

TOWN OF CANAAN (FALLS VILLAGE)
FALLS VILLAGE RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT
In Person and Via Zoom

Present members: Dan Carr, Melissa Lopes, Catherine Wales and Matt Gallagher and Sis Rhoades. Absent members: Lauren Killawee

I. Call to Order

Chair Melissa Lopes called the regular meeting of the Falls Village Recreation Commission to order at 6:35pm.

II. Amendment to Agenda (if Any)

The Chair proposed, and the Commission accepted by consensus, the following amendments to the agenda:

- Move **Section VIII – Town Farm Property** to follow **Communications (Item IV)** in order to accommodate members of the public in attendance.

III. Public Comment

- No public comment was offered.

IV. Communications to the Commission (written and oral)

The Chair reviewed recent communications received. The Commission acknowledged receipt of multiple communications during the month.
(No formal action taken.)

VIII. Town Farm Property (Moved Up)

A. Pool & Facilities

1. Pool House Cupolas – Update

- o Update provided (discussion held with Lou Timolat). Lou introduced us to his engineer Tom and mentioned that he will submit a sketch of the Coupolla's for approval by the Rec Committee before starting. Lou also mentioned that he would like to supply the material and drawings of the Pavillion for the STEAP grant, of which the Rec Committee and STEAP Grant Implementation committee must reach out to Lou and set a meeting date.
- o No formal action taken.

2. Swimming Pool Registration Form for 2026

- o Discussed. The registration has been submitted to Torrington Health and it is noted we are no longer required to pay for this.
- o No formal action taken.

B. Commission Capital Plan

- Draft FY26–27 capital plan referenced.
- Discussion held regarding maintenance schedule and responsibilities in Gant chart which is still in work.
- No formal action taken.

C. POCD Implementation Sub-Committee

- Discussion of intent.
- No formal action taken.

V. Reports

A. Secretary's Report

1. Approval of Minutes – Melissa Lopes made a motion to approve minutes from FVRC regular meeting March 11th, 2026 – Moved by Matt Gallagher and seconded by Chris Wadsworth. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
2. Approval of Minutes – Matt Gallagher made a motion to approve minutes from FVRC regular meeting March 26th, 2026 – Seconded by Sis Rhoades. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Town Treasurer's Profit/Loss Report

- Financials for July 2025 – March 2026 received.
- No formal action taken.

C. STEAP Grant Sub-Committee Report

1) Pool House Staining & Window Project (Update)

- Update received from Chris: Window reglazing is still in work. It is time schedule the power-washing once the water is turned on. Chris will power wash one area and let the FVRC know when they can review it for stain confirmation.

2) Pavilion Project – Update

- Committee members to align with STEAP Implementation Committee members to meet with Lou Timolat and discuss next steps with Lou Timolat's engineer, Tom, and step Son Eric.

3) Hiring Sub-Committee

- Discussion around onboarding new Recreation Director.
- Action expected regarding disbanding of sub-committee. No Action taken.

VI. Ongoing / Old Business

A. Membership

1. Alternate Vacancy
 - Discussed. No action taken

B. Winter Activities – Cross-Country Skiing

- Update/discussion. No further discussion required till late in the year.

C. FVRC Proposed Spending Plan FY26–27

- Update provided from BOS meeting.

D. Capital Project Requests – Update

1. Sprinkler
2. Pool Tiles

- There was also discussion about the pool tiles and sprinkler – Chris will reach out to Tim to gather more information.

VII. Commission Finances

A. Monthly Financial Review

- reviewed

B. Invoice and Reimbursement Requests

Invoice received from Mohawk Ski Club in the amount of \$1628.

Motion: Dan moved to submit the Mohawk invoice for payment.
Seconded by Chris

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

X. New Business

A. Pool Purchases.

Discussed

B. 2026 Memorial day

Discussed

X. Events

A. Upcoming 2026 Events

1. Community Easter Egg Hunt (April 5, 2026)
2. Falls Village Community Earth Day (April 18, 2026)
3. Community Maple Sugar Party (April 25, 2026)

- o Ongoing discussions for each event

XI. Any Other Business Properly Come Before the Commission – none

XII. Public comment - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chris Wadsworth
Seconded by Matt Gallagher
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: May 11 2026 at 6:30 PM.