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**To:** Board of Selectmen

**From:** R. H. Snow

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### **Moore Park & Old Home Day Celebration**

Mowing of the ball fields has been resumed for soccer season. The surface of the playground was raked, filling in the low areas and determining the volume of new material necessary to bring it back up to its required level. The height of the protective surfaces around some of the equipment is as much as six (6) to twelve (12) inches less than required. A quote has been received for a specific amount of material. The cost of the amount necessary to bring it back up to normal is larger (and therefore more expensive) than the budget. It is planned to encumber an amount of the material in December, based on the amount of funds available and the amount of material required, by generating a 2010 purchase order to prebuy material with a spring 2011 delivery date.

Old Home Day went very well with no negatives or complications. Traffic in the park was steady, but not overwhelming, all day. The park was made presentable, the telephone poles were relocated to the edges of the roadways (Thanks to our Road Agent for a helping hand on a very rainy day!) and the areas needing mowing were taken care of. Coverage for trash pickup during the event was handled by Waste Management with the donation of a dumpster and several receptacles and John Kebler, a recycling center employee, who did a great job for us keeping the trash picked up during the day, at less cost than last year's event. Both the "Save the Trees" and the "Beautification" projects were advertised at the event.

More of the surplus yellow drain pipe has been installed to protect the tops of the short fences around the playground, with good results. I have several gallons of donated paint for the bleachers. A load of old plywood from past ball park advertising was removed from the park and several downed trees and limbs were also removed.

Some bathrooms repairs have been completed. Additional work still needs to be done. The Building Inspector has agreed to draw the sample(s) for the water test.

### **Skateboard Park**

We've received a donation for half the cost of sealcoating the park. I'm planning to have the vendor that just did the library parking lot sealcoat the park surface soon. Donors are volunteering to have additional equipment installed in the park and are negotiating with vendors.

### **Summer Recreation Program**

I'm receiving information from the public with summer recreation program suggestions.