July 7, 2020

Fm: Park Ranger To: Board of Selectman Cc: Parks & Rec. Commission, Public Works, Finance, Resident Trooper Re: Parks Report

Patrolling of Parks & Checking for Compliance

Patrolling Matthies Park, Riverbend and Toby's Pond twice a week; no issues to report. Public visitation to the three parks was very light over the 4th. of July weekend.

Matthies Park

Steve Moffat (Public Works) and I are working on the process for completing the installation of the park signs and message centers (Katharine Matthies Foundation Grant) and expect the project to be completed by the end of July. Posted new "Park Rules for Water Activities" at Matthies Park, Riverbend and Toby's Pond in several strategic locations within the parks. Everyone fishing has been in compliance in possessing a current fishing license.

Tobys Pond

Portions of the trail are in need of clearing, Steve Moffat and I to review and schedule the clearing. Kayakers are being checked for having their PFD's onboard or wearing them.

<u>Riverbend</u>

Everyone fishing has been in compliance in possessing a current fishing license and appropriate required Trout/Salmon stamps.

Social Distancing & Trail Etiquette Notices

The First Selectman and I posted a special social distancing notice on the town website prior to the 4th. of July weekend. The notice served as reminder for everyone visiting our parks to remain vigilant and to comply with the Governors executive orders.

Park Maintenance Program

Waiting on Conservation Commission to populate Lantern Ridge PM schedule .

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