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To: Board of Selectmen

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Moore Park

The formal sports season has one more possible event this month, with the Jesse Remington HS hosting a soccer tournament scheduled for November 13th. The ball fields are being used for pickup football games on weekends. The use of the ball fields as a “dog park” area has been raised and appears to be something that happens now, on an informal basis. Integrating this use into the existing uses, without creating problems for other users, is an area for review. The playground continues to be used on a daily basis by children, both the young and the young-at-heart. A sandbox hasn’t become a reality, yet, but is still under consideration. Additional repairs are planned for the playground equipment over the winter, with the costs coming out of the playground fund. Reimbursement for the previous equipment repairs will be requested this month. Depending on the weather, the bathroom water will be shut off and the lines drained some time this month.

The telephone poles that were relocated to the edges of the roadways are going to be “spiked” to the ground with rebar next spring. The road agent will be working with me this month to define the edge of the parking areas and complete the long-ago created, but never implemented, parking plan for the area. The location for the resident’s sand/salt pile in that area will also be finalized. The entrance thru the ball field fence to the salt shed from the ball fields is being cleared and the path reopened, should it be needed for emergency access. An investigation of the wiring for the park lights is being conducted, for future action. It appears that the primary wiring for the Doucette Field House may be inadequate for the existing electrical configuration. The tree pruning crews working in Candia in the past few weeks, trimming around power lines along the highways, have provided a good amount of wood chips for the front of the park area. The piles will be leveled off this month, now that the crews have finished their work in Candia and moved on. They also provided several loads of firewood for resident’s use that didn’t last long.

Half the donated paint for the bleachers was applied to the bleachers in the front of the park. Most of it disappeared overnight, either soaking into the wood or being washed off by the rain. The rest of the paint will be used by volunteer labor, if the weather cooperates this month, to try to get some additional protection for the wood

The Building Inspector completed the water tests and the results are available. No bacterial contamination was found.

Skateboard Park

Discussions with the donors volunteering to have additional equipment installed in the park are continuing. The quotes for equipment were significantly higher than the amount of money available. One possibility being discussed is to put in a warrant article, similar to the



Playground Fund, for the town meeting to consider, establishing a capital reserve equipment fund for the acquisition, installation and repair of skateboard park equipment.

Summer Recreation & Ski Program

I'm working with the public and providers to implement summer recreation program suggestions for the 2011 season. The ski program administration is being handled by the CYAA this year. They're planning two programs this year, one for the younger kids in Manchester and the Pats Peak program for the older kids. The 2011 season program materials have been received, notices distributed and signups are ongoing. Both programs will feature bus transportation paid out of the operating budget, reimbursed by the participants.

Pond Park Winter Ice Skating Program

The Candia Community Women's Club is soliciting help to make the ice on the pond usable for ice skating this winter. Clearing the snow off the pond and flooding the surface of the pond with a thin layer of water overnight would make a fantastic winter sports area for the town. Any help with the project would be appreciated.