



Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
October 21, 2025

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

Ms. Pinardi moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Bunce moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment: none

Director Report: Chairwoman Crane read the report due to the director's absence.

- Softball wrapped up this past weekend. There were a total of 19 girls and they were able to get in 4 games with Barkhamsted. It was a successful season.
- Soccer has another week to go. The 4-6 grade was able to find a game next week. Their group and the other groups all went well.
- Basketball registrations close next week. North Canaan will host the regional Kindergarten program again. 1-6 grade is all regional and there will be an option for travel ball done through tryouts for 3/4 and 5/6 grade. There is a Housy Hoops for 7/8 grade boys and girls as well. There was a discussion regarding basketball and Mr. Ellison explained how it works. Housy Hoops signups end November 4.
- The pool is closed up and everything taken care of in the pool house.
- There is a need for a bigger shed and for clay at the Segalla field. Director Bunce spoke with Chris Crane who will be removing the old sand from the volleyball court and storing it so that it can be mixed with the clay (once purchased) for use at the Segalla field. A plastic shed from Lawrence field will be moved to Segalla field until rec can get a new one. The volleyball court will be done in the next couple of weeks.
- Ski Club will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Treasurer report: Chairwoman Crane read the report into record due to the treasurer's absence. There is \$10865.40 in the account. The Lifeguards were all reimbursed for their certification classes. The Portable toilets are scheduled to be picked up next week. A new company took over Suburban Sanitation and they gave a prorated bill which was not done before. She will note this for next season if the same company is used.

Old business

- Group Events: Mr. Ellison stated that the Yard Goats have reached out with their schedule. He proposed looking at the schedule next month and picking 2 dates. The money made can go towards sheds or something like that.

- UCONN winter sports – He received a vague answer on basketball that they were still working on season ticket holders before they look at group sales. He has emailed them again but not heard back. It was not clear if group sales are actually available. If something comes up before the next meeting he will send a text out to the group. There was a discussion regarding hockey as there are a lot of tickets left for that.

The Canaan Foundation gathering is this Sunday October 26 from 1 to 4pm at the Theater. Ms. Camardi is planning to be there with a table to promote what the Rec Commission has been doing, showing what has been bought with funds, etc. The grant is due sometime in February and this year Chairwoman Crane suggests putting the money towards the clay for Segalla Field. Mr. Ellison stated that the Steve Blass field needs clay as well. There was a discussion regarding the fields.

Holiday Light Contest: There was a discussion regarding the categories and the dates. **Mr. Bunce moved to set the deadline as December 14th and the view date as December 16th. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Town monthly newsletter: The flyer for the contest will be needed by November 5.

New Business: none

Other Business:

Chairwoman Crane cannot be here for the next meeting on the 18th. There was a discussion on whether to hold it without her or move it. Consensus was to change the date to the 17th so she can be in attendance.

Chairwoman Crane read into record information regarding speaking to the public and communicating with the group. She stated that the commission has to get better at not throwing so much at Director Bunce and working it out with the group if possible. There was a discussion regarding communication. There is hope that more public will become involved. It was suggested that when someone questions or comments to a commission member that they acknowledge it, bring it back to the commission and invite that person to come to meetings. Ms. Roussis asked if it could be brought up at the Selectman's meeting as well.

Ms. Pinardi stated that there is a section of fencing broken at the playground near the dog park.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary