

CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2025

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the June 9, 2025, Rec Park Committee meeting at 4:57 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Paul Lyons, and Al Buckley.
- II. Adopt Bylaws – During this meeting, the Rec Park Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed by the members present. Al initiated the motion to adopt the By-Laws as written, and Paul seconded the motion. Following the motion and its seconding, the members present unanimously executed the document, making it official and will be kept on record at the Town Office.
- III. Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 meeting – On a motion by Paul and seconded by Al, the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- IV. Field D – Teisha Matthews president of the PCS Baseball-Softball Association sent an email with information about the Association. They are a town recreation association that participates in the Great North Woods League, which is chartered through the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Nationwide League. They oversee the smaller divisions and set the rules for all associations chartered through them. Per the Cal Ripen/Babe Ruth league rules, their 12U baseball division will need to move up to a larger field in 2026. They are asking for permission to extend the infield by 10'. Paul informed the board that he measured the extension of the field and he felt it would not encroach on any other sports. All present approved their request.
- V. Cameras – We have decided not to purchase any additional cameras at this time.
- VI. Speed bumps - To enhance safety and deter speeding on the recreation park road, it was proposed to install speed bumps. After some discussion, a decision was made to reach out to Laurent Rancourt to ask whether he could build berms while he's working on the other project in the park.
- VII. Summer projects – Vern recently met with Tim Gray to finalize the list of projects to be done in the rec park: the portable toilet located at the far end of the park needs to be turned around, the existing message board will be taken down and replaced with a new one, work on the shuffleboard court, and if time permits, fix the fitness stations. The plans are to work on these projects on June 16th and 17th.
- VIII. Dance Night – The Dance Night held on May 27th at the Border Jumpers was a huge success! A big thank you to The Shifters for delivering an unforgettable performance that kept everyone on their feet. We're thrilled with the turnout and we're already planning the next one! Mark your calendars for another Dance Night this September! Stay tuned for details coming soon.

- IX. Thank you – Thank you cards were signed for Nicholas Goudreau and Elaine and Dan Dagesse, and a donation receipt will be mailed to Elaine and Dan Dagesse.
- X. Shuffleboard & pickleball court – As previously stated Tim will work on the shuffleboard court the week of June 16th. Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing will supply and install one complete set of yellow-textured pickleball court lines before our event on July 19th.
- XI. Splash Pad – Diana emailed Billy Rioux to see when he would be able to start on the paver project with no luck.
- XII. Firefighters Appreciation Day – Info only – meeting tomorrow at 4 pm at the Town Office.
- XIII. Merry-go-round – A motion was made and seconded to purchase the merry-go-round for \$5,175.00. With no discussion, it was voted on unanimously.
- XIV. Ben and Jerry's Foundation grant – We have successfully been awarded \$2,000 and expressed gratitude by signing a thank you letter.
- XV. Budget Status Report – The budget status report was reviewed with no questions.
- XVI. Other Business – Use of facilities application - The Canaan Border Riders Snowmobile Club requested permission to use the park from August 29th to August 31st. This request has been approved, contingent on providing proof of insurance coverage. Dawn Dion will be contacted to inquire about her availability to collect camping fees during the two softball tournaments scheduled for August and September. Al will check with the Cunninghams to see if they would donate two tire rims for firepits in the Meadow Lot for these two tournaments.
- XVII. Sign warrants – Committee members will stop at the Town Office to sign warrants.
- XVIII. Adjourn Meeting – the June 9, 2025, rec park meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.