

MONKTON SELECTBOARD SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
(Approved 2/25/25)

The meeting was called to order by Marikate Kelley at 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Walter Crandall, John McNerney, Marikate Kelley (acting chair), Joe Szarejko

Members absent: none

Others in attendance: Stan Wilbur (town administrator), Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Beverly Soychak, Theresa Payea, Paul Bertalan, Tom Steadman, Jenny Austin, Stephen Pilcher, Marilyn Cargill, and other members of the public.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING:

MONKTON BIKE/PED SCOPING STUDY DRAFT REPORT

J. Austin explained the draft of the scoping study. She noted that the purpose was to identify and evaluate alternative infrastructure options for bike and pedestrian travel around Cedar Lake. The study was largely funded by a grant from VTrans. The process began in 2023 by looking at existing conditions and general characteristics including environmental mapping. Archaeological and historical resources were examined. Some infrastructure options included: Monkton road, bike lane on both sides of road, widening road, or 5' sidewalk on north side of road, which would need a boardwalk; Pond Road, eastern side of road, a 5' aggregate with a 5' buffer, or 8' with a 5' buffer; Rotax Road, 5' sidewalk with 5' buffer, pave road with 4' bike lane on both sides, Davis Road and the Ridge, 5' curbed sidewalk or 4' bike lanes on both sides; 8' path in Morse Park. An evaluation matrix summarized all the alternatives and considerations. J. Austin summed up the community survey responses from 2024, a survey that opened after the public informational meeting in August of 2024. Thirty responses were received. The priority identified from the survey was Monkton road; Monkton Ridge/Davis Road was second. Pricing for all of the various alternatives ranged from \$0 to \$900,000 to \$6,500,000. Next steps will be finalizing the scoping study.

B. Soychak asked if a bike path was just for bikes? It was explained that it would be for all uses. B. Soychak mentioned erosion issues. Concern about runoff into the pond was expressed. T. Steadman asked if the survey was sent in the mail? The response was that it was electronic. T. Steadman expressed concern about the survey response numbers. Is the speed on Monkton Road going to be addressed? asked P. Bertalan. It was answered that the town was aware of the speed issues. The survey is still open, it was noted. It may be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MonktonBikePed-Alternatives>

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T. Payea asked about the timeline. It was noted that the survey can stay open but the scoping study is wrapping up. T. Payea asked about street lighting for safety? It was noted that that issue had not come up.

M. Kelley closed the special meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt