

CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2025
5:00 pm

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the April 14, 2025, Rec Park Committee meeting at 5:18 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Diana Rancourt and Paul Lyons. Later joined Terrie Herr.
- II. Revised Bylaws – Officers and Annual Meeting. This has been considered our annual meeting. Nominations were made: Vernon Crawford, for Chairman and Diana Rancourt, for Clerk. No other nominations were offered. All present approved the nominations, which were carried in the affirmative. There was some discussion on the revised bylaws, and any necessary modifications will be made at the next meeting before they are officially adopted.
- III. Approve the minutes for the March 10, 2025, meeting – The approval of the minutes from March 10, 2025 has been tabled.
- IV. Firefighters Appreciation Day update – Discussed at a meeting earlier.
- V. Logo – A new logo design has been approved and will be used for the online store fundraiser.
- VI. Splash Pad pavers update – The paver project is expected to start soon, and Vern and Paul will be contacted when it starts.
- VII. Fundraisers – The Shifters band is scheduled to perform at the Border Jumpers on May 24, 2025 from 7 to 11 pm with an entry fee of \$10 to benefit the recreation park. A 50/50 raffle will be held at the event. Posters will be distributed before the event to promote it. Terrie joined the meeting on behalf of Canaan Naturally Connected to discuss our fundraisers. She was informed that a decision was made to hold a dance night fundraiser to benefit the recreation park instead of a murder mystery event. Casino Night fundraiser and other fundraiser ideas will be discussed at a later date.
- VIII. Merry-go-round – More discussion at next meeting.
- IX. Porta Potty – Someone ripped off the door to one of the porta-potties. Brian Riff reported via email that the whole door handle assembly was broken, and is concerned about replacement parts. He will reach out to his supplier and provide us feedback. Vern will attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss this vandalism issue.
- X. Letter of Support – Community Forest – Northern Forest Center - Diana distributed a letter of support for a grant the Community Forest is applying for. They are requesting funding to support youth-focused outdoor recreation programs and initiatives within the forest. The members present reviewed the letter written by Diana Rancourt and a motion was made and seconded to approve the letter as written. Chairman Vernon Crawford signed the letter and Diana will send it to Terrie Herr tomorrow.

- XI. Ben and Jerry's Foundation grant – A grant application has been submitted for funds to support the Firefighters Appreciation Day.
- XII. ARPA Funds, shuffleboard court, painting lines, gravel – Discussed projects.
- XIII. Trash pickup – Vern will meet with Selectboard regarding trash pickup this summer.
- XIV. Budget Status report – Tabled until next meeting.
- XV. Other Business – no new business took place.
- XVI. Sign warrants – Just a reminder to stop in and sign the warrant.
- XVII. Adjourn Meeting – the April 14, 2025, rec park meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.