

# Minutes for Chaplin Economic & Community Development Commission

Wednesday December 11, 2024

6:30 pm Chaplin Town Hall

## SECTION 1: (5 MINUTES)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Recording Secretary: Janeen Rose

3. Members Present: Clint Slowak, Chair

Janeen Rose

Linda Roman

Members Not Present: Pat Pogmore

4. Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

Old Post Office: Guest Juan Roman is looking into the Brownfield  
Grant from State of CT to clean up asbestos in  
old buildings.

Membership: Masal Brady interested in joining commission

5. Guest: Juan Roman

6. Review and approve draft minutes (September 11, 2024)

No discussion of said minutes

Linda Roman made motion to accept said minutes

Janeen Rose seconded the motion

## SECTION 2: (20 Minutes)

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Member Reports:

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TOWN CLERK:

8/27/25, 2:00 pm  
*Shari Smith*

Guest Juan Roman brought up email he received and forwarded to Clint Slowak from Eastern District of Tourism and Economic Development. Juan Roman will continue to forward any emails he receives from them NECOG [Northeastern CT Council of Governments (COG)] meeting held on Friday on second or third Friday of the month. Juan Roman attends then and will pass along any pertinent information he hears for economic development and tourism.

**b. Marketing Material: Promo Video & Physical Media**

Linda Roman recommends the Babcock Coronet Band that played at the Chaplin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony just recently held at Chaplin fire station. She suggested a music day as a town wide event to recommend to the recreation committee, as this band and several others in surrounding area are very affordable.

**c. Networking Opportunities: Chamber of Commerce, NECOGG, CECOGG, SECT, etc.**

Economic development mission statement: Follow guidelines to find ways to bolster economy in town.

Guest Juan Roman stated the need to present a detailed report (ways, means and key details, etc.) to the First Selectman to present at town meetings to implement ideas that meet the mission statement of this committee.

Clint Slowak relayed a message from Pat Pogmore to focus on revenue generation for businesses already in Chaplin, i.e. tax incentives for current and future businesses; identify properties ripe for development and contact the owners about their intentions for said properties.

**d. Old Business Action Extensions**

**Extend OLD BUSINESS Discussion time ?:**

No notes

**SECTION 3: (20 Minutes)**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. COST's Town Meeting Conference: January 29, 2025, who would like to attend?**

It was brought up that the Council of Small Towns has a luncheon meeting conference scheduled for January 29, 2025. Linda Roman and Janeen Rose will represent Chaplin. The cost per person is \$125.00 and will be covered by this commission's budget.

**b. Motion to keep meetings to 1 hour of concise discussion & action items**

A motion was made by Linda Roman to keep the Chaplin Economic & Community Development Commission meetings to 1 hour.

It was seconded by Janeen Rose and all (Clint Slowak) voted in favor.

**c. Discussion: Each member's top reasons they personally live in Chaplin.**

Linda Roman stated her top reasons to live in Chaplin and it was unanimous for those in attendance that we like the rural way of life Chaplin affords us. All the main reasons stem from the rural way of life Chaplin offers.

Clint likes the atmosphere of small town living. He likes the pro-art mindset in the countryside of Chaplin and surrounding towns.

**d. Discussion: Each member's 1-3 identities Chaplin can focus & build upon.**

**C2: Motion to Select Chaplin Identity for focused Community & Economic Development.**

There was discussion about ways to thank current Chaplin taxpayer businesses within the budget of the Commission. Ideas needed more time to be accomplished for 2024. It seemed the onus was on Chairman Clint Slowak, and wasn't fair to expect him to pull off thanking all the taxpaying businesses in a Holiday spirit way. Clint is supportive of doing this in 2025.

**e. Discussion: Next Steps**

**Extend NEW BUSINESS discussion time?:**

No discussion after voting to keep meetings to 1 hour earlier in meeting.

New business:

Motion made to ask First Selectman if feasible to move Chaplin's Museum to public property, a.k.a. Garrison Field and/or Town Hall Property and not to historic property with so many restrictions. First Selectman Juan Roman was present as a guest and went over the process that must be followed to present any such ideas to the First Selectman. It is an involved process which seemed beyond the scope of those in attendance, so the motion was tabled. Some of the examples of what would have to be in a report presented to the First Selectman are: cost of move, reasons to have the new location considered, benefit to the town, revenue maker?, educational factor?, are just a few of the issues to address.

#### **SECTION 4: (10 MINUTES)**

##### **9. Meeting Dates for 2025: March 12<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

It was decided that November 5<sup>th</sup> will replace the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as the chairman will be out of the country.

##### **10. AGENDA SUGGESTIONS & ACTIONS ITEMS FOR MEETING (MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025)**

No discussion recorded.

7:53 pm Motion made by Linda Roman and seconded by Janeen Rose to adjourn the meeting.