

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, October 6, 2025
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

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

Others Present: Ralph FitzGerald, Terrie FitzGerald, Kevin Lambert, Mike Casey

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

2. Review and approval of September 8 meeting minutes: **Hunt made a motion to approve the September 8 minutes. Bouchard seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**

3. Rec ballfield infield refurbishment and scoreboard: Zaikowski advised that the infield at the rec field baseball field has been replaced and re-seeded. A special thanks to Matt MacAskill and Rick Kinsman for coordinating and conducting the work. Zaikowski also discussed the need to replace the rec field scoreboard controller, which was stolen some time over the winter/early spring. Low had previously located a replacement. Without a controller, the scoreboard cannot be used. **Zaikowski made a motion to authorize Low to purchase a replacement scoreboard controller, not to exceed \$400. Hunt seconded. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**

4. Fall recreation facilities cleanup: Members generally discussed cleanup tasks and equipment storage needed in advance of winter at the Rec Field and Morse Park, and this item will be revisited again at the November meeting.

5. ARPA 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 previously received and reviewed. The \$20K quote from Vermont Tennis Court Association is open until May/June. Members asked about paint longevity and the understanding is that it will last approximately 8-10 years. Lambert discussed grant funding options and the need to match/leverage funds. The Rec Committee provided its general support for pursuing the Vermont Tennis

Court Association proposal, contingent on obtaining funding. The hardcourt subcommittee will continue to explore fundraising opportunities, and come back to the Rec Committee's November meeting for further discussion on funding options. Low is looking to begin exercise station equipment installation. Members discussed potential locations. At its prior meeting, the Rec Committee identified a location adjacent to and north of the volleyball court, however Bouchard and Mason indicated some of that area has value as a 1-2 soccer field, and would like to re-evaluate the installation location, including in and around the Pavilion. **Zaikowski made a motion to authorize installation of the exercise station equipment at a location in and around the Pavilion area. Hunt seconded. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**

6. Other: Imes discussed a potential project involving construction and installation of bluebird boxes around Morse Park. He discussed the idea with Troop 525 Scoutmaster George Parker, who indicated an interest in having Scouts work on the project. Imes estimated ten (10) boxes, and he will contact Parker to discuss submission of a proposal for the Committee's review.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski