



Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
September 15, 2026

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Krystian Segalla
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Justin Ellison, Melissa Pinardi, Marilisa Camardi, Kurt Johnson, Tonya Roussis,
Director Adam Bunce

Chairman Ellison called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

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

Public Comment: none

Director Report: Adam Bunce, Director

- The pool is all drained. Director Bunce will call Merit to have it winterized and closed up. End of the year went fine. The railing needs addressing while it is drained. Chairman Ellison said they will take care of it this fall. It will either need to be ordered or custom made in order to fit the old anchor. Depth markers need to be ordered for the deep end.
- Fall baseball is up and running. There are 2 minors and 1 majors. It is going well so far with some rainouts.
- Softball only ended up with 8 and there are no other teams to play. Alycia doesn't think she can fit in practices so Director Bunce is going to be cancelling it. A lot of the 8th graders graduated last year.
- Soccer – kindergarten started last Friday with 2 parents stepping up to coach. There is a parent willing to coach the 4-6 grades but not the additional 1-3 grades. Director Bunce has been trying to find a coach for the 1-3 graders. If he cannot find anyone by the end of the week he will be forced to cancel it. There was an additional 7 kids from out of town that were looking for a place to play as well. A discussion ensued of not having enough parents who will step up and volunteer to coach.
- Ski Club will be getting things together probably in October. They will try to do 6 trips again this year. Chairman Ellison asked why the program did Tuesday nights as it might be easier for 7/8 graders to go if it was on a Friday. Director Bunce doesn't think there is a specific reason for Tuesday. Chairman Ellison is going to get a flyer going. He would also like to get a donation box together for things that first time kids who may not have adequate items such as gloves, neck warmers etc. There is information in the letter about dressing appropriately.
- Basketball – there is a meeting coming up that the director cannot attend but will be kept updated. There was a discussion of the travel league. There may have to be combing to create a team.

Treasurer report: Marilisa Camardi stated there is \$12623.22 in the special account. The 25/26 Fiscal year ended about \$5000 under budget. The only expense in August was for the basketball court. Thank you to Pat Reeve and TriState Sealing. Porta Pottys will be picked up end of October.

Sponsor Group Events: Chairman Ellison received an email today from UCONN that hockey tickets went on sale tonight and he will reach back out to the rep for that. Basketball schedules are out, but not tickets. He will check back in October.

Monthly to do: Continue with the soccer field spraying lines every once in a while. Nothing else for right now.

Dog Park location: no updates

Discussion of skating. Potentially the pond and the pavilion for skating this year. The pond would need to be cleaned off of snow by individuals wanting to use it.

Monthly newsletter: due by the 25th of the month. Nothing to put in it this month.

New Business:

Selectman Bunce would like to purchase a sign to use for the pavilion during private events. The commission supports this purchase. **Ms. Camardi moved to have Selectman Bunch order a sign and have the purchase come out of rec funds. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Ms. Pinardi is looking into small grants to try and get some small pieces of playground equipment. There was a discussion regarding equipment being secured and properly installed. There was a suggestion to double check with the town lawyer about insurance, proper installation and regulations.

Ms. Camardi mentioned that the commission should start thinking about the Canaan foundation grant due the end of January and what the commission may ask for.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary