

Town of Canaan
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut
In Person and via Zoom

Members Present

In Person: First Selectman David Barger; Selectman Christopher Kinsella; Selectman Judy Jacobs

Via Zoom: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Treasurer Michelle Hansen

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Barger called the Regular Meeting to order at **6:03 p.m.**

2. Additions to the Agenda

- **10C** – Fire Commission request of funds for new ambulance
- **10D** – LHK Librarian request of funds from the Dan Maynard Account

Motion to add both items to the agenda: Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) **August 10, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes Motion to approve:** Kinsella; **Seconded:** Jacobs; **Vote:** Unanimous.

b) **August 17, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes Motion to approve:** Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Unanimous.

c) **August 27, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes Motion to approve:** Kinsella; **Seconded:** Jacobs; **Vote:** Unanimous.

d) **September 2, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes Motion to approve:** Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Unanimous.

5. Treasurer and Tax Collector Reports

(Reports attached to Board of Finance 9.14.2026)

a) **July 2026 Treasurer’s Report Motion to receive:** Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Barger yea; Jacobs yea; Kinsella nay. **Motion passes.**

b) **August 2026 Tax Collector’s Report Motion to receive:** Kinsella; **Seconded:** Jacobs; **Vote:** Barger yea; Jacobs yea; Kinsella nay. **Motion passes.**

6. Communications

a. Written

Communication received from Pine Grove residents requesting traffic-safety measures at the Pine Grove / Belden Street (Route 126) intersection.

Discussion:

- Route 126 is a state road; the Town cannot install signage.
- First Selectman Barger will contact **District 4 DOT**.
- He will also raise concerns regarding **Route 7 near the Falls Village firehouse**.
- First Selectman Barger will send response correspondence to the Pine Grove community.

b. Oral

None.

7. First Selectman’s Report

a. STEAP Grant

- Electrical bids for the compactor show a wide spread; committee reviewing.
- Senior Center floor/wall bid calculations appear incorrect; committee reviewing.
- Committee meeting upcoming.

b. Blue Ribbon Committee on Economic Development

Seeking replacement for Tom Wilson; outreach underway.

c. Dehumidifiers for Town Hall Basement

Industrial units needed for voting machines and town records; procurement underway.

d. Consolidation of Town Building Alarms

All Town buildings except Town Hall use the same alarm company; plan to consolidate and update systems.

e. Recreation Commission

Pool closed for the season. Recognition of **Alicia Soule** and **Nikki Blass** for staffing through Labor Day.

f. Transfer Station Report

Town enrolled in the **CT Tire Stewardship Program**. Awaiting details on container type (trailer vs. semipermanent).

8. Selectmen's Reports

Continuing work with the STEAP Grant Committee. Culvert updates deferred to Old Business.

9. Old Business

- **35 Railroad Street:** No update.
- **Affordable Housing Plan Task Force:** Meeting planned within two weeks.
- **Cobble Road Culvert & Bridge:** Cardinal Engineering preparing design.

10. New Business

a. Tax Rebates and Suspension List

None presented.

b. Resignation – Recreation Commission

Resignation letter from **Lauren Killawee** read into the record. First Selectman Barger will send a letter of thanks and recognition.

Motion to accept the resignation with regrets: Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Unanimous.

c. Falls Village Fire Commission – Request for Ambulance Funds

Request for **\$113,000** from the Ambulance Reserve toward the new ambulance arriving in November. Total cost: **\$202,370**; remaining balance: **\$89,370**.

Motion to approve and refer to the Board of Finance for Town Meeting: Barger; **Seconded:** Jacobs; **Vote:** Unanimous.

d. Lee H. Kellogg Librarian – Dan Maynard Account Request

Request for **\$201.33** for bookshelves.

Motion to approve purchase through the school's Amazon tax-exempt account: Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Unanimous.

11. Other Business

Discussion of fencing and repairing/replacing benches downtown. Richard Stone bequest funds may be used. Need to avoid overcrowding the green with too many benches.

12. Public Comment

Concern raised regarding needed **Grassy Hill Cemetery road signage**. First Selectman Barger will add this to the DOT discussion.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.: Jacobs; **Seconded:** Kinsella; **Vote:** Unanimous.

Attachments:

- Falls Village Fire Commission request of funds
- LHK Librarian request of funds
- Communication from Pine Grove Community
- Resignation of Lauren Killawee (Recreation Commission)

Respectfully submitted, Patti Fife, Recording Secretary

Motion/Action

Item	Motion / Action	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote	Notes
Additions to Agenda	Add Items 10C and 10D	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Added under New Business
Approval of Minutes – Aug 10	Approve	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	—
Approval of Minutes – Aug 17	Approve	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	—
Approval of Minutes – Aug 27	Approve	Kinsella	Jacobs	Unanimous	—
Approval of Minutes – Sept 2	Approve	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	—
July 2026 Treasurer's Report	Receive	Jacobs	Kinsella	Barger yea; Jacobs yea; Kinsella nay (Passes)	—
August 2026 Tax Collector's Report	Receive	Kinsella	Jacobs	Barger yea; Jacobs yea; Kinsella nay (Passes)	—
Recreation Commission Resignation	Accept with regrets	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	Lauren Killawee
Fire Commission Ambulance Request	Approve and refer to BOF for Town Meeting	Barger	Jacobs	Unanimous	\$113,000 from Ambulance Reserve
LHK Librarian Request	Approve purchase via Amazon tax-exempt	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	\$201.33 for bookshelves
Adjournment	Adjourn at 6:33 p.m.	Jacobs	Kinsella	Unanimous	—

Resignations

Name	Board / Commission	Action	Effective Date	Notes
Lauren Killawee	Recreation Commission	Resignation accepted with regrets	09.14.2026	First Selectman to send letter of thanks

Follow- up Items

Item / Topic	Responsible Party	Follow-Up Action	Notes
Pine Grove traffic safety request	First Selectman Barger	Contact District 4 DOT; send response correspondence	Include Route 7 concerns
STEAP Grant – compactor electrical bids	STEAP Committee	Review bid spread	—
STEAP Grant – Senior Center bid math	STEAP Committee	Review bid calculations	—
Blue Ribbon Committee vacancy	First Selectman / Committee	Continue outreach for Tom Wilson replacement	—
Town Hall basement dehumidifiers	First Selectman	Procure industrial units	For voting machines & records
Town building alarm consolidation	First Selectman	Plan consolidation; update Town Hall system	—
Transfer Station – Tire Stewardship Program	First Selectman	Await container type details	Trailer vs. semipermanent
Downtown benches & fencing	BOS	Review options; avoid overcrowding	Possible use of Richard Stone bequest
Grassy Hill Cemetery signage	First Selectman	Add to DOT discussion	—

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting / Event	Date	Notes
Affordable Housing Plan Task Force	Within two weeks (date TBD)	Scheduled meeting
STEAP Committee	Upcoming (date not specified)	Reviewing bids

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Town of Canaan Town Hall
Town of Canaan Falls Village and Rec Commission
108 Main Street
Falls Village, CT 06031

Lauren Killawee
35 Facchin Street
Falls Village, CT 06031

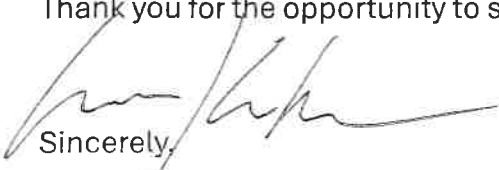
Dear Members of Town of Canaan Falls Village and Rec Commission,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Falls Village Recreation Commission, effective immediately.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and to contribute to our community. I've enjoyed working alongside everyone and being part of the conversations and efforts to improve recreation opportunities for the town.

At this point, I've decided that stepping away is the right decision for me and my current commitments. I appreciate the time, effort, and dedication of everyone who volunteers their time to the Commission, and I wish the Commission continued success moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.


Sincerely,

Lauren Killawee
931-637-8206

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9:00 AM @ J. Man
TOWN OF CANAAN

September 11, 2026

To: Town of Canaan
Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance

From: Town of Canaan Board of Fire Commission

A new ambulance is scheduled for delivery to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department in November. The Town of Canaan Board of Fire Commission unanimously voted on September 9, 2026 to request that \$113,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Account be applied toward the purchase of the new ambulance; at a cost of \$202,370. The balance of money (\$89,370.00) owed will come from Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department funds acquired for this purchase.

Thank you for your continued support of the Falls Village Fire Department efforts to keep our community safe and healthy.

Respectfully,
Town of Canaan, Board of Fire Commission
David A. Seney
Chairman

Dan Maynard Account

1 message

Nikki Blass <nblass@region1schools.org>

Fri, Sep 11, 2026 at 10:40 AM

To: Treasurer Town of Canaan <treasurer@canaanfallsvillage.org>, First Selectman <FirstSelectman@canaanfallsvillage.org>, Nikki Blass <nblass@region1schools.org>

Good Morning,

Here is a glimpse at the Wish List I'd like to purchase from Amazon to spruce up an area I just cleared out in the library - very old Reference Section ha ha (see photos).

This is the approx cost I come up with \$201.33 prior to tax or shipping.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O18HQB6RC4T6?ref_=wl_share

Thanks so much for your thoughts and consideration.

Best,
Nikki

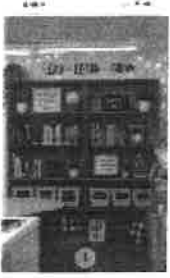
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Request for Improved Traffic Safety at the Intersection of Pine Grove and Belden Street
(RT-126)

July 29, 2026

Dear Falls Village Highway Department,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Town consider installing warning signs, flashing lights, or another appropriate traffic safety measure at the intersection of Pine Grove and Belden Street (Rt-126) and/or before the descent leading up to the entrance.

This intersection presents a significant safety concern for residents attempting to exit Pine Grove. Due to the limited visibility and the difficulty in seeing or hearing oncoming traffic on Belden Street, it can be challenging to determine when it is safe to pull out. The problem is especially concerning because many of the residents who live in the Pine Grove loop are senior citizens. Some may have age-related hearing or vision limitations, making it even more difficult to detect approaching vehicles.

Residents must often inch into the roadway before they can see whether traffic is coming, creating a dangerous situation for both drivers exiting Pine Grove and motorists traveling on Belden Street. The potential for a serious accident is very real.

Please consider lowering the existing speed limit on the stretch of hill prior to the intersection, as cars come down the hill (RT-126 North) with excessive speed.

We respectfully ask the Town to evaluate this intersection and consider installing flashing warning lights, additional traffic warning signs, improved sight-line measures, or any other traffic control devices that would increase driver awareness and improve safety for everyone who uses this intersection.

We appreciate the Highway Department's commitment to maintaining safe roads throughout Falls Village and hope this concern can be reviewed before a preventable accident occurs.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Shirley M. McCann

Lacey Hites

President

Pine Grove Association

Claudia Brown #59

Christine Hansen #3

Pine Grove Association
Falls Village, CT Residents

Jeff Levin #48

Judge Moore #51

Sandra P. Burke

Joan McCann #57

William L. Brown #59

Maria J. Gill #5

Mary Rogers #9

Mark Alexander #21

Bruce Bell #15

Kristen Murphy #40

Diane Pechia #34

William #29

Ben Dennis #54

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Gene Hedges #55
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Almae Weston #45
Cecilia Wilson #20

Joe and Barbara Nickel
John & Nancy Scalzi
~~James Griffin & Dawn~~
Rebecca Anderson

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53 Pine Grove

#62 PINE GROVE

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