

# **NORTH CANAAN EVENTS COMMITTEE**

## **Quarterly MEETING MINUTES**

Town Hall Monday July 27, 2026

**Present:** Chair Jenn Crane, Paul & Marcia Ramunni, Bunny McGuire, Marilisa Camardi, guests: Kevin, Kathy, Pat

Chairperson Crane called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Paul made a motion to approve the agenda Bunny seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Marilisa seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Old Business:**

- a) Spring Fest held on 5/31, 83 vendors signed up, 55 showed up, with 2 no shows. The rest had various reasons, some communicated, others did not, all tracked on a spreadsheet for future info.
- b) Community Picnic/ flag raising held on June 12th, Kathy Keane reported about 250 attendees with close to 40 people involved with putting on the event. Lots of fun, enjoyed by all, the highlight was bobbing for apples.
- c) Community Tag Sale held on June 20 & 21st, 24 had signed up, 12 for BMP which 7 showed on Sat only, 12 residents/businesses 1 canceled. Much discussion about changing the date from Father's Day weekend, Chair Crane reached out to Lone Oak Campsite and they would like to collaborate next year. Their date is the 1st Sat of June. NCEC would still offer the weekend for residents and BMP. NCEC would still do the map. LOC has 70 spots on their field.
- d) Summer Nights of Canaan held July 15-19. Carnival sales were up on Wed, Thurs & Fri (we assume because people were watching the weather for Sat and we had not announced Sun as an option yet) Bingo and fire truck rides were very popular. Most of Saturday's events were moved to Sunday due to weather. The NCVAC Buffet breakfast was well attended and started off the day. The Carnival opened at 3pm had lower attendance than last year on Sat, therefore sales overall were down. The bed race took place right after the parade (heavily attended in this location) The parade had been changed from the Canaan Fire Company parade to the Canaan 250th parade with many local floats. Had the CFC parade happened there would've been more people in town. The fireworks show was great. Chair Crane explained that only the fire work had a rain date and more planning needs to go into next year to build rain dates for other events so preplanning can happen vs the scrambling this year. Kathy Keane stated that a phenomenal job was done by the team that made it happen this year. Discussion regarding posters vs social media advertising for the Carnival, this was probably our last year for posters and any help removing them would be greatly appreciated.
- e) Sign up genius has been utilized for all of our events now. There is one live for Railroad Days, there is not as much need, so Chair Crane is optimistic they will be filled.
- f) There has been some discussion on social media regarding ticket prices and Chair Crane has been cautioned that we will probably be seeing a price increase next year, we have been very fortunate with the prices staying the same for the past 3 years.
- g) Some background regarding fireworks was shared, the contract was signed 2 years ago to lock in the date & inventory bc this year was the 250th with more shows expected. Per the contract, if it had rained both Sat & Sun they allow you to rebook within a 90 day window. However if your rain date was a viable time to have the show, you would be charged a penalty fee.

Received for Record 8/2/2026  
1:23PM

*Krystian Segalla*

Town Clerk

- h) Krysti Segalla asked for an explanation for why we need volunteers for tickets & parking. Chair Crane reported that we are trying to keep the events free or low cost, by having volunteers we avoid having to hire folks to do parking or other tasks that would ultimately cut into our profits. The carnival is our biggest fundraiser with the Committee only seeing a small percentage of the ticket and wristband sales. We count on this event to help replenish our account to pay for behind the scenes costs and to keep other events free. There are many events we do not break even on.
- i) Paul Ramunni questioned whether we have enough volunteers, Chair Crane stated no. There have been some new folks stepping up from Town Hall employees, to Tide Water Residents to honor students, etc. Sign Up Genius has helped tremendously with being able to share a link vs a paper sign up.
- j) Krysti Segalla asked if there was any way to incentivise volunteers, Chair Crane pointed out the entire committee was volunteer and that we didn't even give out tshirts anymore. Marcia Ramunni brought up that Noble does a luncheon for their volunteers. Marilisa said something could be looked into, but unfortunately it cuts into profits. A suggestion was made to get someone to sponsor whatever the incentive was.

**Treasurer's report:**

**Bank account balance** as of June 30 2026      \$46,353.58 (includes annual allotment of \$10,000 from town budget)

**Apr/May/Jun**

**Misc Supplies                      \$202.04**

(stamps, bungee cords,  
trailer damp rid)

**Check reorder                      118.51**

**Sponsor banners                  340.00**

**SPRINGFEST**

**EXPENSES:**

**Banners (Ghi Sign)              \$864.00**

**Music Lab (Karaoke)              200.00**

**Advertising                          76.50\*      (expecting additional invoice)**

**Portable Toilet                      183.00**

**Total                                  \$1323.50**

**INCOME:**

**Vendor Fees Collected          \$1470.00**

**COMMUNITY TAG SALE**

**EXPENSES:**

**Advertising                          \$ TBA      (expecting invoices)**

**Portable Toilet                      91.50**

**INCOME:**

**BMP spot fee                          70.00**

**Donations** - Annual appeal funds raised - \$12,200.00 As of July 27, 2026  
23 donors to date (last year's total donors 19)

Upcoming Income and Expenses: Summer Nights of Canaan: fireworks, portable toilets, traffic control, advertising

Railroad Days: advertising and events

### **New Business**

- a) Railroad Days- August 6-9, flyers and brochures were discussed and distributed.
- b) NCES Car Show- Sept 19, raindate 20th Collaboration with NCES for their car show and our Vendor Market.
- c) Pumpkin Fest- Oct 18th

**Any other business to come before the Committee:** Paul Ramunni discussed the influx of visitors to the Station, not necessarily to visit the museum, some are still looking for the brewery, but everyone is needing to use the bathroom. Suggestion to bring this up at a town mtg, that it isn't a need this committee can solve.

**Next Quarterly Meeting:** Monday, Oct 26th @ 7pm at the Town Hall

**Closing Public Comment:** none

Paul motioned to adjourn, Marcia 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Crane

Chairperson