



*Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
February 24, 2026*

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

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

Ms. Pinardi moved to approve the agenda and the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Director's report: Adam Bunce

Basketball is wrapping up this weekend for rec. kindergarten ends this week. Housy Hoops boys' playoffs are the first weekend of March. The girls start this weekend. Overall, a good season.

Ski Club was cancelled again – 2 more dates will be March 3 and 10 to finish up the season. There will definitely be enough snow. It has been great. None of the kids missed any lessons and all have had a great time. Even if the weather warms up there is plenty of snow to last.

Softball: registrations are set to go out. Director Bunce would like to increase the fee from \$30 to \$35. **Ms. Camardi moved to increase the fee to \$35.** She explained that spring softball always comes up short. There was a brief discussion regarding whether other towns in Region 1 contribute any monies towards softball. Ms. Allyn stated she recalled having to give money to another town one year and maybe we should think about requesting each town put in something. No further discussion. **Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Director Bunce will get the other shed up there once the snow melts. Likely no work will be done in March. There was a discussion regarding clay.

Baseball: This is the last week for registrations. The numbers are a little low right now, but hopefully they will increase. They have to be closed by a certain date so that there is time to arrange everything and get teams out practicing before the start of the playing season – normally around the third week of April. Information has been shared on social media. There was a discussion regarding personalized jerseys.

Treasurer's Report: Marilisa Camardi: Currently there is \$13456.53 in the account which includes ski club monies. Group events has collected \$1505 from ticket sales and the cost for that was \$1190. This profit will go towards the clay. Ms. Camardi reviewed items from the budget with the group making 2 suggestions. Increase the water line by \$1000 and increase the pool chemicals line by \$1000. There was a discussion of still funding porta pottys for the Bunny McGuire park as there are no sports being played in that field. There were thoughts that because the pavilion gets rented out, they might need to have one there.

The cost is staying the same this year at \$127 per month. It is already included in the budget, but if the requested increases do not get approved, it is one possible place to make cuts. There was a discussion to revisit the contract for the use of the pavilion. **Ms. Camardi moved to put the increases into the budget. Mr. Ellison seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Group events: Justin Ellison

UCONN ticket sales were great. All tickets for 1 hockey game and 3 basketball games were sold out. Likely an increase in tickets for next year's basketball games should be considered. The Yard Goats dates are set and they have received the deposit. A flyer will be forthcoming. Dates are June 13 and August 16.

Mr. Ellison would like to discuss at some point in the future putting money towards appropriate ski gear for kids or hand warmers etc. Even with a list of necessary items, some kids do not end up having the correct gear especially if they are new to skiing.

Town monthly newsletter: Softball, Yard Goats save the dates, Egg Hunt.

Egg Hunt: Director Bunce has the flyer. Date March 28 at noon. The bunnies should go out around the 14th. It was decided on 100 bags. Ms. Camardi will not be at the egg hunt but will bring the bags to the meeting. Director Bunce will need help with grabbing buckets and throwing eggs. There was a discussion of what to put in the bags this year. This will be Ms. Camardi's last year doing this.

Mr. Johnson did an amazing job shoveling the ice rink but it needs to be done again. If any wants to work on it that would be great. The town crew does not have the time to do it.

There was a discussion regarding signs at Lawrence Field. Chairwoman Crane will look into it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrlea A Odell

Recording Secretary