

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

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

Others Present: Ralph FitzGerald, Terrie FitzGerald, Kevin Lambert, Rick Kinsman

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
  
2. Review and approval of August 13 meeting minutes: **Low made a motion to approve the August 13 minutes. Crary seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (7-0-0).**
  
3. Hardcourt project updates: Ralph and Terrie FitzGerald and Kevin Lambert on behalf of the hardcourt subcommittee discussed status of hardcourt project. Hardcourts are in and are being used. Next steps are to seal, paint, and line them. Three quotes were received - \$11K for just the materials to do ourselves, \$20K from Vermont Tennis Court Association, and \$37K from Pine State. The hardcourt subcommittee has \$2,500 remaining from its prior fundraising efforts, and they will continue to explore fundraising opportunities. Committee members asked about longevity between the DIY and contractor methods, but unknown. Subcommittee indicated that the work could be done through October, but after that, temperatures would likely not allow for work. Subcommittee's understanding from talking to contractors is that the work could wait until 2026, and would not impact/damage the current surfaces. Low advised he had a painting contractor he will contact who might have knowledge of the process and could help inform decisions on next steps. Crary suggested reaching out to the MAUSD facilities manager for assistance. Subcommittee also discussed need to install fencing adjacent to the pickleball courts. Low advised he has fencing material that he will donate and install.
  
4. Rec ballfield infield refurbishment: Kinsman advised that Matt McCaskill can donate seed, topsoil, and fertilizer to repair the Rec baseball field's infield grass. They are looking to do it in the coming weeks. Members agreed work to raise and repair the infield was needed. Kinsman will coordinate the work and keep the Rec Committee informed.

5. ARPA project updates: Low advised disc golf stations have been set up, and he is building an equipment box. Exercise station equipment has been delivered. Low is looking to begin installation work, but concerns with current proposed location discussed given archeological issues in the proposed area. Members discussed alternate locations, including on the playing field adjacent to the volley ball court and hardcourts. Walking path project is anticipated for late fall once the exercise stations have been installed, but if ground conditions are not conducive, it may need to wait until next construction season. **Hunt made a motion to authorize Low to install exercise station equipment on the playing field, adjacent to and north of the volleyball court in order to avoid archeological resources in the originally proposed location. Mason seconded. All were in favor. (7-0-0).**

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski