

Eric Sonnett – Candidate Statement – Parks & Recreation Commission

Fellow Hopkintonians,

My name is Eric Sonnett and I am running for re-election as a Hopkinton Parks and Recreation Commissioner. I have served in this capacity for the past three years. During my term the Commission achieved significant accomplishments. Sandy Beach has been completely refurbished and a new rest room and storage facility added. The boat ramp has been repaired and a new boat dock will be added this year. The Claflin Fountain on the Town Common has been historically restored and is now a focal point of the Common. The Fruit Street fields are undergoing a major upgrade with new facilities for rest rooms, concessions, storage, storm shelter and off season indoor sports practice space. Upgrades are also planned for parking and parking lot safety. A new dog park on the town owned Hughes Property is planned for the upcoming year.

As a Park and Recreation Commissioner I also serve on the Upper Charles Trail Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Lake Maspenock Weed Management Committee, Irving / Todaro Property Management Committee and the Claflin Fountain Committee. Previously, I served as the Chairman of the Board Selectmen, DPW Board and DPW advisory Committee. I have also served on the Conservation Committee and been a Water and Sewer Commissioner. These committees are integral to achieving the goals of Parks and Recreation. Additionally, major progress has been made in stabilizing the fees for the Parks and Rec Programs.

In order to continue the progress of our Parks and Recreation Department I ask for your vote at the town election on May 16.

Thanks for your consideration.