

FALLS VILLAGE RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Falls Village Town Hall
108 Main Street
Falls Village, CT 06031
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
7:00 PM

In-Person and Via Zoom

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/97889604468?pwd=UjOxUtZrwbBgKZDwe4BgnGlvxSvRX5.1>

MEETING ID: 978 8960 4468 MEETING PASSCODE: 478667

Commissioners Present Inperson: Melissa Lopes, Catherine Wales, Chris Wadsworth
Commissioners Present via Zoom: Matt Gallagher, Dan Carr (arrived during meeting)
Others Present via Zoom: Allycia Soule, Rec Director

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Melissa Lopes called the special meeting of the Falls Village Recreation Commission to order at approximately 7:08 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Possible Action to Recommend a Swim Instructor

Discussion took place regarding the recommendation of Katherine Bushey as Swim Instructor for the 2026 pool season. Katherine Bushey was previously recommended as a lifeguard and was noted to have experience working with children and aquatic programs.

MOTION: Matt Gallagher moved to recommend Katherine Bushey as Swim Instructor for the 2026 season. SECOND: Catherine Wales. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Possible Action to Recommend a Lifeguard

Discussion took place regarding recommending Richie Crane as a lifeguard for the 2026 season. It was noted that Richie Crane is an Eagle Scout and would be available later into the season before leaving for college. MOTION: Matt Gallagher moved to recommend Richie Crane as Lifeguard for the 2026 season. SECOND: Chris Wadsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Possible Action on Setting of Non-Resident Rates

The Commission reviewed non-resident rates from the 2024 and 2025 pool seasons and discussed resident definitions, including discussion of business owners who pay taxes in Falls Village. The Commission agreed to continue using the existing taxpayer/grand list definition for residents at this time. Discussion also included balancing affordability for families with increasing operational costs for pool maintenance and staffing. The Commission discussed increasing day pass fees while keeping season pass increases moderate to encourage season pass purchases. The Commission also clarified that season passes are valid only for the current pool season and discussed that each new pool season should have a different pass.

The Pool Party Package discussion was tabled pending additional information and a formal package proposal from Nikki Blass.

MOTION: Matt Gallagher moved to approve the following non-resident rates for the 2026 pool season:

- Non-Resident Day Pass: \$15
- Non-Resident Individual Season Pass: \$160
- Non-Resident Family Season Pass: \$320.

SECOND: Catherine Wales

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Possible Action to Approve Expenditures for FVRC Summer Programs (Acct. #4001-213)

The Commission reviewed proposed expenditures for summer programming supplies and activities. Discussion included tie-dye supplies, outdoor games, programming equipment, possible movie licensing, and future summer activity ideas. It was noted that approximately \$2,174 remained in the account and funds needed to be utilized before July 1, 2026.

MOTION: Matt Gallagher moved to approve expenditures totaling \$283.62 from Account #4001-213 for summer program supplies as listed in the submitted documentation. SECOND: Chris Wadsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Possible Action to Approve Purchase of Pool Equipment/Supplies (Acct. #4001-205)

Discussion took place regarding pool supplies and operational needs for the 2026 season, including items that still need to be purchased • Chlorine and pH supplies • First aid kit supplies • Lifeguard shirts/uniforms • Wasp and yellow jacket management (if needed) • Pool cleaning and maintenance needs. Dan Carr offered to assist with purchasing and setting wasp traps at the Recreation Center property.

No formal motion was made during this discussion item.

IV. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Matt Gallagher moved to adjourn the meeting. SECOND: Chris Wadsworth Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Lopes
Chair, Falls Village Recreation Commission