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Mr. Gino A. Cresta, Jr.
Director of Public Works
Town of Swampscott

December 5, 2017

RE: Path from Phillips Park parking lot to Eiseman's Beach

Dear Gino:

Thank you for taking time on September 15th to visit various open space sites in town with Open Space & Recreation Committee members Jim Olivetti and Toni Bandrowicz. This letter follows up on that visit.

With regard to the condition of the path running from the rear of the Phillips Park parking lot to Puritan Road, crossing at Johnson Park and Eiseman's Beach, you agreed that there was considerable need for improvement.

Specifically:

- The path should be filled and graded, to eliminate ruts and remove pieces of semi-submerged concrete, etc., that impede safe use of the path, particularly for the elderly and disabled.
- As well, the path should be provided with a uniform surface material, such as stone dust.
- Existing curbing at the Phillips Park end of the path needs to be removed to allow for a more level access to the path.
- The existing asphalt to the left of the path as you face the beach needs to be removed (in such a manner as to limit damage to existing trees) to allow the woods to reclaim the area up to the path.

These improvements support the *Open Space & Recreation Plan 2013-2020* objectives of improving ADA accessibility and opening public ways and access to Swampscott's open spaces. Additionally, creating a more maintained and attractive entrance to one of the town's "crown jewels", Eiseman's Beach, would complement the investment the town has made in the new artificial turf field athletic complex and associated playground.

At the September 15th site visit, you indicated that you felt the work described above could be done with current resources available to the DPW, with a target completion date by the start of the 2018 beach season.

Please let the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee know how we can be of assistance to you in completing this important project.

Tania Lillak
Chairperson, OS&RPC