



Town of North Canaan

Recreation Commission

January 20, 2026

Present; Chairwoman Lindsey Crane, Tonya Roussis, Marilisa Camardi, Melissa Pinardi, Tom Bunce, Kurt Johnson, Director Adam Bunce

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

Ms. Pinardi moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Director report Adam Bunce:

- Basketball is up and running with no problems. Rec seems to be going well.
- Ski Club is going and currently they are on trip 2 right now. The first one was cancelled but will be made up. There was a discussion regarding SWSA monies. Kids cannot join once it has started unless they have their own equipment, pass, etc. Once Mohawk closes the portal that is it. The kids that needed financial aid have already gotten it. There were 3 scholarships out of a total of 15 kids with several being new. The Director requests specific amounts from SWSA so there should not be anything leftover. The bus is already in the budget.
- Baseball registrations are open. There is new grant monies available from Sports Betting that the Director will be researching and getting more information on, but it may be something that Little League goes for.
- Softball registrations will be out soon.

Treasurer Report Marilisa Camardi: General account balance as of December 31 was \$11461.53. Paid out for UCONN tickets was \$1190 and with money received this evening should be all set for that.

UCONN sales went great - Mr. Ellison sold out all basketball. He still has some hockey tickets left but he has not pushed that yet. It is suggested that perhaps more UCONN tickets would be a good idea as there was interest. People have also been asking for women's hockey tickets, so the commission should keep that in mind for next year as well.

Yard Goats tickets have been locked in for August 16 at 1pm. Mr. Ellison had 3 more dates in June for the commission to pick from. The commission chose to only do one more on June 13 as the thought is with graduation the other dates probably would not do well. **Ms. Pinardi moved that June 13 be the additional game date. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Canaan Foundation: It is due at the end of the month and Ms. Camardi will submit it. She requested an estimate for the clay project total. Director Bunce said it will be about 40-50 yards at \$60-70 per yard for a total around \$3000.

Town monthly newsletter: Chairwoman Crane will put the hockey flyer in. Director Bunce sent in the baseball flyer.

New Business:

Basketball court: Mr. Johnson would like to get it finished by painting lines (when it warms up). There has been great feedback on the hoops. Supplies for the project can be picked up at the Stadium store and charged to rec. Director Bunce has the liners.

Ms. Pinardi made the suggestion that the holiday light contest be turned into an event to include some type of bus/tram/trolley to drive people around and look at all of the lights. Hopefully, this would encourage more homes to participate in the contest. As well as perhaps creating a flyer with a sign-up QR code that each commission member could hand out to houses that they think should enter. The idea is to get the word out more. Geer does take the residents around each year to see the lights. This will be on the September agenda.

Selectman Bunce requested that the commission create a subcommittee to work with the Grants Committee and him on a grant that they are working on for updating the pool/fields, etc. There are upgrades that need to be done. Director Bunce stated several years ago they spoke to a company because of the cracks. One option suggested was to cut the wall down, refill behind it, and replace the wall back up to the gutter. The system itself is old. They replaced the filters about 5 years ago. There are a lot of things that can be updated. Selectman Bunce explained that they can put in for a general idea for the grant and then do finished projects. Director Bunce questioned if upgrading would negate the grandfathering and force them to become compliant. Selectman Bunce stated he had a thought of moving the pool up to where the volleyball court is and move the courts down. Chairwoman Crane stated there is a lot of ledge there which can be very pricey to remove. There was a discussion on who would be on the subcommittee. **Ms. Camardi moved to approve a subcommittee including Justin Ellison, Adam Bunce, Lindsey Crane, Tonya Roussis. Mr. Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Skating rink: Selectman Bunce spoke with the town crew and it is going to be done this week. If anyone can be there on Thursday to help that would be appreciated. Selectman Bunce will let Chairwoman Crane know the time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted,

Aryslea A Odell

Recording Secretary

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K. Odell, Town Clerk