

Town of Newtown, CT

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room, 8 Simpson Street in Newtown, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Marks at 6:04 pm.

Present: Edward Marks, Linda Hess, Warren Spencer, Vincent Yanni, Jr., Clinton DePaolo, Patrick Barczak and Rance Thompson

Absent: None

Staff Present: Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson, RoseAnn Reggiano

Public: Newtown Dog Park: Ms. Kathryn Simonds, 58 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
Ms. Theresa Ritchie, 81 High Rock Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
Ms. Yvonne Landolfi, 23 Sherman Street, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
Mr. John Landolfi, 23 Sherman Street, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Newtown Tennis Association:

Mr. Glenn Boyle, 2 Marlin Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
Mr. Ehab Farah, 34 West Street, Newtown, CT 06470
Ms. Danielle Boccher, Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Newtown Pickleball: Mr. Jim Wright, 13 Tamarack Road, Newtown, CT 06470

Public Participation:

Terry Ritchie representing **Newtown's Dog Park** expressed her thanks to Newtown Parks and Recreation for all of the amazing work they have done at the dog park. She commented that the entrance to the dog park looks amazing, and the mud is no longer an issue. They are also thrilled about the new lighting that was installed there. They were also asking if benches were going to be installed, as promised, to which Assistant Director of Parks, Carl Samuelson said; "yes, they are on order and due in 4 to 6 weeks." Kathryn Simonds asked what the protocol is for aggressive dogs to which Assistant Director of Recreation, RoseAnn Reggiano said; "the attacked party's owner needs to call Animal Control, and to document any injuries and file a report to remove the dog from dog park use. Ms. Simonds then mentioned that they are planning a clean-up party on September 15th and 22nd. She wanted to know if water would still be available to which Mr. Samuelson replied, "yes". Lastly, it was mentioned that the Dog Halloween Party is to take place on October 26th from 11 am until 1 pm.

Mr. Glen Boyle of Newtown Tennis Association brought up an issue that arose in scheduling a youth tennis tournament for the weekend of October 5th and 6th. He felt the Special Event Forms seemed more designed for fields and not courts. Commission Chairman, Ed Marks stated that since High School students get first right to using High School facilities, the protocol is to check with the High School Athletic Director ONLY, as he knows that the next step (if the said facility is free) is to then "double-check" that Parks & Recreation is not using the facility. Mr. Farah then reiterated their desire to just promote tennis in Newtown and to feed the High School teams. Mr. Marks assured Mr. Farah that they want to work with Newtown Tennis Association on this. He explained that there are other charitable organizations that use town facilities as well. Mr. Marks asked NTA to reach out to Amy Mangold to work on a solution.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion:

Commission Chairman Marks made a motion to accept the Minutes from the July 9, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Vincent Yanni seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the minutes.

Commissioner Ed Marks made a motion to accept the Minutes from the August 20th, 2019 Special Meeting. Commissioner Linda Hess seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the amended minutes.

Old Business:

- **Capital Improvement Project:**

As Bob Tait has been away, there was no update on the C.I.P.

- ***Newtown Bikes and Trails Committee:***

With the impending move of Commissioner Linda Hess, Commission Chairman Marks expressed the need to have a Parks and Recreation Commissioner present at the Bikes and Trails Committee meetings. Both Commissioners Yanni and DePaolo expressed interest in attending the meetings. Chairman Marks proposed that all the commissioners rotate attending the meetings to not put it all on one individual.

- ***Bike Lending Agreement/Waiver***

Commissioner DePaolo discussed the issue of beginning the bike lending program. He mentioned that it may be wise to start small and ease into it in terms of numbers of bikes available. The commissioner is looking into bike helmet and lock donations. Assistant Director of Recreation Reggiano suggested that perhaps they could implement a “sponsor a helmet” program. Commissioner Rance Thompson thought that was a great idea. Director Mangold is also reaching out for donations regarding locks and helmets. Clinton DePaolo brought up the idea of people sponsoring bike “parking” spaces. Director Mangold then handed out a draft of a “lending agreement” for the bikes (see att. #1) asking that the commissioners please be prepared to vote on the draft by the next commission meeting. Chairman Marks asked her to please email everyone their own copy to which Ms. Mangold readily agreed. Ms. Mangold is also sending it to the town’s attorney for approval. She also presented the commission with a bicycle safety booklet that will be attached to the waiver for people to have read (see attachment #2). Commissioner Hess then asked if the bikes will need to stay on the Fairfield Hill Campus to which Ms. Mangold responded that they may ride them off campus, but are not to take them away in a vehicle. Chairman Marks then suggested that we keep returning customers waivers on file to which Ms. Mangold heartily agreed. Commissioner DePaolo suggested that returning borrowers just fill out a waiver annually. Commissioner Thompson then suggested that there be a multi-use fee schedule as well.

New Business:

None.

Correspondence:

- Dave McCarthy sent Parks & Recreation Director Amy Mangold an email thanking Parks & Recreation for a great cleanup around the compost bin at the Victory Garden (see attachment #3).

- Jack Procaccini sent a lovely thank you letter to Parks and Recreation thanking them for his scholarship that helped him pursue a degree in engineering through the Lee Davenson Memorial Scholarship (see attachment #4).
- Mr. Larry Haskel dropped by the Parks & Recreation office with some printed up Pickleball Rules (see attachment #5) hoping Parks & Recreation would adopt these rules in the future.

Chairman's Report:

Edward Marks, Chairman Newtown Parks and Recreation:

- Newtown Babe Ruth Softball is still upset with Newtown Thunder. They wonder if the Thunder is in violation of field use status. They don't think Newtown Thunder has a true 501-3c status. Carl recalled the commission discussed an audit every two years. Commissioner Hess said that is expensive, but perhaps they could get by with just a treasurer's report.
- On September 4th, Director Mangold, Assistant Director Samuelson and Chairman Marks participated in a meeting regarding possible scheduling of a four week series of soccer clinics to be offered by the boys high school coach and his players. First Selectman Rosenthal, high school AD Matt Memoli and Coach Charley Amblo also participated in the meeting. In part, the meeting was called to discuss field scheduling issues and address certain misunderstandings related to previous attempts to schedule clinics in association with Newtown Soccer Alliance. In an effort to find a compromise solution, it was agreed that Mr. Memoli would consult with Mr. Amblo to determine if the planned curriculum could be modified from six to four weekly sessions to be held on Saturdays. If so, Mr. Memoli would work to carve out two four hour time slots from time already allocated to the high school athletic teams and Parks & Recreation would also work to provide two additional Saturday slots by reworking existing recreational schedules. Mr. Rosenthal indicated that the clinics, which would be offered in partnership with Newtown Parks & Recreation, would only be permissible if certain conditions were met. Several days later, Mr. Amblo responded via email that the program curriculum required no less than 6 weekly sessions and it would not be feasible at this time to re-solicit charitable offerings (goals & t-shirts) from two soccer companies. After conferring with Mr. Rosenthal, the matter is now considered closed.

Director's Report:

Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Director Mangold's first order of business was to say goodbye and express Parks & Recreation Department's heartfelt thanks to Commissioner Linda Hess who is moving out of town. The commissioners then presented Ms. Hess with a Newtown plaque and Christmas ornament as a reminder of the town for which she has done so much.
- Ms. Mangold informed the commission that the Victory Garden surrounding Fairfield Hills looks phenomenal due to the efforts of Dave McCarthy and the Parks and Recreation staff. The Land Use Department was consulted and very supportive.

Ms. RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation:

- Ms. Reggiano reminded commissioners that the annual Parks & Recreation carnival is the weekend of September 27-29. She is still looking for volunteers for the event.
- She also announced that the fall recreation program guide is out. She suggested that everyone go online to check out the flip book format the guide is in. It's fantastic.
- Ms. Reggiano met with Peter Damico of Newtown Youth Academy. They just put in two new bocci courts behind NYA.

- She announced that it was truly Parks and Recreation's best summer ever with program enrollment. RoseAnn thinks that having school get out in a timely fashion helped tremendously. She was then asked by Commissioner Thompson if the Community Center move has proven helpful with the sheer number of people coming through the door to which she answered; "time will tell".

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks:

(Please see attachment #6)

- Mr. Samuelson distributed his monthly field report, see attached.
- He reiterated that the pool renovation at Treadwell is coming very nicely. Chairman Marks asked; "so it's a total facelift, really?" to which Carl said; "Absolutely"!
- Mr. Samuelson said he was still waiting on Musco regarding lighting at Treadwell. He wants the cabinet to be equipped to handle an LED upgrade in the future.
- Mr. Samuelson mentioned that 5 benches are being ordered, but there is a big price break if we order six at the same time. It would be an extra \$500 to buy a 6th bench that could be used in the future.

Motion:

Commissioner Vincent Yanni motioned to appropriate an extra \$500 for the purchase of a sixth bench. Commissioner Clinton DePaolo seconded the motion which was then carried unanimously.

Commissioners out and about: None

Motion:

Commissioner Linda Hess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rance Thompson. All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Community Center located at 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT.

Submitted by,

Kate Geerer, clerk

ADMISSIONS GATES - NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK EMPLOYEES

Coordinator: Elaine Martin - Cell: 203-470-8235

Friday 9/20/19 - Concert 5:30pm to 10:30pm

Helena Alves-2019

Wayne Perrotti-2019

Saturday 9/21/19 - Coverage is 10:30 to 4:15

Aga Stepniak	10:30am to 4:15pm
Jackie Rodriguez-Pagan (opener)	10:30am to 4:15pm
Vivian Haywood	10:30am to 4:15pm
John Colasante-Bank Deposits	12:30pm to 4:30pm
Dina Sabia	10:30am to 1:00pm
Lori Katuska	1:30pm to 4:15pm
Elaine Martin	2:00pm to close

Sunday 9/22/19 - Coverage is 10:30 to 4:15

Jackie Rodriguez-Pagan	10:30am to 1:00pm
Andrew Hentschel (opener)	10:30am to 4:15pm
Margaret Pendagast	10:30am to 4:15pm
Patricia DiVirgilio	10:30am to 1:30pm
Tricia Cauwels	1:30pm to 4:15pm
Darren Lindemann (w/Tricia) non NSB	1:30pm to 4:15pm
Brandon Gesualdi	1:30pm to 4:15pm
Elaine Martin	2:00pm to close

Sunday 9/22/19 4:30 to 8:00

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Breakdown of Setup

NEWTOWN PARKS & RECREATION

Bike Borrowing Agreement and Waiver

BORROWER Information:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

I, _____, "BORROWER", understand and accept that the Newtown Parks and Recreation Department loans bicycles on the following terms and conditions:

By signing below, for use of the bicycle and related equipment listed on this form, I accept full responsibility for the care of the bicycle and related equipment, and I hereby acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions:

I am responsible for the bike from the time I take possession of it until it is returned in keeping in accordance with this agreement. I agree that I will be the only person who rides this borrowed bike. I further agree that the rental bike will remain in my possession at all times.

If the rental bike is lost, stolen or damaged, I am responsible for its full replacement value, estimated to not exceed \$350.00 and for any and all other fees, claims, expenses or obligations to persons or property during the term of this agreement. I am obligated to contact the Newtown Parks and Recreation Department immediately in the case of any borrowed bike loss, damage, mechanical failure or abnormality.

If the bicycle and/or related equipment is not returned within the borrowed time, the items are considered lost and replacement charges will apply.

Assumption of Risk

By signing below, I understand that bicycling is a hazardous activity. I understand that the sport of bicycling and the use of the bicycle and related equipment involve risk of injury to any and all parts of my body. I hereby agree to fully and expressly assume and accept all risks, dangers and

hazards, and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and loss resulting therefrom. I understand that bicycle protective gear such as helmets and gloves are recommended, but they do not eliminate the risk and may not reduce the risk of injury in the event of an accident.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration of approval to borrow the bicycle and related equipment, I agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against NEWTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (hereinafter collectively referred to as "THE RELEASEES"), and TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES jointly and severally, of and from any and all liability for any losses, damages, expenses and claims arising out of or in connection with injury (including death) or damage to property that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the bike program due to any cause whatsoever INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE.

I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, expenses, damages to any and all persons and to any and all property, in any way sustained or alleged to have been sustained as a result of activities relating to bicycling or the use of the bicycle and/or related equipment.

Further Assurances and Acknowledgments

Use of the Borrowed Bike. I am aware that roads, paths, trails and sidewalks may be poorly maintained and may have blind corners and am aware that such hazardous conditions do exist and I agree to operate the borrowed bike in a safe manner for all road conditions.

Furthermore, I understand and accept that it is my responsibility to operate the borrowed bike in a manner appropriate to any and all prevailing road and weather conditions and undertake to:

1. Wear a helmet at all times while operating a bicycle as required by the laws of Connecticut. (Helmets will be made available to borrow).
2. Familiarize myself with the relevant rules of the road, trails and practices of safe cycling, before operating the borrowed bike.
3. Ensure that I, the borrower, have experience operating a bike similar to the borrowed bike.
4. Return the bike.
5. Read and understand the Bicycle Safety Booklet found at <https://newtownparksandrecreation.gov> , before operating a borrowed bike.

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Insurance. I understand that I am responsible for carrying my own travel, health and dental insurance to cover personal medical care in the case of an accident, loss due to cancellation, and any third party liability that may arise from the use of this bike. I further understand that no coverage is available from Newtown Parks and Recreation Department to insure me or the bike from loss in the case of damage, theft or other liability incurred in the use of the borrowed bike.

I acknowledge and agree that Newtown Parks and Recreation Department and its agents have the right to refuse participation by any person for any or no reason.

Severability and Governing Laws. I understand that any part of this document found to be void or unenforceable shall not negate the enforcement of the remainder. This agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Connecticut (excluding the laws applicable to conflicts or choice of law).

Equipment Supplied. Each borrowed bike is loaned with a helmet and lock. Borrowers who bring their own helmet must show it to staff. Otherwise, you must borrow a helmet to use while riding. Newtown Parks and Recreation is not responsible for any loss of or damage to client supplied equipment howsoever occasioned.

Collection Costs are Prevailing Party. If for any reason, Newtown Parks and Recreation is required to engage an attorney or collection agency to collect any amounts that are due it under this agreement, and Newtown Parks and Recreation is successful in such action, I, the BORROWER agree to reimburse Newtown Parks and Recreation for all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Newtown Parks and Recreation in connection with enforcing its payment rights.

Return Policy. I understand and accept that I must return the borrowed bike on the agreed upon date/time at the agreed upon location. **(Remember to return the bike in the condition you received it to avoid additional charges. Additional fees may apply for excessive cleaning and/or repairs beyond normal wear and tear).**

Late Return Payment Policy. I understand and accept that should the borrowed bike be returned late then I may be responsible for late fees, at the rate of \$1 per hour, plus any additional costs that may be incurred by Newtown Parks and Recreation as a result of the late return.

I have read and understand this Agreement and Waiver and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

I understand and accept that a copy of this agreement will be kept on file at the Newtown Parks and Recreation Department and that all subsequent borrowing of the bikes, by me, will be bound by the terms of this agreement (but will only require that the transaction be recorded in the Parks and Recreation Department's database).

SIGNATURES: You must be 18 or over to sign.

(Initial here)_____ I hereby accept the terms of this contract. This document constitutes the final and entire agreement between Newtown Parks and Recreation and the undersigned.

(Initial here)_____ I have carefully read this agreement and release of liability and fully understand its contents.

I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and Newtown Parks and Recreation Department.

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Newtown Parks and Recreation staff witness:

Date: _____

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Nova Scotia Bicycle Safety



The Cyclist - According to the *Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act* cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. When cyclists and motorists follow the same set of rules, the chance of a collision is greatly reduced.

Cycling Strategies: Be Visible, Be Predictable



Where To Ride on the Road -

Ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic. Use as much of the lane as required to be safe from roadside hazards.

Signals - Cyclists should use these hand signals to indicate a turn or a stop.



Left turn signal



Right turn signal



Slowing/stopping signal



Bicycle Safety



Ride a Straight Course -

Don't weave between parked cars. Otherwise, a motorist may lose sight of you and there could be a collision if you suddenly pop out in traffic again. Stay at least one metre from parked cars to avoid opening doors.

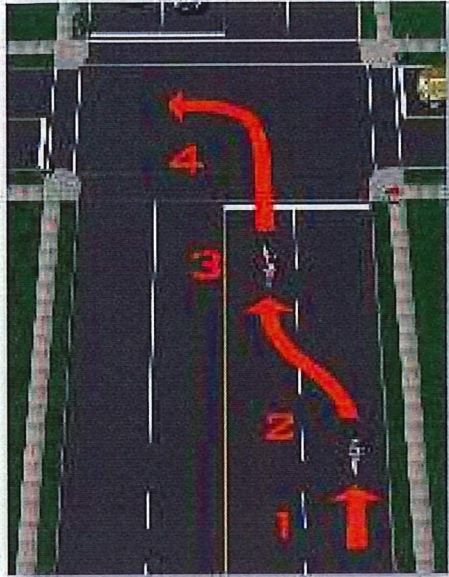
Look Behind You - Learn to quickly scan the traffic behind you without swerving. A rear view mirror helps to view traffic, however a lane change requires a look behind, which also signals your intention to motorists.



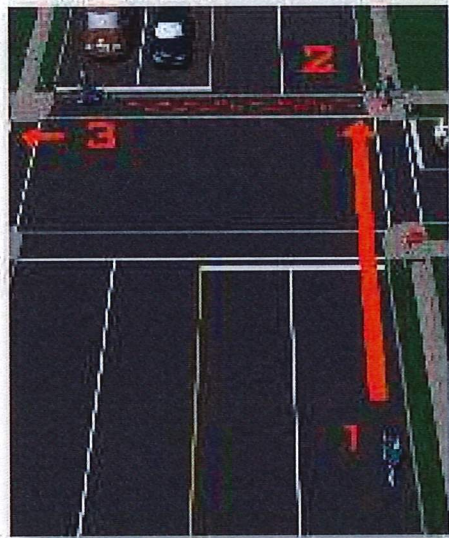
Be Careful at Intersections -

Intersections can be dangerous for cyclists. At a four-way stop, it is important for cyclists to remain in line with the flow of traffic and to wait their turn. Right-turn lanes are for traffic that is making a turn; don't go into a turn lane if you are going to travel straight ahead.





Vehicular Left Turn - Signal and look behind you. When there's an opening, move into the left lane and turn from near the centre line.



Pedestrian Left Turn - When traffic is heavy and it feels unsafe to change into the left lane, ride straight through the intersection, stop at the corner and walk your bike across the intersection.



Safety Equipment

Lights - When riding at night, you must use a white front light and red rear reflector or light.

A flashing red rear light, increases visibility.

Clothing - In daylight wear brightly coloured and/or fluorescent clothing. At night wear light coloured and/or reflective clothing. Reflective material on clothing,

shoes, helmet and bike further increases visibility.



Bell or Horn - You must have a bell or horn to warn pedestrians and other vehicles that you are approaching.

Helmet - By law, you must wear a bicycle helmet that complies with the regulations. A properly designed and fitted helmet greatly reduces the risk of brain injury, the leading type of fatal or disabling injury to cyclists. To ensure proper fit, consult with sales staff when you buy a helmet and follow manufacturer's instructions. Generally speaking, the helmet should be snug, low on the forehead and with the chin strap tight enough to only allow one finger between it and your chin.



Sharing the Road with Bicycles

The Motorist - According to the Nova Scotia *Motor Vehicle Act*, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. Respect for the rights of all road users goes a long way towards avoiding collisions.

You Can Prevent Crashes



Watch For Bicyclists - Most collisions involving bicyclists and motorists occur at intersections. This often happens when a motorist pulls out from a stop sign or driveway without yielding, or turns across a bicyclist's path.

Make Room For Cyclists - Bicyclists need to ride at least 1 metre away from parked cars to avoid being hit if a door suddenly opens. Bicyclists also need to avoid potholes and debris, and to pass double-parked cars. Bicyclists may occupy as much of a traffic lane as their safety warrants.

Signals - Cyclists use these hand signals to indicate changes in their speed or direction.



Left turn
signal



Right turn
signal



Slowing/
stopping
signal



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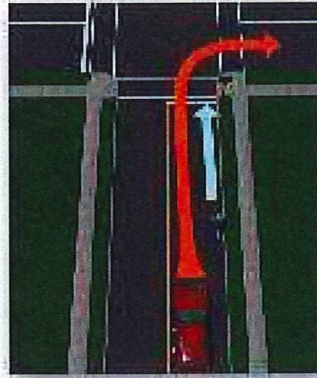
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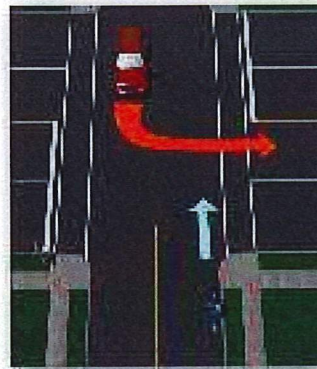
Transportation and Public Works

Common Car-Bike Collisions

“Right Hook” - Many motorists misjudge the speed of bicycles; they can travel faster than you think! (Experienced cyclists can travel at 25-35 km/h on a flat surface and up to 50km/h going downhill.) This misjudgment causes the motorist to pass and turn directly in front of the bicyclist. Scan the side of the road for bicyclists, and if it is not safe to pass before turning, slow down and move behind the cyclist before making the turn. **DO NOT** pass and cut!



“Left Cross” - Motorists making turns which cross oncoming traffic must watch for cyclists as well as motor vehicles. Too often, motorists misjudge the speed of an oncoming bicyclist and turn in front of them. Motorists should always stop and wait for oncoming traffic, including bicycles, to pass before turning.



Getting Doored - When exiting your car, look behind you for approaching bicyclists. Don't open your door unless it's safe to do so.

Please keep in mind that bicycles are much more vulnerable in a collision. Motorists must realize that they are operating a large vehicle and with that comes the responsibility to ensure that it is safely operated.



9/6/2019

Town of Newtown Mail - VG

Attachment # 3



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1 message

Dave McCarthy <dpmccarthy86@gmail.com>

To: Gail Friedman <galfried47@gmail.com>, Victgarden17@gmail.com

Cc: Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

Amy big thank you to P&R for the great cleanup around the compost bin. Looks great! Dave

Sent from my iPhone

- > On Sep 2, 2019, at 2:51 PM, Gail Friedman <galfried47@gmail.com> wrote:
- >
- > Hi Amy
- > Hope you got to enjoy the holiday weekend. I'm writing because the water has been shut off at the garden without any notice. Several of us have planted a for a fall ha
- > would be most grateful if we could have 2 or3 more weeks of water if at all possible.
- > We've got rain in the forecast this week so that helps. Grateful for whatever you can do.
- > Thanks ♡
- > Gail

Bmc

August 30, 2019

Dear Ms. Mangold,

As I head into my senior year of college, I am able to reflect upon all of the great experiences I have had at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). Looking back to freshman year, I remember participating in an engineering design competition sponsored by NASA which required a team of college students to design an asteroid-anchoring device. Then between sophomore and junior year, I was able to attain my first internship at Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, CT. During that summer at Sikorsky, I worked as a manufacturing engineer and was able to learn invaluable engineering skills as well as meet inspiring individuals who worked in the field I hoped to go into. This past spring, I traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark as a part of my Interactive Qualifying Project required by WPI. This was a social science project in which we developed circular economy practices to be implemented by small food companies in order to improve sustainable business practices. This project not only stimulated my interest in sustainability, but also gave me the opportunity to embrace the Danish culture and see the world from a different perspective.

Looking ahead to my final year at WPI, I will be completing my Major Qualifying Project (senior project) which is the design, analysis, assembly, and test of a high-powered model rocket. This project will give me the opportunity to apply the information I have been learning in my classes as well as manage a long-term project. Upon graduation, I will be working as a propulsion engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft.

I am very grateful to have studied at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. I have met amazing people and learned vital skills to help prepare me for a successful engineering career. This would not have been possible without your financial aid through the Lee Davenson Memorial Scholarship and I cannot thank you enough for helping me achieve my goals. Have a great rest of your summer.

Thank you,

Jack Procaccini

Rules For Pickleball Players

- 1. If more than 4 people are waiting to play the court must be used for doubles play.**
- 2. Games should played until 11 points are reached (win by 2). Nine points if there are too many people waiting.**
- 3. If 4 people are waiting the four players that just finished must relinquish the court and go to the back of the line if there is one.**
- 4. If less than 4 people are waiting one or more of the winning players may stay on for the next game.**
- 5. Rotate use of the enclosed court so that everyone gets a chance to play on it.**
- 6. This is a friendly and social game. Let us keep it that way.**

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CARL SAMUELSON
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARKS

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

TO: Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission,
Amy Mangold, Director

FROM: Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director – Parks

DATE: September, 2019

RE: Monthly park update and field report

In the past month we have spent most of our time getting fields ready for fall sports as well as gearing up for fall projects.

We harvested over 20 root wads for the stream bank renovation project and cut an access trail. The pool deck renovation project has started, and materials are being delivered for the retaining wall at Tilson.

The High School Cross Country trail was marked and cleared for the fall season.

Dickinson Park: Tree removal here has been completed. All of the wood has been picked up as well.

Newtown Middle School: The fire escape trail was cut and re-established for the start of school. Both baseball and softball fields are now being groomed on a regular basis.

Orchard Hill: No new news here

Lake Lillinonah: Regular maintenance continues, no new news.

Oakview: No new news.

Tilson Field: Retaining wall work will start when all of the materials arrive, hopefully in the next week or so. We are still waiting for a technician from Musco to assess the extent of lightning damage to the lighting controllers.

Treadwell Soccer/Softball: These fields are very busy with fall sports now, but no new news otherwise.

Glander Fields: Dead trees are in the process of being removed here from the walking trail and scoreboard areas.



Liberty Fields: Clay was added to upper Liberty. Regular grooming and mowing continues.

Walnut Tree: No new news here.

Fairfield Hills: We have done a lot of tree work in conjunction with Public Works. The areas around the Victory Garden and Glander fields were pruned back and dead trees were removed. The car show area was mowed and cleaned up as well as mowing invasive areas along the trails for Conservation.

The crosswalks along the walking trails and the fire lanes near High Meadow / Youth Academy were painted.

NHS Fields: The fields were all laid out and painted for fall sports and are now extremely busy.

Sandy Hook School: This field is quiet for now.

Hawley School Fields: These fields are in good shape for this time of year.

Eichlers Cove Marina: The boating season is winding down and things are looking pretty good here. We will be moving the old guard shed soon.

Dog Park: We have installed a drain with river rock at the swale that generally erodes, The lights have all been installed, the entrance areas have been paved and top soiled and the benches requested have been ordered. The benches will not arrive for 3-5 weeks. The company who originally installed the splash pad equipment is no longer in business, but the manufacturer, Vortex, is having their engineering department look at our varied water inlet pressure problem. Initial estimates are in excess of \$14,000 as our control panel does not have room or capability of running pump controls. I should have a firm cost by next month.





Treadwell Park: Treadwell pool deck project has started. The existing pools are first being prepared for new plaster; the pool deck itself will follow.





Staff:

- 136 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1320 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 10.5% loss in workforce.