

TOWN OF CANAAN

Falls Village Recreation Commission, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT

IN-PERSON, AND VIA ZOOM

For audio of the meeting, please go to the following link:

https://municipal-documents.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/canaan-falls-village-ct/recreation-commission/documents/minutes/136208/GMT20250723-222545_Recording_640x360.mp4

Members Present: Lauren Killawee, Melissa Lopes, Christopher Wadsworth, Catherine Wales, Emily Peterson (via Zoom)

Guest: David Barger, First Selectman.

Agenda

I. Call to order - Meeting called to order 6:39 PM July 23rd by Melissa Lopes

II. New Business

A. Discussion and assignment of responsibilities for the following shade improvements at recreation center: See attachment below for further information.

(1) Installation of picnic tables with new umbrellas. – Town Crew to move one table to play space area. Catherine and Chris to visit the pool tomorrow to assess mounting umbrellas.

2) Attachment of new awning to the pool house – Matt to install this coming Saturday

3) Installation of a sun shade on the existing pergola with approval from the Commission – Jake Peterson approved attachment to existing structure. Emily noted research must be done to determine location of water lines and power for pole placement

(4) Securing fabric to the existing cattle shade structure. – To be completed by the rec commission this week.

B. Recreation Director & Pool Supervisor Event Request- Adult Volleyball at the Recreation Center – The Rec Director requested consideration for a pilot program for adult pool volleyball, to be run by Emily and Nikki with one lifeguard during after-hours events, charging \$5 per participant, resident or non-resident. Emily will handle advertising and

purchasing equipment, while Nikki will manage lifeguard scheduling. The program will operate for approximately 6 weeks after Labor Day. Lauren made a motion for commission to accept the program as presented by the Rec Director and to purchase a thirty foot net for \$100 and a \$30 volleyball to support the Adult Pool Volleyball program at the Recreation Center. Chris W seconds. Motion passes by majority vote.

C. STEAP Grant Discussion - David reported on the STEEP grant, confirming Susan Decina will oversee the town's funds, with paperwork in progress for initial disbursement. The group discussed a \$200,000 project for a pavilion with utilities and Pool House repairs, funded by state and town matching funds. A subcommittee will be formed to develop detailed plans, location, timelines, consult with inland wetlands, and select contractors, with input from Emily (Recreation) and Nikki (Waterfront). Planning can begin, but construction must wait until paperwork is finalized, aiming for the start after pool season. The subcommittee will present a plan to the Board of Selectmen. The Rec Commission is requesting the details of what was approved. DB confirmed he will forward those details to the commission.

III. Adjournment – Melissa called the meeting to be adjourned at 7:46 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Killawee

FVCP Secretary

So there are 4 mini-shade projects that need to be done at the pool.

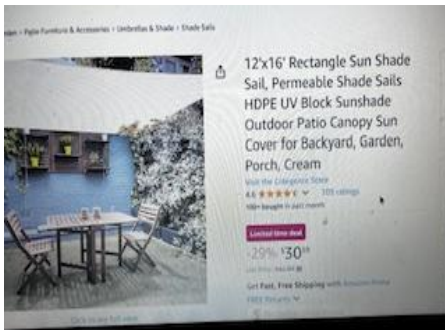


1) Picnic Tables - There are three picnic tables outside of the pool that look similar to this...(just in case you don't remember) There is one hole for the umbrella BUT the umbrellas can not be secured easily due to the middle support on the tables. It does look like there was an attempt to secure an umbrella in the past. We do have three bases that were purchased, and there may be a way to use them, but help is needed. Matt G was able to look at the tables and has an idea. We can discuss further.

Picnic Tables are HEAVY! HELP is needed to move one of them to the playground area. I will send an email to Tim Downs asking for help from the town crew to do this. Location to be determined...



2) Awning - We purchased a 2nd awning to attach to the pool house, on the side of the ladies' dressing room. Current issue - the awning is in a box at Lauren's house on the deck and weighs 70 lbs, and too heavy for Lauren to lift to bring it to the pool.



3) **If the commission & Jake Peterson (as he is the carpenter) agree...** Lauren thought that this could be added to the existing pergola, possibly attached with eyebolts to the side closer to the fence, extending the existing shade.

4) Cattle Shade Structure. Fabric for the structure will arrive during the week (fingers crossed), but it needs to be put on.