

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, October 4, 2021
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Rick Imes, Tim Hunt
Other guests: Cathy Buscaglia, Monkton Dog Park Committee

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
 - a. Prior to taking up agenda items, Buscaglia updated the Committee on dog park activities: the shade structure project has been approved by the Vermont Housing Conservation Board, and is awaiting Division of Historic Preservation site assessment, hoping to start construction this fall. They are also planning to bring in a load of mulch to fill in some low spots in the paddock area.

2. Review and approval of September meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes. Low seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

3. Fall Soccer: A special thanks to Ben Rapheal of Wooden Hammer, who sponsored the jerseys for this year. The committee anticipates being able to use them for other rec sports programs and teams, and this generosity is greatly appreciated. Recruiting volunteers to help with coaching has been and continues to be a challenge. The committee anticipates looking at ways to improve outreach to recruit volunteers for next year.

4. Morse Park Baseball field update: Hunt provided a general update that the field, bases, and outfield have been laid out, and we continue to await installation and addition of these items and infield material. MAUSD has been contacted again to try to get the project completed before fall.

5. Brush removal/hogging at Morse Park and Rec Field: Low made contact with Brian Barrows on brush hogging the areas of Morse Park that have traditionally

been hayed. Barrows is able to do it as part of his other mowing at the park this year for \$300.00. **Hunt moved to accept this proposal. Low seconded. All were in favor 4-0-0.** At the Rec Field, the first base line and outfield needs brush removal and hogging to reclaim those areas. Low also spoke with Brian Barrows to determine if he could do the work but needs to take a look. Another individual (Brian Peck) potentially offered to volunteer his time to do the work. The committee will follow up with Mr. Peck to see if this is viable.

6. Activity fees lost during the pandemic: For its next meeting, the committee will evaluate its budget and fees collected in prior years in order to develop a report for submission to the Selectboard for consideration of recouping lost fees through the ARPA program.

7. Basketball Court: a member of the community asked the committee via email whether installation of a basketball court was possible. Given the anticipated costs, it would not be feasible at this time to pursue this type of project.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski