



Town of North Canaan

Board of Selectmen

October 5, 2026

Present: First Selectman Jesse Bunce, Selectwoman Melissa Pinardi, Selectman Chris Sorrell

Selectman Bunce called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Selectwoman Pinardi moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Selectman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectwoman Pinardi moved to amend the agenda to add corrective action plan. Selectman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Executive Session: no need to schedule at this time.

Selectman Bunce met with Geer and they will be coming back with numbers.

Selectman Sorrell moved to appoint Kurt Stampfle to the Housatonic River Commission. Selectwoman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman Bunce stated that he would like the board to consider adjusting fees for small commercial haulers that are picking up from residents coming into the transfer station, small trucks to \$50 a load and midsize trucks \$100. This would offset some of the costs that we currently have.

Rick Ralph understands the concern but he does not feel it is fair to put this extra money on the haulers as it would have to increase their clients. He feels all residents should have to get a sticker and if any of his clients do not receive a sticker, the town should let him know and it would be on him to cancel them from his pickups. The surrounding towns do things differently. Falls Village adds this to resident's tax bills. He has 6 loads per week.

The town pays \$129 per ton to haul to Torrington. A discussion ensued regarding suggestions of residence getting stickers. Selectman Sorrell suggested going by a list of clients from Mr. Ralph. There was further discussion of other ways that this could be resolved. Selectwoman Pinardi stated it should not be on all of the other tax payers to cover costs.

Selectwoman Pinardi moved to table this discussion as more research is needed.

Selectman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding speaking with Ms. Light at the transfer station.

Selectwoman Pinardi moved to meet in executive session with her Friday at 4:30pm.

Selectman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman Bunce stated that regarding the audit on 2024, in September it came to our treasurer's attention. State requests Corrective Action Plan for tracking grants. Selectman Bunce read the language into record. **Selectman Sorrell moved to approve the language. Selectwoman Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Reports:

Selectman Bunce reported that they are working on the TRIP grant. They will be repaving Browns Lane. The date that Eversource will be at the townhall to present on bills and help residents has changed to November 5. The townhall is currently collecting candy for Halloween for the residents that receive a very large amount of trick or treaters. Deadline is the 22nd. Trunk or Treat will be October 31 5:30 to 7:30pm. If you wish to sign up please contact Jessie at the town hall or scan the QR code on the flyer. Prospect St and Bragg St will also be shut down for trick or treaters.

Board of Ed letter given to each member regarding the reconciliation of systems and possible ways to improve these processes.

A resident requested that the board consider allowing a business parking in the municipal lot closest to Railroad Street, to avoid them having to add parking spaces to a proposed building. The additional grass area on property would be made into a park at the owner's expense. Selectman Bunce needs to look at the deeding requirements. There are several things that could happen but he would like the board to review the information.

Department Head Reports:

Selectwoman Pinardi read into record the Social Services report, the Building Clerk report, and the ZEO report. All reports are attached.

Selectman Sorrell reported that the Resident Trooper was not able to get a report to the town this month.

Selectman Bunce stated that the grants committee continues to work on grants.

Events Committee: Jennifer Crane thanked the Ralph's for providing trash cans and picking up trash at all of the events. Next event is Pumpkin Fest on Sunday 10/18. This is a

combined event with vendor market. The final event of the year will be Winterfest the day of the Light parade.

Selectwoman Pinardi stated on Thursday at 6:30 there will be a vigil in Lakeville for the Project Sage. She is working on a micro grant from the DOT for more bike racks and getting funding for 2 more.

Selectman Sorrell stated he is still acclimating to the role and was able to do some prep for tonight's meeting.

Selectman Bunce read into record the AARPA funds expenditures.

Public Comment: Penny Terry expressed concern regarding over grown and falling down trees on Canaan Valley Road and would like to know if Eversource will be working on this. Selectman Bunce stated when the rep comes out he will take him for a ride to inspect the area. Ms. Terry also stated the transfer station is immaculate.

Stacy Dodge requested more information on what happened with the AARPA money that was supposed to go to one place but ended up being used for something else and what is going to happen to the front steps. Selectman Bunce stated he thinks what happened is the funds had to be expelled by the end of the fiscal year and thinks the 2 projects (vault floor and front steps) couldn't be done in winter, and it's a process to get things in line. The board voted but it is up to the Frist Selectman to decide what to do if changes need to happen. Selectman Bunce is hopeful that we will receive LOCIP money to redo the front steps, but it would have to go to a town meeting for that. The town clerk is looking at grants to do the vault floor work. Everything should be documented as to what happened and why going forward.

Jennifer Crane suggested for the early voting that the front door not be used and the center doors and end door be opened instead.

Selectman Sorrell moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary

Building Clerk Report

September 2026

Permits Issued: 19

Revenue Collected: \$4,090.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Lawrence



Town of North Canaan
Planning and Zoning Commission
Town Hall
100 Pease Street
North Canaan, CT 06018
Zoning Office 860-824-7313 EXT 192

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Report to Selectmen

Visits to the office and phone calls have been steady.

Many requests for information with regards to
permit requirements.

Permits issued:

UCE provided additional information as requested

Permit issued for new Patio at BD

New shed on Marilyn Drive

Shed on North Elm Street

Other activities on permits

9/22 VFW sign was denied by the ZEO and went to BOA 9/23

BOA upheld the denial but offered solution that only an illuminated
Sign be used.

VFW will have sign company redesign sign to be non-animated and
Submit corrected design to the ZEO for approval.

9/1 New Building Riga Construction on hold for Inland wetlands approval

They will provide new site plans to Inland Wetlands.

Fire Marshal initial review complete but only for zoning not construction

Respectfully Submitted

George Martin

Zoning Enforcement Officer

To: Jesse Bunce and Board of Selectman
From: MaryBeth Wabrek
Director of Social Services/Municipal Agent
Monthly Report for September/October 2026

In September the Social Service office had 36 appointments with residents applying for the State Energy Assistance Program. There are 30 scheduled appointments for State Energy Assistance to date for October with calls coming in daily to apply. People are extremely anxious about the cost of fuel oil this season. I expect no decrease in need or applications. People that do not meet criteria for the State program will be looking for assistance from the town, and must provide documentation to demonstrate need.

The State of CT Renters Rebate Elderly Tax Credit program closed September 30th overlapping with the Energy Assistance Program for the month. There were several applications for that program also.

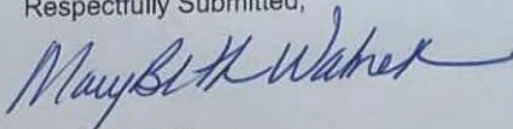
Case management for town residents in need is high, and increasing. This month many hours were spent in coordination of services for:

- Financial recourse and resources for domestic violence clients of Project Sage.
- One individual on a Section 8 housing voucher being evicted with no resources and one family currently homeless.
- Managing the funds, obtaining documentation, and facilitating the payments of bills for cancer patients who are recipients of the Jane Lloyd Fund. As well as managing current clients, there have been 3 more applicants recently.

Working with several residents seeking help for unpaid medical bills, vehicle repair, and utilities, utilizing Neighbor to Neighbor grants and Canaan Community Account which is funded by donations and grants obtained by the Social Service department.

Ongoing: Appointments for SNAP, Medicare Savings Program, Husky Health, Obama Care, Life Alert, transportation, Chore Service, and assisting people with senior and elderly relatives negotiate home and medical care systems. I am currently working on a revamped Christmas program for qualified North Canaan Families.

Respectfully Submitted,



MaryBeth Wabrek

Received for Record
10/6/2026 6:58pm

Krystian Segalla
Town Clerk