

**TOWN OF CANAAN**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 21, 2026 @ 9:30AM**

Town Hall

108 Main St., Falls Village, CT 06031

**IN PERSON**

**MEETING MINUTES**

- *In attendance:* First Selectman Dave Barger and Selectman Chris Kinsella  
(*Selectman Judy Jacobs - absent*)
- 1. Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by First Selectman Dave Barger
- 2. Review of recommended list proposed by the Recreation Committee of *Seasonal Employees including Lifeguards and Pool Supervisor*; after discussion; Selectman Chris Kinsella made a motion that the recommended list be accepted and approved by the BOS; seconded by First Selectman Dave Barger; Vote Unanimous  
*\*it should be noted that a recommendation for Swim Instructor was not acted upon as the candidate withdrew her name from consideration due to her inability to commit to the duration of the Swim Lesson schedule*
- 3. Selectman Chris Kinsella made a motion to adjourn at 9:37AM; seconded by First Selectman Dave Barger; Vote Unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

*David R. Barger*

- *List of recommendations that were approved attached*

Falls Village Recreation Commission  
Recommendation for Hire  
May 17th, 2026

Dear First Selectman,

The Falls Village Recreation Commission is pleased to present the following recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for seasonal employment at the Falls Village Town Pool for the 2026 season.

Lifeguard Recommendations (12 in total):

We recommend the re-hiring of the following returning lifeguards:

- **Wes Allyn**
- **Bernice Boyden**
- **Hoyt Boyden**
- **Catherine Bushey**
- **Tessa Dekker**
- **Madison Graney**
- **Marc Hafner**
- **Katelin Lopes**
- **Libby Menniges**
- **Owen Riemer**
- **Noah Shippa**

Additionally, we recommend the hiring of the following new lifeguard:

- **Silas Tripp - Already Certified**

Pool Supervisor Recommendation:

We recommend re-hiring **\*Nikki Blass** as our returning Pool Supervisor.

Swim Instructor Recommendation:

We recommend re-hiring **\*Zoe Morrison** as our returning Swim Instructor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification regarding these recommendations.

Sincerely,

*Melissa Lopes*

Melissa Lopes, Recreation Chair of the Recreation Commission  
Town of Canaan / Falls Village