

**Board of Selectmen  
Chaplin, Connecticut  
Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
Time 7:00PM Regular Meeting  
Chaplin Town Hall**

**1. Call to Order**

William Rose IV-First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Members Present: William Rose IV, Irene Schein and John Smith Others Present: Karen O’Gorman and Betty Urban-Clerk Audience Present: Dick Weingart, Jim Randall, Pat Boyd and Pastor Andy Bolduc.

**2. Additions to Agenda**

William Rose IV wants to add 7F under New Business-Declare Surplus Equipment

**3. First Audience of Citizens**

Pastor Bolduc would like to list some of the Church’s activities on the Chaplin Website. He is not sure how separation between State and Church will be affected. The things that he wants to list are for the good of the Community. These things include Angel Foods which allows people to purchase packets of food monthly at a good rate. Also, the church has a Food Bank and works with WAIM to help people get food stamps etc. Pastor Bolduc is also putting together a NE Connecticut Website for the church and would like to link Chaplin as well as surrounding towns to it. William Rose IV will review with the Board to see what can promote. He will also check with the Town Attorney. Pastor Bolduc announced that the Chaplin Congregational Church is celebrating its Bicentennial this year. A special celebration will be held on July 10 and July 11, 2010, and everyone is invited.

Dick Weingart said the mill rate for the 2009 grand list, 2010-2011 fiscal year will increase 3/10<sup>th</sup> to 30.15 mills The Budget has undesignated funds, which can be moved such as CIP. Some funds are reserved by law and can only be used for certain things.

**4. Approve Minutes of: Regular Meeting of May 6, 2010 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2010**

The May 6, 2010 regular meeting minutes were approved at the Special Meeting. Irene Schein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 18, 2010. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed with one abstention.

**5. Communications and Reports**

**A. Trooper Report-May 2010**

M.V. Accidents 8            Assault 1            Burglary 1            Narcotics Violation 1  
Domestic Disturbance 1    Disturbances 3    Non-Criminal 3    Traffic Stops 38

William Rose said a report is mailed each month from Troop D. If this is a combination of Resident and Traveling Troopers, Trooper Black’s report could be eliminated.

**B. Board Members Reports**

William Rose IV would like to hire Gerald Stefon to do research on the history of unapproved roads. Stefon goes into the origin of the road and previous ownership. He goes through all the previous minutes of the town and court records. Stefon charges \$75.00 per hour. He proposed that Phase 1

would cost \$5000.00. Irene Schein made a motion to move forward on hiring Gerald Stefon to investigate and research roads starting with a figure of \$5000 to be presented to the Board of Finance on Monday June 14, 2010. Seconded by John Smith. Motion passed.

William Rose IV said the North Bear Hill Bridge needs to be permanently fixed. It is rated poor by the State of Connecticut, and considered dangerous. It would cost approximately one and a half million to do approaches and bridge and take care of flooding. However, just the bridge could be done. The State is willing to pay 80%, but the Town would be responsible for 20%. Bill will get more information for next meeting. The time line is 32 months. The Town would have to pay up front and get reimbursed from the State. Bonding will be investigated.

Bill will be looking over Town's insurance to make sure properly covered.

### **C. Correspondence**

The State of Connecticut will be putting in Regional Reverse 911. Residents will be able to sign up for it.

## **6. Old Business**

### **A. STEAP Grant, JAG Grant, Energy Conservation Grant**

**STEAP Grant**-The State came out to review the site of Bujak Road. A pink frog was sighted so the work has been held up so the DEP can investigate.

**JAG Grant**-The lowest bidder was notified but he forgot labor so had to withdraw. Bill met with Gateway Fence and they want to use guard rail instead of split rail. Three gates will be installed, and large post wood used for security purposes. The bid was for \$8589. The grant is for \$9100 which will take care of change to guard rail.

**Energy Conservation Grant**-This is a 100 % funded grant. Specs were put out for the heating side of the job and published in the newspaper. Bill will have pre bid information on what needs to be done, and bids will be opened at July's meeting.

### **B. Website Update**

Nothing has been done yet. Money will be available in July.

### **C. Energy Task Force**

John Smith said nothing going on at this time.

### **D. Discuss Records Management Survey**

Bill said free fireproof filing cabinets were obtained at UCONN surplus. They will be used by Registrar of Voters, Accountant and Tax Department to file information that needs to be moved out of the Vault.

### **E. Discussion on Forming Economic Development Board or Committee & Ordinance**

Irene Schein will attend an informational course on Economic Development at Eastern on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. At this time there is no funding available unless belong to a Regional Group. This has been a problem due to the different needs of big and small towns.

### **F. Ferrara Community Center Use**

John Smith spoke to the Recreation Commission, and they are interested in the use of the Ferrara Community Center. The Center could be used for play groups, town meetings etc. John said the stage needs to be cleared off and secured. Screens are needed on windows.

### **G. Discuss & Set Special Town Meeting Agenda**

The town meeting for June was cancelled. The Board decided to plan a meeting for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Agenda will be set at next meeting.

#### **7. New Business**

**A. Tax Collector Refunds** None

**B. Resignations and Appointment**

Irene Schein made a motion to approve the reappointment of Pat Boyd and Gert Landon to the Senior Center Board for a new term from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2013 and to approve the appointment of Marilyn Nurme, currently an alternate, to replace Bob Dubos as a regular member on July 1, 2010. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed

On June 8, 2010, a letter of resignation was received from Virginia Walton. She resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sara Sabo resigned as Municipal Agent as of May 31, 2010. Bill spoke to Roxanne StJean today and Christina Zaccaro has agreed to take the position. Irene Schein made a motion to appoint Christina Zaccaro as Municipal Agent for the Elderly. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed

An e-mail was received from Juan Sanchez suggesting that Chris Komuves be appointed to the Chaplin Conservation Commission. William Rose IV made a motion to appoint Chris Komuves to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed

William Rose IV made a motion to appoint Arielle K. Rose to the Recreation Commission to replace Julie Decandia. Seconded by Irene Schein. Motion passed

**C. Appoint Animal Control Officer and Assistant Animal Control Officer**

Irene Schein made a motion to reappoint Jane Scanlon as the Animal Control Officer and Mark Miles as the Assistant Control Officer. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed

**D. Rails to Trails Grant**

William Rose IV said that it is Chaplin's turn to get a grant. The total amount of grant is \$117, 550. Chaplin must match 20%. Bill was told our match could be met through in kind work, such as tree brush removal and drainage work. No official letter has been received yet.

**E. MIRMA Update**

MIRMA has been the carrier of Workers Comp Insurance for sixty towns, including Chaplin, and has become insolvent. The State of Connecticut told the towns they need to help MIRMA get solvent. Chaplin's share is \$35,000. An alternate carrier needs to be found for Workmen's Comp.

**F. New Business-Declare Surplus Equipment**

Irene Schein made a motion to declare two desks, two filing cabinets and one computer kiosk as surplus equipment. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed. Bill will research how to liquidate.

#### **8. Other Business**

One of our bank accounts at Citizens Bank in the amount of \$22,116.10 only earned 29cents interest. Irene Schein made a motion to close the Town's account with Citizens Bank and move the amount of \$22, 116.10 and the amount of small interest accrued to one of the other accounts. Seconded by John Smith Motion passed.

## **9. Second Audience of Citizens**

Jim Randall feels the bridge on North Bear Hill Road is important and would like to see the bridge at least four feet wider when done. Bill said it depends on what the State will approve. Jim also questioned if the \$50,000 saved on the school bond could be used. Jim asked about insurance on fire trucks. He wants to make sure rider is kept to insure 100% replacement on fire trucks. Bill said insurance will be kept as is.

Dick Weingart said not to depend on bond savings. Next year the 1.8 million in stimulus money will be gone, plus other grant money. Dick said depreciation on equipment is done as part of the financial statements each year. A complete inventory of assets should be done. Dick questioned if the Building Officials term is up in July. Bill will check it out. Dick asked if the Town Crew or some of the public could dismantle the playscape at CES to save money. Bill said he has spoken to Rick from the Recreation Commission because money was raised by Discovery to use the hardware and some of the parts for a playscape at Garrison Field. Bill will check to see what is being done.

## **10. Agenda Suggestions for Next Meeting**

STEAP Grant, JAG Grant, Energy Conservation Grant

Website Update

Energy Task Force

Discuss Records Management Survey

Discussion on Forming Economic Development Board or Committee & Ordinance

Ferrara Community Center Use

Discuss & Set Special Town Meeting Agenda

North Bear Hill Bridge

Declare Surplus Equipment

Rails to Trails Grant

How to Handle Church Request

MIRMA Update

John Smith needs information on all the memberships etc. that Chaplin pays for such as Access Agency, Meals on Wheels, Abuse Centers etc. He needs to bring to Discovery for their newsletter.

## **11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on July 8, 2010 at the Senior Center at 7:00PM.

## **12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty G. Urban