

Monkton Recreation Committee
Sunday, May 2, 2021
4:00 to 5:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted via zoom and phone

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Tim Hunt, Paul Low, Adam Crary, Ed Cook, Rick Imes

Others Present: Deb Gaynor

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

2. Deb Gaynor, on behalf of the Dog Park Committee, provided a brief update on the dog park and its calendar of events. The committee is planning a grand opening on May 22 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Also planning a workshop with a dog training on June 5 from 11 AM to 12 PM. Currently there are no conflicts with any other uses of Morse Park. Low will be the contact for the committee for event scheduling purposes. Committee is also bringing in a load of wood chips for the entry paddock and to fill holes within the enclosures.

3. Review and approval of April 5, 2021 meeting minutes: Low's name has a misspelling, which will be corrected throughout. No other changes or modifications to the minutes. **Low made a motion to approve the minutes. Cook seconded. All were in favor (6-0-0).**

4. Conservation Commission proposed management plan: Rec Committee members reviewed the draft plan. General concerns with how the park is defined within the document, and whether that conflicts with existing definitions in the Town Plan. Other general concerns with risk of binding the Town to a voluntary management plan, and the need for flexibility as conditions or use/development desires change. Additional concerns with impacts, both regulatory and environmental, from altering the mowing schedule on the current landscape, and impacts from abandoning mowing altogether, as well as the Rec Committee being made responsible for invasive plant removal. Zaikowski will incorporate

comments into the draft plan, circulate for review, and contact the Conservation Commission to determine how to move forward with discussions.

5. Ideas for Morse Park community events: Imes provided a powerpoint presentation on potential approaches to expanding community offerings through the Rec Committee. For example, seminars, lectures, and instructional classes. General agreement from members that this is worth developing. Imes to identify 2 - 3 more specific ideas to continue exploring options for offerings.
6. Baseball: Hunt has organized a fundraiser for May 8. All four of the team's seasons have started.
7. AU: Zaikowski advised he spoke with AU earlier in the month, and AU is still interested in pursuing use of Morse Park in the summer and fall. General agreement from members that the Committee should continue pursuing use. Zaikowski to contact AU and provide an updated draft agreement.
8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski