

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Newton Recreation Commission is made up of volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission is responsible for providing Recreation programs for Newton as well as maintaining the Town's Recreation Areas. The Commission includes 7 members, including one Selectman Ex-Officio representative, Bob Donovan. The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the back of Town Hall; meetings start at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public. We welcome Deb Holden and Gary Nelson who are new to Recreation this year.

The summer swim program and Town Beach management was again directed by Newton resident Jon Holden. Jon managed the Newton swim program as well as the Town Beach. In 2007 we had one swim session. We again had issues with water quality as the state closed the beach due to algae. We want to thank Newton Health Officer Robert Leverone for his help working with the State and Jon Holden in communicating the status of the water quality.

We want to thank the Newton Girl Scouts and leaders Lisa Babcock and Yvette Nicol who organized and ran the Town Easter Egg Hunt. We would like to also thank the Newton Boy Scouts and Scoutmaster Paul Taylor for running a very successful Town Halloween Party. Newton Boy Scout Troop 91 has run this event for 16 years.

This year our Newton Family Fall Fair was the best in years. Newton Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts helped run events. The Newton Historical Society had a delicious demonstration on cider production. The Newton Police and Fire Departments had wonderful demonstrations. Recreation members Nancy Slombo, Gary Nelson, Deb Holden and Deb Stewart coordinated all the events for this year's Fair. Special thanks go to the Newton Police in helping with our fun run.

The Recreation Commission will continue to focus on upgrading Greenie Park in 2008 and look forward to help and comments from the Residents.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Bailey, Chairman