



*Town of North Canaan  
Recreation Commission  
April 21, 2026  
Regular meeting*

Present: Chairwoman Lindsay Crane, Tom Bunce, Tonya Roussis, Tracy Allyn, Kurt Johnson, Melissa Pinardi, Adam Bunce Director.

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

**Ms. Pinardi moved to amend the agenda to add Selectman Bunce to new business. Ms. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Tom Bunce moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

Public Comment: None

Treasurer Report: Read into record by Chairwoman Crane. Account balance is \$16590.85. Ms. Camardi is working on finalizing ski-club and working on paying for the clay. Porta Pottys will be \$127 per unit per month. Egg hunt expenses is \$228.00. The phones in the pool house are being researched for unused time.

Old Business:

- Events: Chairwoman Crane read report into record. A few of the yard goats tickets have been sold. The flyer will be reposted and we need to start getting the word out.
- There is a rumor of a possible grant to possibly fix up the dug outs at Sam Eddy field. The field itself is in great shape but the dug outs do need work.
- Mr. Ellison is working on the calendar task list with Director Bunce and Ms. Pinardi.
- Porta Pottys will be delivered April 6 and May 30.

There was a discussion on whether to allocate the yard goats money towards the dugouts as the clay is now covered. **Mr. Tom Bunce moved to use the yard goats profits for the dug outs. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Egg Hunt was good. There was about 125 bags and none left over so there was at least 100 kids. Use 125 as a base for each year.

Monthly newsletter: Chairwoman Crane will get stuff to the administrative assistant – the yard goats information.

#### Director Bunce Report:

- Softball practice has started. They are working on finalizing the schedule. Seniors is light this year. There are 5 games scheduled right now. They are a couple uniforms short this year- Director Bunce Is working with Chuck to see what the best options are for that.
- The field has been done and although it is a little soft right now, it is going to be nice.
- Baseball first games were this week and so far things are good. There are 120 kids overall. Director Bunce had a meeting with the Sharon director about Babe Ruth. It needs to get up and running for summer. Which field is used will depend on who is playing.
- Tennis courts: IMS is going to use the courts occasionally this spring as they have a lot of players. One of the nets is not tied down in the middle, but there are no holes.
- The pool: Planning on draining it the first week of May and filling it on May 28. The plan is to have it open the week of June 15 in the late afternoon/early evening as the guards will still be in school. There are 3 new guards this year. 2 will be certified by the time the pool opens and 1 is taking the class in June. We need 6 pizzas for the fill night. Director Bunce will make sure the guards have all of the contacts information for when he is away.

#### New Business:

Selectman Bunce explained that the steep grant never opened this year, but they have applied for a \$2.4million federal funding request for a recreation complex. It is moving through the state offices and Selectman Bunce is hopeful for at least some funding. We would not see the money until 2027, but it would have the dugouts in it. Likely will not find out until the end of 2026 or early 2027.

Selectman Bunce would also like this commission to submit a report each month to be read at the Selectman's meetings. Ms. Pinardi will read it.

No other business to come before the board.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary