

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

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in the Conference Room, 3 Main Street in Newtown, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Marks at 6:02 pm.

**Present:** Edward Marks, Patrick Barczak, Clinton DePaolo, Linda Hess, Warren Spencer, Vincent Yanni, Jr. (6:41pm)

**Absent:** Rance Thompson

**Staff Present:** Amy Mangold, RoseAnn Reggiano, Carl Samuelson

**Public:** Kirsten Bazuro, Girl Scout Troop 50512; Jocelyn Bazuro, Girl Scout Troop 50512; Ava Cash, Girl Scout Troop 55012; Jenna Scoville, Girl Scout Troop 55012; Ehab Fara, Tennis; Glenn Boyle, Tennis

**Public Participation:**

Girl Scout Troop 50512 (Kirsten Bazuro, Jocelyn Bazuro, Ava Cash and Jenna Scoville) came before the commission to discuss their idea of building and installing *Chipmunk Condo's* at Dickinson Park. This project will help the team achieve their Girl Scout Journey Award Badge. The troop requested permission to install the units in the meadow off the Dickinson Park trail. The troop displayed a model of what the condominiums would look like and explained that the small, wooden boxes would provide chipmunks with shelter and storage. The cost to build is approximately \$20.00. The Troop will install (lay on a bed of rocks) and check on the houses every couple of months to do any maintenance and/or repairs needed. The troop's goal is to complete and install the condominiums by the end of October or beginning of November. The Troop was instructed by Mr. Marks to coordinate the installation with Director Amy Mangold.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clinton DePaolo made a motion to approve the build and install of chipmunk condos at Dickinson Park meadow site, as presented by Girl Scout Troop 55012. Commissioner Warren Spencer seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.**

The Local tennis group came before the commission to thank the members of the commission for their continued efforts to find a solution for providing lights on the tennis courts and to inquire about the status of the lighting. Ms. Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that one of the ideas that the team came up with is a light tower at Dickinson Park tennis courts. Mr. Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks, suggested using one light tower at first to see how it works and if needed providing two light towers. Mr. Fara stated that he did not think that the one tower would work and that it would be better if there were two towers, but that they would be willing to try it with one tower. Mr. Marks suggested exploring the cost of renting and using light towers for the next 3 to 4 weeks and if it works, will look into renting next spring and explore how to cover the costs. Mr. Marks stated that it would be easier if the tennis group was an association that could be charged a surcharge, which could offset the costs of a lighting solution. Mr. Fara stated they are working on putting together a tennis association. Mr. Fara inquired about an update on the project for permanent lights. Mr. Samuelson stated that he has been in touch with a couple of vendors and waiting for some results. One of the vendors sent back information on installing lights at Treadwell Tennis courts, not knowing that the infrastructure is not set up for lights and would need major construction to install. Mr. Samuelson continued by explaining that planning and zoning has denied lights on the Treadwell Tennis courts, because they would be too close to the road and neighborhood. Unfortunately, because the courts are already built, the lights would need to be outside the courts, on much higher poles. The original lights built at Treadwell Park, have been grandfathered for current usage. After much research, it appears that Dickinson Park tennis courts might be the more desirable site for a lighting solution. Mr. Fara and Mr. Boyle stated that they would like to see signage on the courts, stating that the courts are for tennis use only. They stated that there was someone using a pogo stick and bounced all over the courts, which did some damage. Mr. Samuelson explained that there were signs with court rules and explained that the signs were possibly stolen. Mr. Samuelson will make sure that new signs are installed at the tennis courts. The commission has requested an update on tennis court lighting at next month's meeting.

## Acceptance of Minutes:

### Motion:

Commissioner Warren Spencer made a motion to accept the Minutes from the September 11, 2018 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Patrick Barczak seconded the motion.

- A correction was made under *Old Business; CIP*: In the sentence: The Fairfield Hills Pickleball courts without lights; \$280,000 was changed from 2020/2021 to 2019/2021. 2019/2021 was changed to 2019/2020
- A correction was made under *Old Business; CIP*: in the sentence: Mr. Samuelson stated that the Arm Corp study for the lake Lillinonah project is about 2 years out. Arm was changed to Army

All voted in favor of the amended minutes.

### Old Business:

- *Age Friendly Livable Community Steering Committee update*:  
Ms. Mangold stated that she requested an updated list of dates, location and times of AFLC meetings and is still waiting for a response.
- *CIP*:  
Mr. Marks shared with the commission the: *First Selectman Proposed – 2019-20 to 2028-29 ten year CIP. (see attachment #1)* The commission discussed some of the changes that were made to the Parks and Recreation proposed CIP, which was submitted to First Selectman, Dan Rosenthal. Pickleball was moved 2 years out from 2019-20 to 2021-22. The next 10 years, Parks and Recreation total CIP is \$3,490,000 of which \$2,950,000 will be covered out of the Parks and Recreation surcharge, gift funds and grants and \$540,000 will be bonded, which makes up only 1.07% of the total town proposed 10 year CIP bonding. Mr. Marks attended the BOS meeting where he was going to present to the BOS, on his own behalf and not of the Parks and Recreation commission, a breakdown of the CIP and department allocation. *(see attachment #2)*
- *Community Center*:  
Tabled until next commission meeting.

### Director's Report:

#### Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Mangold presented to the commission the, *Newtown Bike and Trail Committee Mission and Goals. (see attachment #3)* This is a trail initiative, which is loosely based on New Milford's bike and trail structure and operation. It was concluded, that one way for a trail committee to succeed is to have a committee that reports directly to the First Selectman and not an adhoc under a specific department. First Selectman, Dan Rosenthal is seeking a committee of five resident volunteers and one representative from each Parks and Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission. *(see attachment #4)* Mr. Marks asked for a volunteer from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Ms. Mangold stated that her team has been working on quarterly surcharge reports. The team gathers information from two different systems, which are RecTrac and Phoenix. The difference between the two reports is that RecTrac includes very detailed information on each transaction as where Phoenix does not. The commission has requested a quarterly report from each system, so that they can compare what is going in and out of the surcharge account and make sure the two reports match.

#### RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation:

- Ms. Reggiano gave the commission an update on the NEWTOWN DAY event. Parks and Recreation cosponsored the event with the Newtown Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Reggiano stated that approximately 3,500 people attended the event. The group is still in the process of tallying up the proceeds and costs of the event and will be having a wrap up meeting at the end of the week. Ms. Reggiano thanked Mr. Marks and Ms. Hess for volunteering on the day of the event.
- Ms. Reggiano stated that there is a volunteer group working on cleaning up the Dog Park. The group is looking for gravel and stone dust. Ms. Reggiano also inquired about lighting at the Dog Park. Mr. Samuelson inquired on the type of lighting, whether it would be security lighting or park lighting?
- The Fall Carnival is October 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Reggiano explained to the commission that one of her contacts for the carnival event, Bob Connor had just recently passed away.

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks: (see attachment # 5)

- Mr. Samuelson explained to the commission that the amount of rain this summer as been unreal and rather challenging to maintain fields and the team is doing a lot of repairing of damage fields due to the rain. So far, the crew has put out over 15,000 lbs. of seed.
- Mr. Samuelson and Ms. Mangold met with two artificial turf vendors for Treadwell field replacement. Mr. Samuelson will be scheduling the replacement project to start June 2019. One vendor said it would take approximately 4 weeks and another said 4 to 6 weeks, start to finish. The goal is to get the work done or close to done, before summer day camp starts.
- Mr. Samuelson stated that they are going to be working hard to get all the docks out at Eichler's Cove Marina by October 19, 2018, before the lake is lowered for the season.
- The lighting system at Treadwell took a lightening hit in the past month, which has been repaired and now functioning.
- Mr. Samuelson discussed with the commission the need for another 90ft baseball field. He has explored repairing and upgrading Walnut Tree Field. Walnut Tree Field would be the third practice field, which will help cut down the number of times each field will need construction maintenance (sodding, etc...). After consulting with Winterberry Irrigation, it was decided that many of the Sandy Hook School irrigation components could be repurposed at Walnut Tree baseball field; However, Walnut Tree field does not have an electricity source to run the pumps. Mr. Samuelson suggested purchasing a generator as an electricity source to irrigate the baseball field. Mr. Samuelson found a used military generator with very little hours of use, which would be strong enough to get the job done for \$6,500.00. Mr. Samuelson said that the generator could be multipurpose if needed. The commission suggested asking Babe Ruth if they would be willing to make a commitment towards revitalizing Walnut Tree field.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clinton DePaolo made a motion to approve using \$6,500.00 from surcharge to purchase a used military surplus generator with trailer, pending a discussion with Babe Ruth Baseball.**

**Commissioner Vincent Yanni, Jr. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.**

- Mr. Samuelson stated he is working on the pool deck paperwork, which will be completed by the end of the month.
- Mr. Samuelson will be meeting with the representative that First Selectman Dan Rosenthal had asses Dickinson Pavilion, to see what improvements need to be done. Ms. Mangold stated that Mr. Rosenthal is going to forward an itemized list of improvements needed and the costs associated with these repairs.

**Correspondence:** None

**Commissioners out and about:**

None

**Motion**

**Commissioner Clinton DePaolo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Linda Hess, which was carried unanimously.**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room located at 3 Main Street, Newtown, CT.

If you plan to attend this meeting and require assisted hearing devices, please contact the Office of the First Selectman at 203-270-4201 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Submitted by,

*Gabriella Chernoff, clerk*

Town of Newtown

FIRST SELECTMAN PROPOSED - 2019-20 to 2028-29 ten year CIP

Department / Project	FIVE YEAR CIP					2028-29	2027-28	2026-27	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	TOTALS		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26											2026-27	2027-28	5 YR
Public Works:																		
Capital Road Program																		
Bridge Replacement Program																		
Site & Salt Storage Improvements																		
Truck Washing Station																		
Transfer Station Improvements																		
Multi-Purpose Building Improvements																		
Municipal Roof Remediation/Replacement																		
Police:																		
New Police Building																		
Emergency Communications:																		
Console/Radio System Upgrade																		
Economic & Community Development:																		
Clean up of 28A Glen Road																		
Town Match - Grants (contingency)																		
Fairfield Hills Authority:																		
Assessment/Rehabbing/Safety Enhancements/Renovation/Remediation/Demolition & Infrastructure																		
Parks & Recreation:																		
Tilcon Artificial Turf Replacement																		
Pickleball Courts																		
Treadwell Artificial Turf and Lighting Replacement (800,000)																		
Lake Lillinonah Park Improvements																		
Rail Trail - Batchelder Park																		
Board of Fire Commissioners:																		
Tanker																		
Ladder Truck (two: one used; one refurbished)																		
Engine Truck																		
Generators & Transfer Switches																		
Town Hall Board of Managers:																		
Edmond Town Hall Exterior Renovations																		
Parking Lot Improvement																		
Building Renovations (floor, walls, ceilings/main lobby, tenant space)																		
Large Event Space Revitalization/Elevator Removal																		
Plumbing/Radiator Renewal/Livable Communities Access Project																		
C.H. Booth Library:																		
Library Building and Grounds Upgrades/Renovations/Expansion																		
Memorial Commission																		
GRAND TOTAL BONDING																		
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDING																		
Capital Road Program:																		
Bonding																		
General Fund																		
TOTAL																		

Department	Project #	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	'22/'23	'23/'24	'24/'25	'25/'26	'26/'27	'27/'28	'28/'29	Total
Emergency Comm Ctr Total		4,300,000	2,500,000									6,800,000
<b>FHA</b>												
Building remediation & demo/infrastructure	FHA-1				2,000,000	1,500,000		2,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000		10,500,000
Bonding				2,000,000		1,500,000		2,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000		10,500,000
<b>FHA Total</b>				2,000,000	2,000,000	1,500,000		2,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000		10,500,000
<b>Fire</b>												
Replacement of Fire Apparatus	Fire - 1	575,000			535,000	800,000		750,000	770,000			3,430,000
Bonding		575,000			535,000	800,000		750,000	770,000			3,430,000
New Generators and Transfer Switches	Fire - 2										240,000	240,000
Bonding											240,000	240,000
<b>Fire Total</b>		575,000			535,000	800,000		750,000	770,000		240,000	3,670,000
<b>Library</b>												
Library Building & Grounds Upgrades/Reno/Expansion	LIB-1			700,000	700,000			1,000,000		450,000		2,850,000
Bonding				700,000	700,000			1,000,000		450,000		2,850,000
<b>Library Total</b>				700,000	700,000			1,000,000		450,000		2,850,000
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>												
Tilson Artificial Turf Replacement	P & R - 1	500,000										500,000
Other		500,000										500,000
Fairfield Hills Pickleball Courts	P & R - 2			290,000								290,000
Bonding				290,000								290,000
Treadwell Artificial Turf & Lighting Replacement	P & R - 3							800,000				800,000
Bonding								800,000				800,000
Other								250,000				250,000
Rail Trail - Batchelder Park	P & R - 4							550,000				550,000
Grants								1,400,000				1,400,000
Lake Lillianah Park Improvements	P & R - 5					500,000		1,400,000				1,400,000
Other						500,000		1,400,000				1,400,000
						500,000						500,000
						500,000						500,000
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Total</b>		500,000		290,000		500,000		2,200,000		450,000		3,490,000
<b>Police</b>												
Police Facility	Pol-1	6,800,000	4,000,000									10,800,000
Bonding		6,800,000	4,000,000									10,800,000

#2

TOWN OF NEWTOWN FIVE YEAR CIP

Department/Project	FIRST SELECTMAN PROPOSED					Edward Marks Proposed - YEAR 1 PICKLEBALL FUNDING						
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
<b>Public Works:</b>												
Capital Road Program	1,000,000	750,000	500,000	250,000		2,500,000	1,000,000	750,000	500,000	250,000		2,500,000
Bridge Replacement Program	2,000,000	2,250,000	2,500,000	2,750,000	3,000,000	13,500,000	2,000,000	2,250,000	2,500,000	2,750,000	3,000,000	12,500,000
Site & Salt Storage Improvements	400,000	400,000		400,000	400,000	1,600,000	400,000	400,000		400,000		1,200,000
Truck Washing Station												
Transfer Station Improvements					413,000	413,000						413,000
Multi-Purpose Building Improvements					1,000,000	1,000,000						1,000,000
Municipal Roof Remediation/Replacement												
<b>Police:</b>												
New Police Building	6,900,000	4,000,000				10,900,000	6,510,000	4,290,000				10,800,000
<b>Emergency Communications:</b>												
Console/Radio System Upgrade						2,500,000						2,500,000
<b>Economic &amp; Community Development:</b>												
Clean up of 28A Glen Road	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000
Town Match - Grants (opportunity)												
Fairfield Hills Authority:												
Assessment/Mobility/Safety Enhancements/Renovation/ Remediation/Demolition & Infrastructure				2,000,000	1,500,000	3,500,000						3,500,000
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation:</b>												
Tilson Artificial Turf Replacement	500,000					500,000	500,000					500,000
Pickleball Courts						290,000						290,000
Treadwell Artificial Turf and Lighting Replacement (800,000)												
Lake Lillimath Park Improvements					500,000	500,000						500,000
Rail Trail - Batchelder Park												
<b>Board of Fire Commissioners:</b>												
Tanker	575,000			535,000		1,110,000	575,000			535,000		1,110,000
Ladder Truck (two: one used; one refurbished)												
Engine Truck					800,000	800,000						800,000
Generators & Transfer Switches												
<b>Town Hall Board of Managers:</b>												
Edmond Town Hall Exterior Renovations		268,000				268,000						268,000
Edmond Town Hall Upgrades & Renovations - Theatre				250,000		250,000						250,000
Building Renovations (floor, walls, ceilings/meth lobby, tenant space)				450,000		450,000						450,000
Large Event Space Revitalization/Elevator Removal												
Plumbing/Radiator Renewal/Livable Communities Access Project												
<b>C.H. Booth Library</b>												
Library Building and Grounds Upgrades/Renovations/Expansion										700,000		700,000
<b>Memorial Commission</b>												
	2,000,000	2,000,000				4,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000				4,000,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL BONDING</b>	10,775,000	11,718,000	4,190,000	4,585,000	4,113,000	35,381,000	10,775,000	11,718,000	4,190,000	4,585,000	4,113,000	35,381,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDING</b>	13,375,000	14,068,000	6,790,000	7,435,000	7,713,000	49,381,000	13,375,000	14,068,000	6,790,000	7,435,000	7,713,000	49,381,000

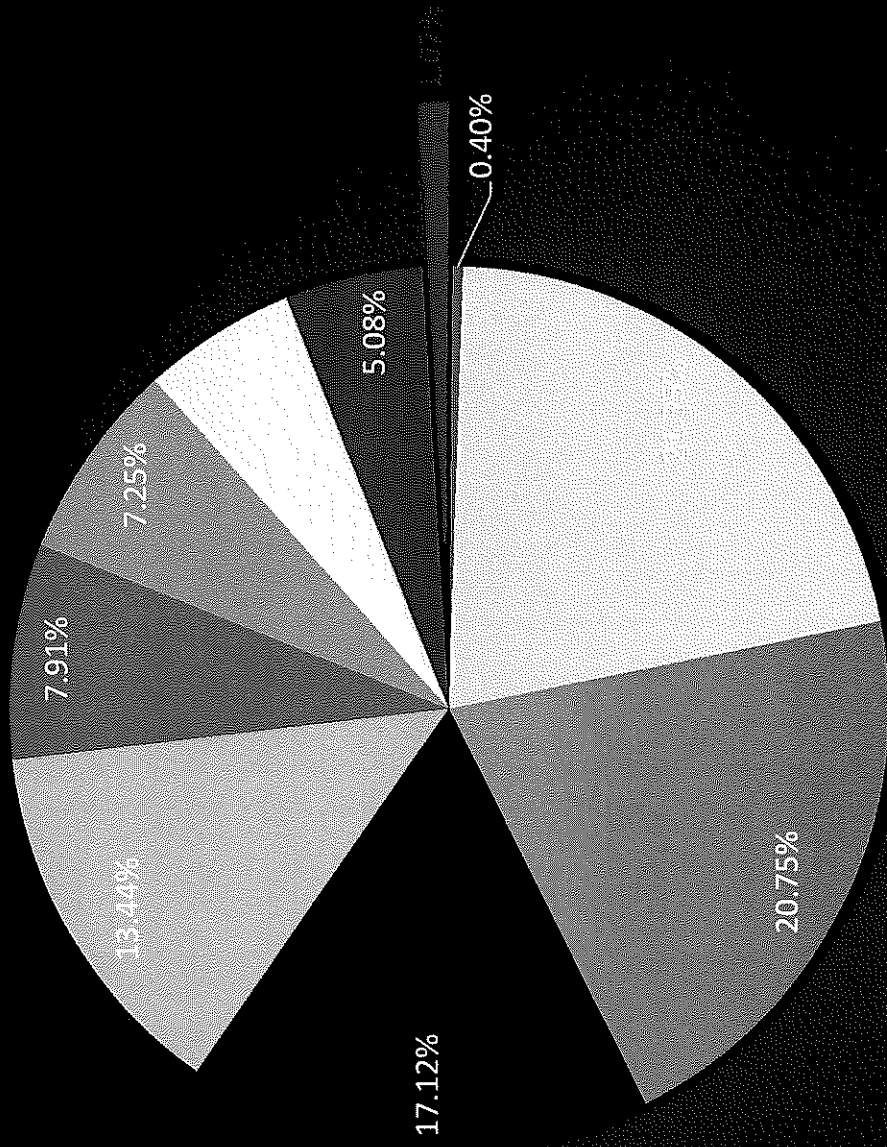
**1ST SELECTMAN PROPOSED PARKS & RECREATION CIP PLAN - 09/17/2018**

Department	Project #	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	'22/'23	'23/'24	'24/'25	'25/'26	'26/'27	'27/'28	'28/'29
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>											
Tilson Artificial Turf Replacement	P & R - 1	500,000									
Other		500,000									
Fairfield Hills Pickleball Courts	P & R - 2		290,000								
Bonding			290,000								
Treadwell Artificial Turf & Lighting Replacement	P & R - 3							800,000			
Bonding								800,000			
Other								250,000			
Rail Trail - Batchelder Park	P & R - 4							550,000			
Grants								550,000			
Lake Lillinonah Park Improvements	P & R - 5					500,000		1,400,000			
Other						500,000		1,400,000			
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Total</b>		<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BONDED PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS - 1ST SELECTMAN PROPOSED CIP PLAN - 09/17/2018**

Department	Project #	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	'22/'23	'23/'24	'24/'25	'25/'26	'26/'27	'27/'28	'28/'29
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>											
Tilson Artificial Turf Replacement	P & R - 1	500,000									
Other		500,000									
Fairfield Hills Pickleball Courts	P & R - 2			290,000							
Bonding				290,000							
Treadwell Artificial Turf & Lighting Replacement	P & R - 3							800,000			
Bonding								800,000			
Other								250,000			
Rail Trail - Batchelder Park	P & R - 4							550,000			
Grants								550,000			
Lake Lillinonah Park Improvements	P & R - 5					500,000		1,400,000			
Other						500,000		1,400,000			
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Total</b>		<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>P &amp; R Projects funded through Bonding</b>				<b>290,000</b>				<b>250,000</b>			
<b>Projects Funded through Other Sources</b>		<b>500,000</b>				<b>500,000</b>		<b>1,950,000</b>			

**1st Selectman Proposed 10 Year CIP Bonding**  
**\$50,591,000**  
**Department Allocation**



- Police
- Public Works
- Memorial Commission
- C.H. Booth Library
- Parks & Recreation
- Fairfield Hills Authority
- Emergency Communications
- Board of Fire Commissioners
- Town Hall Board of Managers
- Economic & Community Development



Newtown Bike and Trail Committee

**Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Newtown Bike and Trails Committee is to support the development, maintenance, and enjoyment of an interconnected set of sidewalks, trails, and roadways for recreational and non-motorized transportation uses. The Committee will work to assure that Newtown is a community where sidewalks, trails and roads provide a safe way for residents to travel, to connect with each other, and to enjoy both the town and the surrounding area by foot, bicycle, and on horseback.

Notwithstanding the above, the Committee is established pursuant to Section 2-115(e) of the Newtown Charter, and all actions thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Goals:

- Promote accessibility and use of recreational trails for the residents of Newtown
- Continue to prepare a comprehensive trail map of Newtown showing all public access, recreational trails including town owned as well as other organizations.
- Continue to develop a current "state of trails" information system in Newtown, more specifically town controlled land (number and location, have trails been established, have trails been mapped, etc.)
- Establish an interconnected network of footpaths and trails that connects all areas of Newtown.
- Identify existing trails public and private lands where possible,, located within the town of Newtown
- Partner with the town, private landowners, and neighboring groups to identify appropriate uses for those trails and roads.
- Suggest the development of additional trails that might enhance a network of trails and roads.
- Work with landowners to determine an appropriate level of public or neighborhood use of the trails on their land.
- Encourage the maintenance of trails and roads for recreational use and establish methods of maintaining or system of trails through volunteer "trail stewards" trail work groups, etc.
- Develop and update a trail management plan for trails that are under the town's control.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other town and community organizations on trail development and maintenance.
- Develop multi-use trails to include bicycles, pedestrians as well as other uses where deemed appropriate.
- Work cooperatively with other town departments/ boards/commissions and organizations to ensure that the committee can meet its goals.
- Seek appropriate funding and resources necessary to accomplish these goals.
- Develop a community outreach program which would solicit input and encourage support for the recreational Trails Program.

The committee shall have not more than seven members.

All members shall be approved and serve at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee should include representatives from the following:

1. One member from the Parks and Recreation Commission
2. One member from the Conservation Commission
3. Five members from the community at large

Subject to the provisions stated above, the Committee is empowered to appoint ad hoc committees to assist with special projects.

# Rosenthal Seeking Five Residents For Bike And Trail Panel

#4

BY JOHN VOKET

First Selectman Dan Rosenthal is planning to formalize a seven-member Newtown Bike and Trail Committee by early November and that will require the services of five resident volunteers who will serve beside representatives of the Conservation and the Parks & Rec commissions.

The first selectman introduced details of the Bike and Trail Committee concept to his board October 1 and is calling for any resident interested in participating to notify his office of their desire to serve by the end of the business day on Friday, October 26.

Residents can preferably e-mail their letter of interest to Executive Assistant Susan Marcinek (susan.marcinek@newtown-ct.gov) or drop their note in person to the First Selectman's Office at Newtown Municipal Center during normal weekday business hours.

Mr Rosenthal told *The Newtown Bee* that seating the committee is the culmination of efforts that began early this year following an exploratory meeting on the subject hosted by Parks & Rec Director Amy Mangold.

The issue of maintaining and enhancing local walking and bike trails is also a key component of Newtown's Healthy Community initiative, and was a subject of discussion during an April community meeting and brainstorming session held locally after Newtown was declared Connecticut's second AARP Age-Friendly Livable Community.

According to documentation presented by Mr Rosenthal to fellow selectmen this week, the panel's mission will be to support the development, maintenance, and enjoyment of an interconnected set of sidewalks, trails, and roadways for recreational and non-motorized transportation uses.

The committee will work to assure that Newtown is a community where sidewalks, trails, and roads provide a safe way for residents to travel, to connect with each other, and to enjoy both the town and the surrounding area by foot, bicycle, and on horseback.

The intention is to create and seat the committee as a permanent local body going forward. It would be established pursuant to Section 2-115(e) of the Newtown Charter. As such, all actions of the panel would be subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen.

The documentation lays out how the Bike and Trails Committee would initially address 15 specific goals:

- \*Promote accessibility and use of recreational trails for the residents of Newtown;

- \*Continue to prepare a comprehensive trail map of Newtown showing all public access, recreational trails, including town owned, as well as other organizations;

- \*Continue to develop a current "state of trails" information system in Newtown, more specifically town controlled land (number and location, have trails been established, have trails been mapped, etc);

- \*Establish an interconnected network of footpaths and trails that connects all areas of Newtown;

- \*Identify existing trails on public and private lands where possible, located within the town;

- \*Partner with the town, private landowners, and neighboring groups to identify appropriate uses for those trails and roads;

- \*Suggest the development of additional trails that might enhance a network of trails and roads;

- \*Work with landowners to determine an appropriate level of public or neighborhood use of the trails on their land;

- \*Encourage the maintenance of trails and roads for recreational use and establish methods of maintaining the system of trails through volunteer "trail stewards" trail work groups, etc;

- \*Develop and update a management plan for trails that are under town control;

- \*Coordinate and collaborate with other town and community organizations on trail development and maintenance;

- \*Develop multiuse trails to include bicycles and pedestrians, as well as other uses where deemed appropriate;

- \*Work cooperatively with other town departments, boards, commissions, and organizations to ensure that the committee can meet its goals;

- \*Develop a community outreach program which would solicit input and encourage support for the recreational Trails Program; and

- \*Seek appropriate funding and resources necessary to accomplish these goals.

To that end, Mr Rosenthal definitely sees an advantage for formulating the committee, as he believes it will better position both the panel and the town to seek and receive grant underwriting to deliver and/or maintain one or more of the aforementioned goals.

He mentioned that New Milford recently received \$170,000 in state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) funding tied to the remediation of brownfield sites along a proposed Housatonic River Greenway trail.

Once the first selectman has received and reviewed all letters of interest, he and the board of selectmen will approve and seat its participating members.

To help advise and accomplish their work, the committee will be authorized to appoint ad hoc committees as needed to assist with special projects.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

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

**FROM:** Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director – Parks

**DATE:** October 9, 2018

**RE:** Monthly park update and field report

The temperatures have moderated some but the wet weather continues. Natural field conditions continue to decline as play on these saturated fields is causing much more wear than normal. We are almost 12” over our average precipitation and we still have three months to go.

**Dickinson Park:** Fall sports are in full swing here. The saturated fields have kept groups scrambling to find playable areas

**Newtown Middle School:** The multi-purpose and softball fields remain the most playable here while the baseball and lower multi-purpose are day to day. We will see a lot more wear on fields this fall due to playing on such saturated fields. We continue to aerate and seed as much as possible.

**Orchard Hill:** No new news here

**Lake Lillinonah:** No new news here. The dock will be removed the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Glander Fields:** Fields are still being groomed on a regular basis when the weather allows. and the failed sump pump was replaced in the irrigation vault.

**Liberty Fields:** Fields are still being groomed on a regular basis when the weather allows.

**Oakview:** We have aerated and overseeded here. We need things to dry out some to see recovery.

**Tilson Field:** We met with two artificial surface vendors this past month and are awaiting proposals. Contracting replacement this early will ensure we get the timing we desire. One vendor estimated 4 weeks from start to finish while the other estimated 4-6.

**Treadwell Soccer/Softball:** We have struggled to keep TW softball open with the amount of rain we have had. We have struggled more to even mow some of these fields. The artificial fields remain busy.

**Walnut Tree:** This field is in decent shape as it is the one field that can handle the amount of rain we have had this summer.

After consulting with Winterberry Irrigation we can repurpose many of the SHES irrigation components as we had intended. Power remains the issue here, which was estimated to be in excess of 40K.

We can purchase a used military generator for \$6500 which would primarily serve as a power source for these pumps, but also serve other emergency needs, and potential event rental as well.

**Fairfield Hills:** Much of our time this past month has been dedicated to set up and break down for special events. The Cultural Arts Festival, Newtown Day and the third attempt at movie night. We have been over seeding a lot trying to keep up with turf loss. The newly coated and improved pickleball courts are completed and open for use.

**NHS Fields:** We have over seeded all of these fields and have been aerating as the weather allows

**Dog Park:** All of the dead trees and shrubs have been removed. A general clean up and fence repairs have been completed. Winterization of the splash pad and fountains will be coming in the next few weeks.

A weekend cleanup was scheduled for this past weekend as well.

**Treadwell Park:** The Treadwell lighting systems took a lightning hit this past month. Some electronic components and a modem were replaced and functional as of today.

The pool will be covered in the next couple of weeks.

One of the Zelkova trees has died and another is not looking great. We are doing some soil sampling to be sure soils are not to blame.

A small surface repair on the pickleball court will be completed next week, assuming its dry.

**Eichlers Cove Marina:** Docks will be removed starting October 15<sup>th</sup>. The lake will be lowered starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> this year so we have less time than normal to get them out.

The new docks and ADA ramp is scheduled for delivery between October 22 and Nov. 2.

**Sandy Hook School:** The field repairs are holding up well and playability is much better.

Staff:

- 384 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1672 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 23% loss in workforce.