

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Milton Chow.....	2004
Edward Sterling.....	2005
Elaine Davis.....	2005
Martha Fitzgerald.....	2006
Carol Airey.....	2006

Person's Park: The public used the dock to launch row boats and canoes. DPW will improve road access to the waterfront for spring 2004.

Memorial Field: Annual maintenance such as liming, reseeding and fertilizing has been done. The old swingset has been removed for safety reasons and a contemporary model will be erected in the spring 2004.

Derby Field: This field has been released for public use for the Lord's Acre Festival and by the Bolton Fair, Bolton Youth Soccer and Florence Sawyer and Emerson Schools.

Cellular Tower Field: This field has been fenced and mowed by DPW to provide us with another practice field for soccer, and has also been used by local lacrosse teams.

Forbush Mill Road Field: This field has been seeded and will be ready for it's first season of play in the spring of 2004.

Town Beach: Lifeguard and swim program sponsored as it has in years past. A beach sticker program was instituted to control out-of-town usage of the beach.

Pond Park: Due to the extremely cold weather, the skating pond near Emerson School came to life in December, thanks to the efforts of Milton Chow and Main Street resident Roland Ochsenein who cleared brush and kept the ice surface well groomed.

Holiday events: Easter was celebrated with the usual children's "Easter egg hunt" for candy. Halloween saw over 100 children march in the fireman's parade to Sawyer School, with glow sticks and candy handed out at the Fire Station. However, Santa's visit to Town Hall was canceled due to numerous conflicts with other holiday events.

Financial Statement
July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Parks/Recreation Wages

Appropriated	\$8,700.00
Expended	<u>\$7,200.50</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund	\$1,499.50

Parks/Recreation Expenses

Appropriated	\$4,125.00
Expended	
Purchase of Service	\$1,673.36
Equipment	730.94
Supplies	715.86
	<u>\$3,120.16</u>
Unexpected balance returned to general fund	\$1,004.84

Parks Expenses

Appropriated	\$2,475.00
Expended	
Purchase of Service	1,800.88
Electric	466.67
Telephone	188.40
	<u>\$2,455.95</u>
Unexpected balance returned to general fund	\$ 19.05

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

James "Russ" Fitch, VSO

2003 has brought changes to the Department. The Town has a new Veterans' Service Officer (VSO). A visible VSO is in place to serve the increasing number of Veterans and/or Dependents.

Direct payments from State and Federal Agencies paid to Veterans and/or Dependents residing in Bolton was in excess of \$380,000.00. Fortunately, payments made by the Town directly were zero or a slight amount. The VSO was able to find funds or physical items from State and/or Federal agencies. Additional duties performed by the VSO during the year 2003 included burial assistance and benefits, direction for aid (i.e. medical, shelter, educational) and job opportunities. Visits to schools for much appreciated Veterans' Acknowledgement and Remembrance Days were enjoyed by the VSO

The needs of Veterans and their Departments will increase in the foreseeable future on several fronts due to attrition and existing World conflicts. The Department of Veterans' Services will be here to Serve you 100%.

Thank you, The People, for supporting the VETERANS.