



Town of North Canaan

Board of Selectmen

August 3, 2026

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8/5/2026 9:04 a.m.

Krystian Segalla

Town Clerk

Present: First Selectman Jesse Bunce, Selectperson Melissa Pinardi

Selectman Bunce called the meeting to order at 8:15pm

Selectman Bunce moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Executive Session. Meeting scheduled for Monday August 10 at 7pm to discuss Selectman opening.

New Business:

Aquarion Water Co. is looking for someone from town to be their representative. Selectman Bunce will be the rep for now but would like someone else to do it. Selectperson Pinardi does not want to do it. Currently no other recommendations but they will continue to look.

Planning and Zoning opening: Selectman Bunce read a letter of recommendation from Chris Jacques into record to appoint Kaitlin Ohlinger. **Selectman Bunce moved to appoint Kaitlin Ohlinger to fill the open seat on the Planning and Zoning Board with a term ending 11/17/2027. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Reports:

Selectman Bunce reported that the town received grant money for early voting which will offset the cost thanks to Patricia Keilty. The town clerk received \$4000 in grant funds to be used for a wide format printer for maps etc. She will also open it up for the town for those who may need copies of blueprints etc. for a fee. The town received \$1.85 million for roadway improvements on Bragg Street, Pease Street, and West Main Street. The CampBrook survey is done. More work to be done. Selectperson Pinardi stated that since the dog park move was voted down, perhaps the money could be spent on either a bike path in the greenway or a better crosswalk/sidewalk across from McDonalds.

Department head reports:

Selectperson Pinardi read into record the Social Services report.

Selectperson Pinardi read into record the ZEO report.

Selectperson Pinardi read into record the building office report.

Selectman Bunce stated that the paid holiday section of the handbook needs correction. **Selectman Bunce moved to add Easter to the paid holiday section. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Selectman Bunce moved to have the handbook for elected officials. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There was a question regarding potential candidates for the selectman open spot. The town clerk has done some research on this. There are a couple of candidates already. There will be multiple meetings. Selectman Bunce explained that the selectboard has to pick a candidate within 30 days of Brian's announcement, but they still have questions regarding the process. The town clerk explained the process as she understands it.

No definite timeline for the roadwork to start. Selectman Bunce will be getting information from the grant on when bids will be do, and when engineering will begin.

Firehouse update on location: Selectman Bunce spoke with Maria Horn and if there is a short session this year it will be discussed, if there is not it will go the long session and voted on next year.

At the end of West Main Street (going onto 7a) there is a lot of trees/brush close to the road. Selectman Bunce stated this is town of Sheffield, but he will reach out and see what else can be done.

Events Committee: Jennifer Crane, Chairperson thanked the small group of people who were able to pull off summer nights on Sunday night when things were rained out Saturday. Thank you to all who stepped up and got the carnival done. A good portion of the carnival profit goes towards the fireworks. Bingo added a lot of foot traffic. Thank you for bringing that back. Thank you to the community for the support. Kudos for all that came out for the parade. Fireworks show was great. There is a weather advisory for this week so unsure how Railroad Days will play out, but thus far nothing is cancelled or rescheduled.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary