

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, April 6, 2026
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: Sarah Bouchard, Rick Imes, Devin Mason, John Zaikowski

Others Present: Paul Low

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

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

3. Basketball season debrief: Zaikowski provided a brief overview of the season. Overall the season was a success. K-2, 3-4 co-ed, 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys teams were fielded. The 5/6 boys team took third place in the Middlebury Tournament, and won the 5-Town Tournament Championship.

4. Upcoming Little League season Rec Field: Mason discussed teams to be fielded. Farm, minors, and majors teams. Per Crary's update, Mason and Bouchard advised they went over to the Rec Field and confirmed boulders had been placed around the field. The hope is these will sufficiently deter unauthorized vehicle access. The Town Highway Department also provided a load of topsoil to be used as part of the repairs. Given the extensive damage, further work will need to be done to repair the field for play. Based on members assessments and discussions with other volunteers, it is unlikely the field will be playable until later in the spring.

5. Blue bird boxes and benches at Morse Park: Imes advised he has been working with Monkton Troop 525. Seven (7) blue bird boxes have been constructed, and they will be placing them along the perimeter of the park in the next several weeks. Imes also discussed the idea of placing benches along the walking path. Zaikowski suggested reaching out to the Troop to see if they are interested in this as a service project.

6. ARPA project updates: Walking path work will be planned once ground conditions allow, hopefully this summer or early fall. The exercise station installation is planned for late spring.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski