

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, March 3, 2025
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Draft Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: Ed Cook, Tim Hunt, Paul Low, John Zaikowski

Others Present: Cathie Buscaglia, Devin Mason

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Review and approval of January meeting minutes: **Hunt made a motion to approve the January 6 minutes. Cook seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (4-0-0).**

3. Monkton Community Dog Park: Buscaglia advised the dog park continues to do well and is in use year-round. 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 Recreation Committee would be willing to take on this expense. Members identified the value the dog park has brought to the community, and the need to balance that value with its ability to absorb this type of expense. Members also discussed options for taking on the expense, including cost sharing options. **Zaikowski made a motion to have the Recreation Committee take on the mowing expense for 2025, with the Recreation Committee and Dog Park Committee re-evaluating funding options for 2026. Low seconded. All were in favor. (4-0-0).**

4. Upcoming Little League Season: Recreation Committee will have little league coordinators attend an upcoming meeting to ensure the program is ready for the season.

5. Spring cleaning/equipment prep day for Morse Park and Rec field ballfields: Recreation Committee will coordinate with little league coaches and coordinator to schedule prep days once field conditions allow.

6. Morse Park Management Plan: Zaikowski advised that the Selectboard signed the Management Plan at its meeting on January 28, 2025. VHCB, which had previously reviewed and approved the Plan, advised that it does not need to sign the Plan, therefore the Plan is final.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski