

**Report of the Parks Commission  
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Report of the Recreation Commission  
2017**

Dunstable maintains two boards dedicated to the maintenance of public park spaces and supporting the use and enhancement of recreational activities and facilities. The Parks Commission has served the town for 107 years. Primary responsibilities of the Parks Commission include maintenance of the Town Common, Dunstable Fields located behind Swallow Union School, and Larter field. These facilities include the newly installed playground, four baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and the tennis courts to list some of the facilities available to the town's populace.

The Recreation Commission focuses on the scheduling of the athletic fields and working with the Groton Dunstable Youth Soccer and Baseball leagues to promote athletic opportunities for Dunstable's youth. Recreations also works to identify new recreational opportunities for the town's populace.

Parks and Recreations Commissions meet monthly frequently in joint session as many of the activities of the commissions are mutually supportive of each other.

The Parks and Recreations Commissioners have been very active in 2017. The commissioners meet monthly and have worked on a variety of improvements for the town and are actively making plans for more improvements. Significant accomplishments in the year include:

- Planning, procurement, and installation of new playground equipment behind Swallow Union School. The project was funded by CPA funds in the amount of \$226,656 which was approved by the Community Preservation Committee in April. The Town approved the expenditure at the May Town meeting. The new playground equipment was installed at the previous basketball court location. The new playground equipment provides modern and up-to-date safety compliant equipment. In addition to the new playground equipment, a new smaller basketball court was installed and new granite stairs replaced the outdated wooden stairs leading to the playground.
- The Recreation Commission hosted two movie nights at Larter field which were a great success.
- New tennis court nets were procured and installed. New basketball backboards and hoops were installed at the Larter field basketball court.
- Improvements and maintenance to the Larter field irrigation wells and pumps was accomplished to maintain the playing fields in top condition.

The Parks Commissioners works with the Summer Concerts Committee to ensure the Town Common is prepared for the concert series.

The Commissioners would like to acknowledge, Mr. David Greenwood, Mr. Philip DeNyse, Mr. Charles Lippman, Ms. Chrissy McLane, and Ms. Tiffany Naughton, for the support and

accomplishments of the Playground Subcommittee for their work managing and seeing to completion all the activities to bring the playground into reality.

The Commissioners would like to thank the Town Administrator, Ms. Hutton, for her assistance in supporting the activities of the two boards particularly for the efforts with the new playground, and the Community Preservation Committee for their support for the new playground.

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