

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, June 2, 2025
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: Sarah Bouchard, Rick Imes, Paul Low, John Zaikowski, Devin Mason, Tim Hunt

Others Present: Cathie Buscaglia, Jaime Schulte, Sue Stasny

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

3. Dog Park Committee fundraising: Buscaglia discussed possible fund raising ideas that the Dog Park and Recreation Committees could collaborate on. One idea was an ice-out raffle on Monkton Pond, similar to raffle conducted on Joe's Pond. This would need further investigation on planning and setup. Mason will coordinate with Buscaglia, and reach out to other community members around Monkton Pond who may also have an interest.

4. Little League USA structure: Kristin Blanchette was unable to attend, and this item will be taken up at a future meeting.

5. Bobolink Project: Schulte and Stasny provided an overview of the Bobolink Project, with the goal to increase awareness of grassland bird nesting at Morse Park and to obtain a sign(s) from the Bobolink Project to post at the Park. Members reviewed the proposed agreement, which is limited duration during the 2025 nesting season. Members had comments regarding redefining who is the "farmer" in the document, as the Conservation Commission (which is currently identified in the document) doesn't have signatory or management authority for the Park. Members discussed that it could be the Recreation Committee or the Town Selectboard that could sign, but preferably the Town as the agreement contemplates land use restrictions on Town property. Schulte and Stasny agreed to make the change. Termination and compensation clauses also discussed, but members agreed those clauses didn't need to be modified under the circumstances. **Hunt made a motion to approve the Bobolink Project**

Agreement, subject to redefining “farmer” from the Conservation Commission to “The Town of Monkton Selectboard.” Imes seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (6-0-0).

6. ARPA project updates: Zaikowski advised that the Morse Park walking path project is anticipated for late summer/fall depending on weather/ground conditions. Low advised disc golf stations are being laid out and exercise equipment is on order with anticipated delivery in several months.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski