

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Chaplin, Connecticut
Thursday, June 6, 2025**

Members Present: Juan Roman, First Selectman; Kenneth Fortier, Selectman; Joe Pinto, Selectman

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dick Weingart, Chair of BOF; Jordan Lumpkins, Shared Town Administrator; Mary Calorio, Shared Town Administrator.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

1. **First Audience of Citizens:** None
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** None
3. **Approve the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on May 1, 2025.** *K Fortier made a MOTION to accept the Minutes of the 5/1/2025 BOS meeting as presented. J Roman seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.*

4. **Communications and Reports**

- A. Board Members Reports: None
- B. Board of Finance Discussion: Board of Finance Chair D. Weingart reported that the Board of Finance held a special meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025 to review Town agency budgets after the proposed budget failed at the 5/20/2025 Budget Referendum. The next Regular BOF meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2025. D Weingart also reported that the Town auditors are planning a visit to the Town Hall for a consultation and audit prep session with staff.
- C. Correspondence: Selectman Kenneth Fortier submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Selectmen to be effective June 13, 2025. He and his wife are moving out of state. First Selectman Juan Roman thanked K Fortier for his exemplary service and commitment to the Town of Chaplin through the years. J Roman reported that the Recreation Commission will be holding monthly Bingo nights at the CVFD on the third Saturday of the month. He also reported that the Rec Commission has scheduled their Summer Concert Series which is posted on the electronic sign and also on the Town website.
- D. Building and Infrastructure: Town Administrator, Jordan Lumpkins, reported that an application to the Connecticut Connectivity Grant Fund has been made for Phase II of the Town sidewalk project. Phase II will address paving at Garrison Park parking lot as well as a ramp leading up to the park from the parking lot addressing ADA compliance. He reported that a final design for Phase I will need to be submitted before the CCGF can consider the Phase II application. Final design is in progress and will be presented to the Town at an informational Town Meeting at a date to be determined. J Lumpkins also reported that the Urban Act Grant application will be for work on Lynch Road and Tower Hill Road. A TRIP

(Transportation Rural Improvement Program) grant application is anticipated to be submitted for work on Nutmeg Lane in the fall.

- E. Treasurer Report: None
- F. Department of Public Works Report: J Roman reported that the DPW has been performing roadside mowing and clearing the Town Hall property where the tree removal took place. This area has also been prepared for the future use of the Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum.
- G. Chaplin Volunteer Fire Department Report: J Pinto reported that the CVFD had recently responded to a structure fire on Phoenixville Road as well as two motor vehicle accidents, one which included a fatality.
- H. Senior Center Report: Please see attached.
- I. Public Library Report: None

New Business

- A. Tax Collector Refunds: None
- B. All Pending and New FOI requests: J Roman reported that Town Hall received three FOI requests in the month of May. A FOI request was received on 5/13/2025 from Andrew Daniels for Town contracts with the Town Attorney, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, IT Services, Building Inspector and any other contracts with the Town of Windham. Copies of requested documents were provided to him on 5/15/2025 and the FOI was closed. The second request was received from Andrew Daniels on 5/27/2025 for invoices paid by the Town to Attorney Dennis O'Brien as well as a detailed report of all legal fees paid by the Town over the past three years. An electronic copy of the requested documents was sent to A Daniels on 5/28/2025 and the FOI request was closed. The third FOI request came from Janice Farese of Open the Books on May 30, 2025 requesting an electronic copy of any and all vendor payee payments from the Town of Chaplin for the year 2024. The electronic document was submitted to the requester on 6/3/2025 and the FOI request was closed.
- C. Appointments and Resignations: Senior Center Board of Directors: ***J Pinto made a MOTION to approve the re-appointments of Irene Schein, Janice Godaire and Ellen Gillon as regular members to the Senior Center Board of Directors all with terms beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2028. K Fortier seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.*** Recreation Commission: ***K Fortier made a MOTION to approve the re-appointments of Dave Stone, Charlie Harakaly, Nicole Mott and Joshua Woodward as regular members of the Recreation Commission all for terms beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027. J Pinto seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.*** Historic District Commission: ***J Pinto made a MOTION to appoint William Rose (alternate member) as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to replace Catherine Smith who passed away on 4/15/2025 for a term beginning 9/1/2021 and ending***

8/31/2026 effective 6/5/2025. K Fortier seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.

- D. Old Post Office building status discussion: J Lumpkins presented a memorandum to the Board of Selectmen regarding the evaluation of future use options for the Old Post Office at 142 Chaplin Street. The three future use options include keeping it vacant, repairing and leasing it, or selling it. Overviews of the three options' advantages and disadvantages, required steps, legal considerations and estimated timelines were discussed. It is recommended that the Town apply for a DECD/EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant to support environmental due diligence.
- E. Budget Discussion: J Roman reported speaking with School Superintendent A Skarzynski and BOF Chair D Weingart regarding developing new budget numbers. J Roman and J Pinto stated that it did not make sense to re-submit the Town budget until the RD 11 budget is passed.

5. Old Business

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: No news to report.
- B. Update for the construction of fire pond and dry hydrant: The paving around the fire pond was completed on June 5, 2025.
- C. Discuss/updates on Bedlam and England Road Bridges: Paving on the England Road Bridge is scheduled to begin on Friday, June 6, 2025. No opening date has been set yet.
- D. Town Administrator Update: J Lumpkins reported beginning work with the CT Safe Streets for All program which has a goal of zero fatal accidents with special emphasis on pedestrian and motorcycle accidents. J Lumpkins will be attending an upcoming conference in which the program will be looking for input from Towns as they gather qualitative data. J Roman introduced Mary Calorio as a member of the Town Administrator Team. M Calorio reviewed the NECCOG Shared Administrator Monthly Report for May with the Board of Selectmen which included activities from initial work plan and independent project activities.

- 6. Second Audience of Citizens - Note: Comments are limited to agenda items and subject to Chair discretion:** D Weingart mentioned that publicity for the budget referendums may be insufficient. J Pinto and J Roman continued discussion of combining the RD 11 and Town referendums as approved at the May 12, 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Will begin looking into the BOE breaking down the RD 11 budget numbers by Towns which can only be done by the BOE and possibly piggybacking the 2nd Town Budget referendum onto the upcoming RD 11 2nd Budget referendum.

- 7. Agenda Suggestions for next meeting:** None

- 8.** Date, time, and place of next meeting (July 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM, Chaplin Town Hall).

- 9. Adjourn:** Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Susan Welshman
Administrative Assistant*

Senior Center Monthly Report

Date May 2025

Total number of guests for the month 751

Total lunches served for the month 379

Activities:

Breakfast 81

Fit & Fun 168

Mexican Train 6

Bingo 48

Mahjongg 91

Pickleball 34

Yoga 9

Memoir Group 9

Walking Club —

Haircuts 12

Massage 15

Special Activities

Plant & Grinder Sale \$7,977.76 / Profit 5,716.13

Karaoke 21

Foot Care 11

Read out