

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF CHAPLIN  
JUNE 15, 2016**

Pursuant to the previous notice and warning, the Annual Town Meeting was duly held on June 15, 2016 at Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin, Connecticut. There were approximately 45 citizens present. Also present were Matthew Cunningham, William H. Rose, Irene Schein and Shari Smith. The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and read the Legal Warning.

1) To choose a moderator: The Town Clerk called for nominations to elect a Moderator for said meeting; William Rose nominated Irene Schein seconded by Rusty Lanzit. Irene Schein was elected Moderator.

The Moderator read article 2 of the call: “Public Hearing and possible action on a proposed “Ordinance delegating the authority of the Town Meeting to act on Interlocal agreements to the Board of Selectmen,” as authorized by subsection (b) of Connecticut General Statutes section 7-339, and proposed by NECCOG.”

Matthew Cunningham, William Rose and Irene Schein answered questions regarding the Ordinance, what agreements and with whom the agreements could be entered into, gave examples of shared services that NECCOG offers, noted that most of what NECCOG can do is defined by State Statue, spoke about the NECCOG Board of Directors and noted that this Ordinance was originally proposed at the annual Town Meeting and is currently being resubmitted with revisions. Concern was expressed that this Ordinance would allow NECCOG to enter into educational agreements. It was stated that NECCOG does not have jurisdiction over the Board of Education and could not enter into any educational agreement.

Rusty Lanzit made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. More questions and discussion followed. Concern was expressed regarding the Ordinance and that it is vague. Christopher Komuves made an amended motion to insert the full name of NECCOG in parenthesis after the acronym. William Ireland seconded the amended motion.

Matthew Cunningham read the amended Ordinance: **“TOWN OF CHAPLIN ORDINANCE DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN MEETING TO ACT ON NECCOG INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 7-339c, the Town Meeting of the Town of Chaplin hereby delegates its authority to ratify or reject any proposed NECCOG (Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments) interlocal agreement to the Board of Selectmen, provided that the Board of Selectmen provides the opportunity for public comment before voting to ratify or reject such proposed agreement. For purposes of this Ordinance, providing the opportunity for public comment does not require the Board of Selectmen to conduct a public hearing.”

There being no further discussion on the amended motion the Moderator called for a vote on adding the proposed amendment (to spell out the acronym NECCOG in parenthesis after the acronym) to the Ordinance, there were 40 in favor, 4 opposed and no abstentions. The motion to add the amendment to the Ordinance carried.

The Moderator then called for additional question or comments on the original motion to accept the Ordinance. Being no further comments the Moderator called for a vote to accept the Ordinance. There were 44 votes in favor, 4 opposed and no abstentions.

The Moderator read number 3 of the call: “To discuss and vote on the following question:

**SHOULD THE TOWN OF CHAPLIN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 FOR INSTITUTION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR DISSOLUTION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11?**

Note: By authority of General Statutes Section 7-7, the Board of Selectmen has voted to submit the question to a vote at referendum on June 23, 2016.”

Matthew Cunningham explained the process for institution of the procedure for dissolution of Regional School District 11 and stated that the vote to initiate the study for dissolution has to come from the legislative body. He also stated what results the study would produce. Questions and comments centered on the performance of students at Parish Hill High School, graduation rates, the cost per student, opportunities available to students, declining enrollment and the condition of the buildings. Concern was expressed regarding the costs of the Malone and McBroom study and the addition / withdrawal of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade study that is currently under way. A lot of conversation centered on the studies and if they could and should be combined as well as the options that would be considered in the studies. Reference was made to Connecticut General Statutes chapter 164, Sec. 10-47b. Addition or withdrawal of grades.

4) To adjourn: Christopher Komuves made a motion adjourn seconded by William Hooper. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Shari Smith – Chaplin Town Clerk