

March 8, 2021

Fm: Park Ranger

To: Board of Selectman

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

Re: February Parks/Trails Report

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

Patrols were conducted at the following parks: Matthies Park, Riverbend, Toby's Pond and Pent Road, totaling 23.5 miles.

### **Matthies Park**

Refreshing of all trail markings and review of trail obstructions/hazards to take place at the end of March in conjunction with Public Works. Remediation plan to follow if required.

A decision as to when we should have an official opening of the Message Centers should be placed on the calendar; the grant was awarded by the Katharine Matthies Foundation in 2019. Understanding issues then and the ongoing Covid-19/Variant issues at hand, we should at least plan a date or alternate date dependent on CDC guidelines and or weather conditions. Lots of variables here; just want to put it on the radar screen.

### **Toby's Pond**

Nothing to report.

### **Riverbend Park**

Nothing to report.

### **Park Closures/Opening**

Continue to post weather related closures and delayed openings on town website and various town associated Facebook sites. Closures/Opening posted in concert with our Department of Public Works.

### **Park Gate Security**

Steve Moffat and I have been working on a project to replace our old combination style lock system with a more secure and weather resistant lock. Steve ordered these locks and will distribute them under a key log control log once I have created the log sheet for key accountability.

Submitted by:

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