

**Monkton Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, December 2, 2024**  
**7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting conducted at New Town Hall**

Members Present: Sarah Bouchard, Tim Hunt, Rick Imes, Paul Low, John Zaikowski  
Others Present: Ralph Fitz-Gerald

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
  
2. Review and approval of November meeting minutes: **Low made a motion to approve November 4 minutes. Hunt seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**
  
3. Morse Park Management Plan - public comment: Ralph Fitz-Gerald asked about the basketball/pickleball hardcourt project. Zaikowski advised it was identified in the draft Plan. Members discussed their general understanding of the current status of the project, that the Town was awaiting a draft contract from the contractor to review. Fitz-Gerald and Committee members also generally discussed ARPA projects at the Rec Field, unrelated to the Management Plan.
  
4. Basketball: Zaikowski provided an overview of the upcoming season: K-2 sessions to start Saturday, 3-4 co-ed to start practices Tuesday, and 5-6 boys to start practices Wednesday. Only 2 girls registered for 5-6 so they will be joining the Starksboro 5-6 girls team. Zaikowski advised that the program had enough basketballs and jerseys for this year, however basketballs and jerseys will likely need to be replaced next year.
  
5. Use of boulders at Morse Park parking lot: Committee Members discussed recent unauthorized vehicle entry at Morse Park, as well as historical issues at the Rec Field, and the need to attempt to deter this activity. Zaikowski advised he had spoken to Shane at the Town Highway Department. They had a supply of large boulders that could be brought in if we identified where to place them. Members discussed the possibility of placing them at the Pond Road parking lot, and along the open area just north of the parking lot. Members also discussed

the possibility of placing boulders along Hollow Road at the Rec Field. **Zaikowski made a motion that the Rec Committee request the Town Highway Department place boulders at the Pond Road Parking lot, the open area to the north of the Pond Road Parking lot, and at the Rec Field along Hollow Road. Bouchard seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**

6. ARPA project updates: Imes and Low are evaluating installation costs for the exercise station equipment.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski