

**Minutes of Special Town Meeting**  
**March 16, 2016**

Pursuant to the previous notice and warning, the Annual Town Meeting was duly held on March 16, 2016 at Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin, Connecticut. There were approximately five citizens present. Also present were Matthew Cunningham, Irene Schein, Shari Smith and Suzanne Gluck. The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and read the Legal Warning.

1. The Town Clerk called for nomination to elect a Moderator for said meeting; Matthew Cunningham nominated Irene Schein seconded by Eugene Boomer. Irene Schein was elected Moderator.
2. The Moderator read article 2 of the call: Discussion and possible action on a Resolution of the Board of Selectmen to participate in a Regional Revaluation Program administered by the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG), and related agreements; The Moderator called for a motion to approve the Resolution, Matthew Cunningham made a motion to approve the Resolution and Marvin Edelman seconded the motion. Matthew Cunningham gave an overview of the Regional Revaluation Program stating that it saves the town a tremendous amount of money to enter into a joint contract. We pay a yearly fee to NECCOG and they are the fiduciary. They pay the contractor every year and they handle the money. It is a much better program and a move in the shared services direction which is the big move in the State of Connecticut right now for everybody to pool together and share our resources. Per state statute it has to be approved by the Legislative Body. The Moderator called for questions. Jim Randall asked if the revaluation would be every five years or every ten years. Matthew Cunningham said Vision was the winning bidder and they would do both the five year and ten year valuation. Marvin Edelman asked which communities are in the pool. Matthew Cunningham answered that all of the Towns except for Putnam are participating and the Clerk read the list of Towns: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Plainfield, Pomfret, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock. Killingly has just opted back in as well. Marvin Edelman asked how much money was being appropriated by the Town of Chaplin. Matthew Cunningham answered that we pay \$6,200.00 per year for five years. We pay a price per parcel which works out to \$6,200.00 per year. In years past we budgeted a little over \$12,000.00 threw CIP to pay for this. The State just recently authorized a cooperative agreement. Jim Randall asked what the length of the contract was. Matthew Cunningham answered the contract was for five years. Marvin Edelman asked if the current Board of Selectman are familiar with any of the appraisers that will do the appraisals. Matthew Cunningham answered that it is the same company we have always contracted with. NorthEast and SouthEast Cogs also contract with Vision. The Moderator asked for all in favor of passing this Resolution. Eight were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. The Resolution passed.

3. The Moderator read article 3 of the call: Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to endorse RPI projects administered by the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG); The Moderator asked for a motions to approve the Resolution. Matthew Cunningham made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Marvin Edelman. Mathew Cunningham commented that RPI are grants given to COGS by the State and the Legislative Body has the option to endorse one, all or none of the projects. It does not cost us any money. NECCOG takes our recommendations along with all the other COGS and sends to the State. The State divvies out the money depending on where the support lies. We discussed at the Selectmen's meeting to endorse it as a packet. We may not take advantage of all of these programs and it does not cost us anything but it is going to benefit at least part of the whole region should any of these projects go through. Charlotte Shead asked how the State decides how to distribute the money. Matthew Cunningham said the State gives money based on the population of the COG. Eunice Edelman asked for examples of some of the types of projects. Matthew Cunningham gave an example of the RPI Grant that was given in the past to Chaplin to fund the School Study between Chaplin, Hampton and Scotland and we received \$36,000.00. The Moderator read the list of projects of which were:

- a. Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- b. Enhanced Regional Animal Services Facility
- c. Shared Road Maintenance Equipment
- d. Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Study, Phase II
- e. Value Added Agriculture Feasibility Study
- f. Regional Back Office Functions

Discussion ensued regarding the six projects. Moderator asked for all in favor of passing this Resolution. Eight were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. The Resolution passed.

4. The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Marvin Edelman made a motion to adjourn seconded by Eunice Edelman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.