

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Chaplin, Connecticut
Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

Members Present: James Harrington, First Selectman; Leslie Ricklin, Selectman

Members Absent: Juan Roman, Selectman

Others Present: Jordan Lumpkins, Shared Town Administrator; Dick Weingart, BOF Chair

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **First Audience of Citizens:** Chaplin resident Diane Sanchez attended the meeting with her husband, Juan. She stated that she continues to be angry about how the plan for the parking lot expansion at the Senior Center was developed and, more specifically, the lack of communication between the Town and its residents. She stated that the Town needs to be more inclusive of residents when planning changes.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** *L Ricklin made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented and to approve the Minutes of the 12/12/2025 BOS Special Meeting as presented; J Harrington seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.*
4. **Communications and Reports**
 - A. Board Members Reports: None
 - B. Board of Finance Discussion: D Weingart, Chair of the BOF, reported that the Town audit has been completed and contains no exceptions or material weaknesses and that the Annual Report is nearly complete and will probably go before the BOF in February. He reported that a joint special meeting of the BOF and the BOS will occur on Monday, January 12, 2026. He encouraged the Board of Selectmen to begin their budget proposal work soon.
 - C. Shared Town Administrator Report: Town Administrator Jordan Lumpkins shared his monthly report with the Board. Please see attached.
 - D. Correspondence: None
 - E. Building/Infrastructure: None
 - F. Department Reports: J Harrington reported that Department reports were received from the Senior Center and the Chaplin Volunteer Fire Department. Please see attached.
5. **New Business**
 - A. Tax Collector Refunds: *L Ricklin made a MOTION to approve the following tax refunds: Nissan Infiniti LT LLC, Rhonda Iacobazzi in the amount of \$414.45 and Karen W Kolb in the amount of \$67.46. J Harrington seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.*

- B. All Pending and New FOI requests: None
- C. Appointments and Resignations: **L Ricklin made a MOTION to re-appoint Andrew Daniels as the Burning Official for a term beginning 1/31/2026 and ending 1/31/2030. J Harrington seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.** J Harrington reported receiving the resignation of Elizabeth Coulumbe and Amie Kramer, both from the Chaplin Recreation Commission.
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign, execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Chaplin to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). L Ricklin read the Resolution aloud. Please see attached. **L Ricklin made a MOTION to approve the resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign, execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Chaplin to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Homeland Security (DEMHS). J Harrington seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.**

6. Old Business

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: No updates.
 - B. Update for the construction of fire pond and dry hydrant: J Harrington reported that he, the contractor and DPW supervisor had come to an agreement pertaining to recent repair to the pond.
 - C. Discuss/update on Bedlam Road Bridge: No further information since the 12/12/2025 special meeting of the BOS.
 - D. Discussion on the submittal of Board Reports: Tabled until next month's meeting.
 - E. Discussion of Tax Collector Services: J Harrington reported that further preliminary discussion has occurred concerning the possibility of bundling additional services into a contract with the Town of Mansfield.
- 7. Second Audience of Citizens - Note: Comments are limited to agenda items and subject to Chair discretion:** D Weingart and the BOS discussed the funding of the Bedlam Road Bridge Project and the possibility of Town departments going through the BOS to express their budgetary goals and priorities.
- 8. Agenda Suggestions for next meeting:** L Ricklin suggested that a discussion of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and how Town entities can contribute to it's celebration. She also suggested that a discussion of education in Chaplin be added to the agenda.
- 9. Date, Time and Place of next meeting:** February 5, 2026 at 7 PM, Chaplin Town Hall.
- 10. Adjourn:** Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Welshman, Recording Secretary



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To: Chaplin Board of Selectmen

From: Regional Town Administrators – Mary Calorio and Jordan Lumpkins

Date: January 7, 2026

Re: December 2025 Administrator's Update

Public Outreach/Communication

After advisement, the Town Facebook page has been launched. Town Administrators will continue assisting with the dissemination of information through memos, and press releases. Administrator Lumpkins has been researching ways to engage with residents to receive public feedback.

Budget Evaluation

Town Administrators met with the First Selectman and Board of Finance Chair to review recommendations. A presentation during a joint Board of Finance-Board of Selectmen meeting is expected for January.

Community Connectivity Project

Round I (Library/Senior Center) plans have been updated and resubmitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) District 2 office. The plans have been reviewed and a letter stating the plans are acceptable has been forwarded as the last piece of our final design package for the release of funds. Procurement will take place later this winter, with construction beginning in late Spring of 2026.

Arboretum Extension Project

The Arboretum Commission has contracted a landscape professional to draft a conceptual design for the Arboretum Extension Project. Administrator Lumpkins has been worked with the Commission and the contractor to develop a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Urban Green and Community Garden (UGCG) Grant application that was submitted on December 17th. Decisions are expected in Spring 2026.

Helen Garrison Open Space Project

Administrator Lumpkins has continued working with Town staff to develop a plan to reestablish public access to the Helen Garrison Open Space property (S. Bear Hill Road). A DEEP Recreational Trails Grant application to support planning and construction activities was submitted on December 18th. Lumpkins also met with the CT Resource Conservation and Development Area to initiate a partnership in evaluating the property. They will work with the Town to conduct an environmental assessment of the property and



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Board of Finance

Air Line State Park and Trail Alliance Meeting

ERTD Executive Board Meeting

Arboretum Meeting with Landscape Professional

Senior Center Monthly Report

Date Dec. 2025

Total number of guests for the month 787

Total lunches served for the month 444

Activities:

Breakfast 41

Fit & Fun 93

Mexican Train 2

Bingo 29

Mahjongg 53

Pickleball 45

Yoga 21

Memoir Group

Walking Club

Haircuts 8

Massage 6

Band 20

Cell Phone 5

Artist Open Studio 35

Special Activities

Holiday Sing-A-Long 12

Mr. Magic - 42

Music w/ Jack + Duke 35

Lunch Outing to Georgina's - 21

Wreath Decorating 11

FYI. CVFD report for the calendar year and Dec 2025

The CVFD responded to 15 medical calls. And 7 call related to car accidents, CO calls and a car fire in the month of December

For the year the CVFD responded to 259 calls
203 medical calls and 56 Fire related calls

Respectfully
Joe

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

The Town of Chaplin – Board of Selectmen

CERTIFICATION:

I, Shari Smith, the Town Clerk of the Town of Chaplin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Chaplin Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on January 7, 2026, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Chaplin may enter into with and deliver to the **State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security** any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that James Harrington, as First Selectman of the Town of Chaplin, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Chaplin and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that James Harrington now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 15, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 7th day of January 2026.

Shari Smith, Town Clerk

Shari Smith

