the front of the park. The area has been seeded to white clover.

Skateboard Park

I've removed the remaining wooden structures from the park. A new source for concrete ramps is being sought. I'm still planning to move and install telephone poles as parking barriers and drainage channelization devices. I have a quote for sealcoating the park surface from the vendor that just did the library parking lot. Donors have volunteered to pay for half the cost.

It's amazing the number and diversity of young people and families that use the skateboard park. On any given day, you're as likely to see preschool children riding their bikes while their parents watch, as you are to see teenagers doing tricks.



Summer Recreation Program

No applicants signed up for the program, so there will again be no program this summer. I'm working with the vendor to identify the amount necessary to appropriate next year to provide a subsidy for the program.

Old Home Day Celebration

The Old Home Day Committee continues to meet and I'm attending their meetings whenever possible. I am in the process of getting a sign for the park honoring, in some fashion, the donation of the property by Henry W. Moore. The Historical Society is helping with research. Old Home Day would be an opportune time to dedicate the sign.

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 last year by the Road Agent, opening up the area for parking spaces, something that continues to be sorely needed during events. I'm working with the Road Agent to finish improving the area. Being unable to find a source for old telephone poles, I'm planning to purchase some concrete parking barriers for the area. I'm working with the Road Agent to more clearly define the traveled way and to better control parking, erosion and off-road damage.

Town Beautification Project

Publicity is going out about the contest and integrating it into the Old Home Day event. I'll be working with the Candia Garden Club and the Old Home Day committee, as well as the Road Agent to coordinate our efforts.