

CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2025

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the August 11, 2025, Rec Park Committee meeting at 5:00 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Paul Lyons, April Busfield, Al Buckley and Diana Rancourt (via Zoom).
- II. Approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025, meeting – On a motion by April and seconded by Al, the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- III. Firefighters Appreciation Day – It was unanimously approved to purchase a \$100 gift card from The Porch on Main for Britni Haley in recognition of all her help with the Firefighters Appreciation Day event. Vern will take care of this.
- IV. Camping – August – Dawn collected \$560 from the first camping event, and she will be paid \$200 through the next payroll.
- V. Dance Night & 50/50 raffle Legion – September 6th from 7 to 10:30 pm. – The use of facilities has been approved, and the fee has been paid. The Best for Last Band is confirmed, with Elaine and Dan Dagesse once again covering the cost. Raffle tickets will be sold at 5 for \$10.00. The message board is ready at the Town Office for a member to display at Fletcher Park when time allows. Diana is preparing posters and an advertisement to be submitted to the Colebrook Chronicle next week.
- VI. Updates: Crushed gravel, speed bumps, solar security light, splash pad pavers & supplies – Vern confirmed with Laurent Rancourt that the crushed gravel and speed bumps are on their project list. Paul will work on determining the best way to install the solar security light. The pavers around the splash pad have been completed and look great. Supplies have been ordered to repair the splash pad fixtures. Diana will check with Norman regarding the issue with the fire hydrant before the Moose Festival.
- VII. Merry-go-round, playground chips – The merry-go-round parts have arrived. Diana informed members that the cost to purchase playground chips is \$478.90. The remaining grant funds of \$230.02 will be applied toward this purchase, and the balance will be paid through the regular Rec Park account. Diana will coordinate with Roy Amey for delivery when needed. The playground chips will be placed around the merry-go-round and children's bouncy toys
- VIII. David White – Al will check with Richard on the status of mowing in the park.
- IX. Rec park inspection – Zach informed the members about the recent rec park inspection. One of the issues identified was exposed concrete around one of the children's bouncy toys. April will place a mat around the toy to cover the exposed concrete.

- X. Electric pole by the porta potty near the gazebo – Diana will follow up with Zach to confirm the timeline for clearing brush around pole.
- XI. Budget status report – Discussion tabled until the September meeting.
- XII. Other Business – Dog Waste System - Odette informed Diana that they would be interested in covering the cost of one system. After some discussion, Odette will be contacted to see if they would be willing to cover only the cost of the bag dispenser and bags. April noted that Zach has ordered a couple more “Pick Up the Poop” signs. The North Country Chamber of Commerce’s request to use the facilities for the Moose Festival, along with their Certificate of Liability Insurance, was reviewed and approved. Diana will inform the Chamber of the approval.
- XIII. Sign warrants – Committee members present signed the necessary warrants.
- XIV. Adjourn Meeting – the August 11, 2025, rec park meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.