

## Kathleen Ramsay

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**From:** John Tenny <jtenny@millbridgeconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:19 PM  
**To:** Kathleen Ramsay  
**Cc:** Nancy Malcolm  
**Subject:** RE: Middlebury Rec Park entrance

Kathleen,

I was disappointed by the comments reported in the draft minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting. They reflect a clear ignorance or disregard for the Town Plan and the Planning Commission's efforts for many years to improve and expand the network of sidewalks throughout the Town. The 2017 draft Town Plan update, which continues the priorities of the 2012 plan states "... it is important that we encourage local street connectivity between new neighborhoods and between new commercial developments - for cars as well as cyclists and pedestrians." The Transportation section of the plan includes numerous recommendations for improvements to the pedestrian walkways, and cites the importance of maintaining and completing the links in the network.

That is the point I was making in in calling attention to the repairs needed in the Rec Park. Careful planning of both the Shaw's and Mahady Couthouse developments included pedestrian walkways to the park and on to Mary Hogan School. Failure to maintain the walks through the Rec Park creates a break in the links and discourages the pedestrian use we are trying to promote.

I ask that you share these thoughts with the Board and Infrastructure Committee, along with the Transportation section of the Town Plan.

Thank you,

John

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From: Kathleen Ramsay [mailto:KRamsay@TownOfMiddlebury.org]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:01 PM

To: 'John Tenny'

Subject: RE: Middlebury Rec Park entrance

Hi John,

Thank you, John, I will pass your e-mail along to the Selectboard and the Infrastructure Committee.

The condition of the walks and drainage came up under Citizens Comments at the last Infrastructure Committee Meeting on March 9th. Here are the draft minutes from that meeting.

[http://www.townofmiddlebury.org/document\\_center/Boards%20Commissions/Infrastructure%20Comm/2018%20Minutes/Infrastructure%20Committe%203-9-18.pdf](http://www.townofmiddlebury.org/document_center/Boards%20Commissions/Infrastructure%20Comm/2018%20Minutes/Infrastructure%20Committe%203-9-18.pdf)

Thanks again!

Kathleen

-----Original Message-----

From: John Tenny [mailto:jtenny@millbridgeconstruction.com]

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 11:07 AM

To: Kathleen Ramsay <KRamsay@TownOfMiddlebury.org>

Subject: FW: Middlebury Rec Park entrance

Kathleen,

The attached photos show the deplorable condition of the walkway at the entrance to the Middlebury Rec Park. This walk which also serves Mary Hogan School has been underwater and impassable most of the winter, and is commonly flooded with each rain. This condition has persisted for at least the last twenty years with no Town interest or effort at improvement.

Likewise, the gravel walkway to the Teen Center, Sports Center and Pool is a soupy, puddled mess much of the year, and also has received little or no attention for many years.

The Town needs to renew its commitment to its recreation programs and demonstrate that we take pride in the work of the Rec Department. Fixing these conditions and sprucing up the entrance would be a small, but important first step. Please share my thoughts with thw Board.

Thank you,

John

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From: John Tenny [mailto:[jtenny@millbridgeconstruction.com](mailto:jtenny@millbridgeconstruction.com)]

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 10:36 AM

To: John Tenny

Subject: Middlebury Rec Park entrance