

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, August 31, 2026
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Draft Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: Sarah Bouchard, Tim Hunt, Devin Mason, John Zaikowski

Others Present: Cathie Buscaglia, Deb Gaynor, Rick Kinaman

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Other: Buscaglia and Gaynor attended the meeting to discuss Dog Park expenses. Approximately \$100 annually/every 18 months on trash can liners, \$135 annually/every 18 months on dog waste bags, and \$50 annually on grass seed. The Rec Committee will evaluate these as part of its upcoming budget proposal exercise. The Rec Committee also asked for a copy of the park's maintenance plan to evaluate potential future infrastructure maintenance needs and costs.
2. Review and approval of August 31 meeting minutes: **Hunt made a motion to approve the August 3 minutes. Mason seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (4-0-0).**
3. Soccer season updates: Bouchard and Kinsman advised that soccer registration is complete - approximately 74 K-6 graders registered. Equipment needs have been addressed. Practices will begin this Tuesday.
4. Facility Use policy: The Committee generally discussed use of recreation facilities, and will utilize the Town's facility use form and policy going forward. Bouchard will review the materials and update them as needed.
5. Electronic payments: The Town has established and put into use an electronic payment platform. The Rec Committee has utilized it for this year's soccer registration with success, and anticipates further use for other programs going forward.

6. Grant opportunities: The Committee generally discussed the availability of state recreational grant opportunities, and will look to future opportunities to apply for those as specific needs and projects arise.
7. ARPA project updates: No updates
8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski