



Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
September 16, 2025

Present: Chairwoman Lindsey Crane, Melissa Pinardi, Marilisa Camardi, Justin Ellison, Kurt Johnson, Tracy Allyn, Tonya Roussis (via zoom), Director Adam Bunce

Chair Crane called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Ms. Camardi moved to amend the agenda to add Canaan Foundation to the Treasurer's report. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Pinardi moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Treasurer Report: Ms. Camardi stated that as of the end of August the special account was \$9844.43. Pool income for the season was \$3848.00 and expenses were \$2267.64 leaving a positive income for the season. The Yard Goats event raised \$125.00 for the baseball fund. Ms. Pinardi asked how the money is made from the pool. It is for out-of-town fees as well as sales made by the lifeguards.

The Canaan Foundation is having a small gathering celebrating 25 years October 26, 1:00 to 4:00 at the Colonial Theatre. They are looking for donors, past and present board members, grant recipients, and organizations that have been supported, to attend. Ms. Camardi stated she would be attending representing both The Events Committee and the Recreation Commission. More to come next month on what to set up. They will provide tables.

Director Report: Adam Bunce: Mr. Bunce stated the pool season has ended, the pool has been drained down. We are waiting on Merit to come and close it and Perotti's to shut off the water. This is on their calendars. Soccer is up and running. Because other towns lacked coaches some kids are joining us. There are no games just skills and drills. Softball has started with 19 girls. Hoping for 4 games with Barkhamsted. Fall ball is up and running with Major and Minor groups. The fields are ready. Bobby is stepping down as president and they will be looking for someone else. The Basketball Rec directors are getting together within the next couple weeks and it will likely be run the same as last year. Housy Hoops will be separate. Ms. Pinardi received a request for the softball kindergarten group to have scrimmages. Director Bunce explained there are no other groups so they will have to scrimmage among themselves. He will help out with it.

Sponsored Group Events: Mr. Ellison said they were able to get all but 1 yard goat tickets sold. He is apprehensive about continuing to do group sales as people are just busy. He can still look at UCONN and Wolfpack and get dates if the group wants him to. There was a discussion of hockey. Chair Crane suggested he get some information for winter sports and bring it back to next month's meeting to have a discussion and make a decision.

The Lawrence Field signs are almost done and will go up as soon as they are done. The tire idea for the little kids at the playground is not coming to fruition. Selectman Ohler had safety concerns and advised against it. Ms. Pinardi will continue to try and find something.

Monthly newsletter - nothing

New Business: Ms. Roussis board seat is up for renewal. She stated that she would like to stay on. Her new date will be October 2028. Ms. Crane has been in contact with Heather Zucco who is hoping to make it to next month's meeting.

Other business: Ms. Pinardi stated she was informed that the pool railing is severely compromised and suggests it be fixed or replaced. There was a discussion. Director Bunce has tried to fix it several times. Mr. Ellison will look at it.

Ms. Allyn moved to adjourn. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary