



Town of North Canaan
100 Pease Street, North Canaan CT
Recreation Commission
October 20, 2026

Present: Chairman Justin Ellison, Tracy Allyn, Melissa Pinardi, Marilisa Camardi, Kurt Johnson, Tom Bunce, Tonya Roussis

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

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

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

Public Comment: None

Director's Report: Chairman Ellison read the report into record. Fall baseball is in full swing. Soccer has 3 groups and is going well. Basketball registrations are out. Housy Hoops is no longer active. A new travel entity is being created dependent on numbers to see how to proceed. They will be creating a 501(c)3. Ski club, waiting on the link to the portal to get signups out. They will try for 6 trips again on Tuesdays. Not completely sure about the bus but the assumption is that they will go through the school again. There was a discussion regarding the Falls Village kids that go, ride the bus there, but get picked up to return home. Merit and Perottis have closed the pool. The railing is still up in the air currently.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Camardi stated there is \$12347.15 in the special account. Softball was refunded. D&O insurance and soccer insurance was the biggest expense recently. The Merit bill for the pool closure was received. There was a discussion regarding the Perotti's bill. Porta Pottys are scheduled to be picked up on the 26th at all three locations. The telephone at the pool house continues to be a work in progress. The office is still working on it.

Old Business:

Group events opportunities: UCONN hockey we can get 10 tickets for center ice for \$15 each against Main Saturday January 16 in Hartford. That is our cost so we can add money to it in order to make money for the fundraiser. **Ms. Camardi moved to go ahead and reservice the tickets, sell them for \$20 and put the proceeds towards winter sports. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Men's basketball tickets have not been allocated yet. For women's we can do 10 tickets for December 12 against Tennessee for \$50 each and/or 10 tickets for January 31 against Providence for \$30-\$40 per ticket. Ms. Allyn suggested putting something on the flyer to indicate a good deal with the discounted group sale through this. This will be open to outside of Canaan as well. **Mr. Bunce moved to approve both women's basketball games. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Monthly volunteer list: Clean up soccer fields, batting cages, tennis court, and volleyball nets to be stored in the shed. The shed could use a cleanout. Mr. Ellison will send out a chat to figure out a work party date for that. There were a bunch of soccer shirts found from boot camp. They were given out to the kids and they were happy with them.

Monthly newsletter: ticket sales for all items. Potentially put in basketball flyer. Maybe include Housy juniors basketball as well.

Member terms: Mr. Bunce agreed to extend his term 3 years ending October 2029. Mr. Johnson agreed to extend his term 3 years to 2029. Chairman Ellison extended his term 3 years to 2029. There was a question regarding Mr. Viscarello who sent in a letter of interest. Ms. Pinardi explained that the select board ok'd him and she will speak with the admin office to see where it stands. There would still be 1 open seat.

2027 meeting dates: stick with the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Ms. Roussis moved to accept the dates as presented. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Holiday lights: Ms. Pinardi suggested turning this into an event, possibly at the school or pavilion with cocoa and Santa and have the town vote on the lights. Maybe get a bus to take residents around to view the lights. There could be an issue with the bus not being able to get into some neighborhoods. The board likes the idea of having residents vote. There could be an online poll. Discussion ensued regarding addresses and handing out voting cards with a specific return date as well as an online version. Category discussion ensued. Instead of the same categories it could be just first, second, third or top 5 with the Charlie Perotti family award for first place. Could have a couple of honorable mentions. Possibly hand out voting cards at the parade of lights. Tabling this discussion to finalize next month.

Chairman Ellison explained that he spoke with Selectman Bunce about the private events sign for the pavilion, but Selectman Bunce has not heard anything back yet. The Lawrence Field sign – the town applied for grant funding for this. Segalla field selectman Bunce spoke with the State and is waiting to hear back. There will be a Ski Club donation box in the front of the town hall for drop offs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary