

January 11, 2020

Fm: Park Ranger

To: Board of Selectman

Cc: Parks & Rec. Commission, Public Works, Finance, Resident Trooper

Re: Parks/Trails Report

### **Patrolling of Parks & Checking for Compliance**

Four patrols were conducted at the following parks: Matthies Park, Riverbend, Toby's Pond and Pent Road, totaling forty-seven miles.

### **Matthies Park**

We need to create a documented procedure which describes proof of residency sticker/permit; a process which includes the purchase price, enforcement and other controls to assure compliance with the existing posted park rules and then put it into an ordinance.

Winter safety notice posted regarding Carrington Pond.

### **Toby's Pond**

Decision to be made regarding making Toby's Pond residents only.

Winter safety notice posted regarding the pond.

### **Riverbend Park**

Nothing to report.

### **Park Closures/Opening**

There is a process in place for closing/opening of all town parks or a specific park. The same process applies for closing/opening of all the trails in one of our parks or a specific trail. Period of closure can range from hours to indefinitely; examples of these are the following:

- All parks were open after a snow storm several weeks ago with the exception of Toby's Pond; plowing would have torn up the road.
- The most recent winter storm produced icy conditions and all parks were temporally closed until noon.
- The Blue trail at Matthies Park is closed indefinitely.
- Public Works and the Park Ranger are in constant communications to assure the proper steps are in place to assure public safety. If there is a question with regards to a closure/opening, the First Selectman is updated and provides his input. This system has worked successfully and in fact CIRMA inquired as to our procedure and was satisfied with our process.

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