

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Chaplin, Connecticut
Thursday, May 2, 2024**

Members Present: Anthony Pinto, Selectman, Kenneth Fortier, Selectman

Members Absent: Juan Roman, First Selectman

Others Present: Susan Welshman, Recording Secretary; Dick Weingart, Board of Finance Chair; Gene Boomer.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
2. **First Audience of Citizens:** Gene Boomer asked the Board if a question concerning the continuation of the Chaplin Resident State Trooper Program will be going to referendum. K Fortier answered no, the Resident State Trooper is on the Annual Town Meeting agenda for discussion at this time. G Boomer went on to offer his opinion that the Resident State Trooper Program's benefits outweigh the negatives. G Boomer values the availability of the resident trooper to provide security at polling places as well as resident's homes. Mr. Boomer also commented that he feels it is time to raise the purchase price of cemetery lots here in town. He is currently researching costs charged in neighboring towns and would like to return with data at next month's BOS meeting. J Pinto and K Fortier thanked G Boomer for his input.
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** None.
4. **Approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on April 4, 2024 and the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on April 30, 2024.** *J Pinto made a MOTION to approve the April 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 30, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted. K Fortier seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION passed.*
5. **Communications and Reports**
 - A. Trooper Report – K Fortier read out the report for April 2024 submitted by Trooper Shaun Tucker. *See attached.*
 - B. Board Members Reports: None
 - C. Board of Finance Discussion: D Weingart reported that the Public Hearing for the Proposed Chaplin Town Budget for FY 2024-2025 went very well with good attendance and good questions and feedback. A special meeting of the Board of Finance was held directly after the Public Hearing where the final budget number of \$10,255,299 was confirmed. D Weingart is anticipating stronger opinions and comments at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024 at the Senior Center, 7 PM. The Annual Town Meeting will adjourn to Referendum on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the CVFD, 106 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin, CT from noon to 8 PM. The BOF also appointed Hoyt, Fillipetti and Malaghan, LLC as the Town auditors for this year's audit after having a very good experience with the company during the previous year's audit.
 - D. Correspondence: None

- E. Building/Infrastructure: None
- F. Treasurer Report: None
- G. Department of Public Works Report: None
- H. Chaplin Volunteer Fire Department Report: None

New Business

- A. Tax Collector Refunds: ***J Pinto made a MOTION to pay the following tax refunds: Toyota Lease Trust \$662.51; Shakir Lawrence \$162.40; Brendan Cloutier \$10.07. K Fortier seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION CARRIED.***
- B. All Pending and New FOI requests: None
- C. Appointments and Resignations: None
- D. Discussion and possible action on new washer and dryer system for the CVFD: Tabled until next month's meeting.
- E. Discussion and possible action on renewal of Canon Copier leases (3): Tabled until next month's meeting.

6. Old Business

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: The ARPA expenses for the year have been submitted to NECCOG to be reported to the Federal Government.
- B. Discussion and possible action on Polling Locations: K Fortier stated that although improvements to the Ferrara Community Room have been cut from the 2024-25 proposed budget, it is still the goal to hold early voting events there pending installation of the State Voter Registration System.
- C. Update for the construction of fire pond and dry hydrant: Currently on hold.
- D. Discuss/updates on Bedlam and England Road Bridges: Electrical utilities at the site have been completed.
- E. Town Administrator Update: Tabled until next month's meeting.
- F. Update on IT Services: Tabled until next month's meeting.

7. Second Audience of Citizens - Note: Comments are limited to agenda items and subject to Chair discretion: None

8. Agenda Suggestions for next meeting: None

9. Date, time, and place of next meeting (June 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Chaplin Town Hall).

10. Adjourn: Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Susan Welshman
Administrative Assistant*

**TOWN OF CHAPLIN
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER
April 2024**

TO: Juan Roman; First Selectman
FROM: TFC Shaun Tucker #1237

Sir,

The following reflect the statistics collected between the dates of April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024:

	Resident Trooper	CSP (all except RT)	TOTAL
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	5	44	49
Traffic Accident – No Injury	0	2	2
Traffic Accident – With Injury	0	1 (Fatality)	1
Reportable Incidents	1	9	10
Traffic Stops	0	7	7

Notable events/incidents:

There was an accident with fatality that occurred on April 20, 2024 on Willimantic Rd.

I have accepted a promotion to sergeant and as I exit my position as the Resident Trooper for the Town of Chaplin, I just wanted to express my gratitude to the residents of Chaplin and all the fine people I got to work alongside while I held the position. It was a pleasure working with and for you all. Msgt. John Miller is in the process of selecting my replacement, and he can be reached at Troop D at (860) 779-4900 with any questions.

Respectfully,

TFC Shaun Tucker #1237