

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, November 4, 2024
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: Sarah Bouchard, Adam Crary, Rick Imes, Paul Low, John Zaikowski
Others Present: Cathie Buscaglia

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
2. Review and approval of October meeting minutes: **Bouchard made a motion to approve October 7 minutes. Low seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**
3. Monkton Community Dog Park updates: Buscaglia discussed current mowing of dog park, done by contractor (Barrows), who also mows the other areas of Morse Park, in addition to other Town properties. The Monkton Community Dog Park has a separate contract for mowing the dog park, which is approximately \$1,100. This is paid for through their fundraising efforts, but has become increasingly challenging. The Dog Park Committee is asking whether the Rec Committee would be willing to take on this expense. The Rec Committee will evaluate the cost further in light of its own budget, revisit the issue at a future meeting, and potentially evaluate the cost further when the mowing contract goes out for bid in the spring.
4. 2025 Budget: Zaikowski presented the proposed budget to other members. General discussion about activity fees and rentals being down, various expenses, and the appropriate amount to request. **Zaikowski made a motion to accept the budget proposal with a request for \$8,500. Low seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**
5. Morse Park Management Plan: Zaikowski advised that the Conservation Commission agreed to the Committee's prior comments and requested changes related to management decisions and the map. Zaikowski provided a brief overview of the plan. Members discussed how to approach next steps in the process, and generally identified that the plan should go to the Selectboard next for its awareness and consideration, followed by an opportunity for the public to

come to the Rec Committee's next regular meeting with comments, a public comment period, and then submission to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for review/approval. **Zaikowski made a motion to approve the draft plan and provide it to the Selectboard for its consideration. Low seconded. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**

6. ARPA project updates: Imes has identified a vendor for the exercise station equipment, and anticipates ordering the equipment in the next several months for storage over the winter, in anticipation of installation during the 2025 construction season. Crary identified several remaining items identified in the proposal to purchase for use at the lower ballfield and rec field. Anticipated purchases will be this upcoming spring in advance of little league season.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski