

**Monkton Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, January 2, 2023**  
**7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Meeting conducted at New Town Hall**

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Rick Imes, Adam Crary

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
  
2. Review and approval of December Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Low made a motion to approve December minutes. Crary seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**
  
3. Town Report Submission: Members reviewed the draft report. Low suggested shrinking the photos down so they fit on two pages rather than three. Low will send along a photo from the football jamboree for inclusion. Zaikowski has circulated an email to parents regarding use of photos, asking that if parents don't want their child's photo in the Town Report, to advise by January 10. Once the report is finalized, Zaikowski will submit to the Town.
  
4. 2023 Budget: Members reviewed the prior year's budget and actual numbers, and this year's budget proposal. Low suggested reducing the activity fee estimate down to \$2,000 based on the downward trend seen in prior years, with the donation estimate increased to \$1,100, based on the upward trend seen in prior years. Last year's budget requested \$7,500, which was used to cover mowing costs at the Morse Park athletic fields, and the Rec Field. Previously Four Hills Farm hayed the non-athletic areas of both properties for free, in exchange for the hay. Due to the shift in frequency of mowing the non-athletic areas of Morse Park, Four Hills elected not to continue haying. The Rec Committee then had to solicit assistance from the mowing contractor, who charged an additional fee. Additional funds will therefore be needed for the upcoming year to cover this added cost and other expenses not covered by activity or rental fees. **Zaikowski made a motion to submit the budget**

**proposal with a request for \$8,500. Imes seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

5. ARPA project ideas: Members discussed various ideas from prior meetings. Imes and Low will put together cost proposals for improvements/enhancements to the Morse Park walking path, Exercise Stations, Lower Ball field work, and pump track to be located adjacent to the Lower Ball field's outfield. Crary will forward a punch list of ball field work and potential project ideas for the Rec Field. The Committee will review the proposals at an upcoming meeting.
  
6. Morse Park Management Plan: Zaikowski and Crary circulated the plan with their comments to the committee members. Imes identified one aspect of the Plan to revisit was the collaboration/consultation piece, and potentially clarifying that process. Zaikowski will make some additional changes and forward the draft to the members, and then to the Conservation Commission.
  
7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski