



*Town of North Canaan  
Board of Selectmen  
June 2, 2026*

Present: First Selectman Jesse Bunce, Selectperson Melissa Pinardi

Selectman Bunce called the special meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Selectman Bunce moved to approve the minutes of the May 4 and May 28 meetings. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There will be an executive session at the end of the meeting after public comment.

Camp Brook Greenway: Selectman Bunce stated that there was a meeting and the trails will remain closed for a month or two in order to clean them up, mark the trails, etc.

Employee Handbook: The town spoke with Cornwall and copied what they had. Selectperson Pinardi will be reviewing this and then bring it back for next meeting.

Re-evaluation in 2027: The assessor put out 10 bidding opportunities and received 1 bid back. **Selectman Bunce moved to accept the Quality Valuation Services, Inc. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Selectman Bunce reported: The mil rate stayed the same as last year. Thank you to everyone who helped get the budgets done and making sure it all worked out. The Memorial Day parade was a success. Special thank you to the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Greenacres Landscaping for all of the work around the Doughboy. 52 Memorial Flags are up and there is another 27 so far for the second round. Thank you to Jessie Lawrence, Teri Aiken, Joan Baker, and the town crew for all their work with this. Springfest was a great success. Congratulations to Richie Crane, III for achieving Eagle Scout. Our town has several individuals who have achieved this. Transfer Station stickers are on sale now at the transfer station. There will be a household hazard waste day June 20 in Falls Village. You can sign up with Jessie Lawrence here at the town hall. Dog registrations are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> to the town clerk's office. NRRRA had a meeting last night, which Selectman Bunce felt positive about and made really good progress on moving forward to the goal. There is another meeting Thursday afternoon here.

Selectperson Pinardi read the following reports into record:

- Social Worker Report
- Building Clerk Report
- Recreation Commission Report - Pool is expected to be open before the end of the school year.

Selectman Bunce read the following reports into record:

- Resident Trooper Report
- ZEO – Mr. Martin had surgery and is going to be out for a bit, the selectman's office will cover that office.
- Grants Committee: Fire Department received a grant for \$2500 for special gear. Laura Moran received money for computers/IT.

Events Committee: Jennifer Crane, Chair thanked everyone who volunteered at SpringFest. There were 65 vendors. They were all pleased with how smooth everything went. She is incredibly grateful for all of the help. The event brought people into town. Thank you to Jessie Lawrence for taking the photographs. Thank you to the Fire Department for giving truck rides. Next event is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary day. Followed by the townwide tag sale weekend June 20 and 21. Then there will be a lot happening during the Summer Nights of Canaan.

250<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Kathy Keane – The flag will be erected on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am – this will be the community picnic event – Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Appleness from 11am to 2pm. There will kids in costume as well as other individuals dressing up and walking around. They are expecting a lot of people. June 14 will be the cemetery tours from 1pm to 3pm. July 4 will be the ringing of the bells which is being coordinated with the local churches. July 18 will be the large parade.

Selectperson Pinaridi Report: Fishes and Loaves at the Pilgrim House is looking for help and donations, Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is also being advertised continually on Facebook pages. Yesterday there was a suggestion from a resident for a bike rack to be put into the downtown area so people could park their bikes and walk around town. Selectperson Pinaridi will work on getting the rack at a reasonable price.

Public Comment:

Suggestion was made to open up the town hall to accept donations for Fishes and Loaves during other hours. Jessie Lawrence collaborate getting donations to them.

Kathy Ducillo requested that the grassy area in the center of town become a welcoming space with table and chairs and get rid of the building that is falling down. Selectman Bunce will look into this, but likely will not demolish the building if it is a historical building, but maybe it can be fixed up.

Selectman Bunce stated that there is work being done to create a Lawrence Field sign to put on the back stop to include the date the field was established.

There was a question regarding disc golf coming back to the Greenway. Selectman Bunce would like activities to be there but will be reviewing the space before making any commitments.

**Selectman Bunce moved to enter into executive session. Selectperson Pinaridi seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:32pm.**

**Selectman Bunce moved to exit executive session. Selectperson Pinaridi seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:55pm.**

**Selectman Bunce moved to adjourn. Selectperson Pinaridi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary