

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026

Chair Frejya Brodeur called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: Dave Stone (Vice-Chair), Nicole Mott (Secretary), Justin Brodeur, Danny Cates.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to Agenda: Add to end of agenda – Receipt of Letter from Town Treasurer.

4. Secretary's Report:

**Dave Stone motioned to approve January 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes as amended with following correction: Item #6b should read – {only need a field – will bring their own equipment, Fee for families varies - Rec would take in \$10 per registration). Motion seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

**Dave Stone motioned to approve January 21st special meeting minutes, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

5. Treasurer's Report:

**Dave Stone motioned to table Treasurer's Report, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

6. Sports

a. Basketball

I. Basketball Committee Report: 4 signed up so far for Free Throw Contest (keep advertising).

II. Prizes for Foul Shot Contest: Discussed trophies and medals - need 12 (Nicole will order trophies).

**Dave Stone motioned to spend up to \$200 on prizes for Foul Shot Contest, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

III. Scholarship for Julie Millerd: Award includes check and plaque (Nicole will order plaque).

b. Soccer: Rec Commission respectively declines partnering program with Brazilian United Soccer.

c. Other: None

7. Activities

a. Cornhole

I. Cornhole Committee Report: Starts Wed with 16 signed up.

II. Other: Change in winter league dates to February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25.

b. Bingo: Did well without concessions (consider just having water).

c. Disc Golf: Tabled

d. Other: None

8. Chaplin Day 2026:

Donation from anonymous donor for Fireworks was \$16,000 (went out to bid today). Activities – commitment for Lawnmower Races (they want to come back every year). Vendors – not opening Snack Shack (push Food Trucks for \$100 each). Bands – Whiskey Boulevard (Dave suggested Babcock Band to start the Fireworks). Nicole Mott suggests more focus on kid's activities with students manning stations as community service (will reach out to Parish Hill).

**Dave Stone motioned to accept \$100 per Food Vendor, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

**Dave Stone motioned to not charge any fee for vendor that is Chaplin Resident or Registered Business, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

**Dave Stone motioned to collect \$20 per Non-Food Vendor, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

9. Helen Garrison Property: Waiting on grant.

10. Building and Field

- a. **DPW Report:** Ice Rink is solid.
- b. **Other:** None

Receipt of Letter from Town Treasurer:

Letter received from Town Treasurer Diana Alvarez regarding card reader (Frejya finds letter to be lackluster).

11. Adjournment:

**Danny Cates motioned to adjourn (6:45 PM), seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Scott, Recording Clerk*

Diana F. Alvarez
Town of Chaplin Treasurer
495 Phoenixville Road
Chaplin, CT 06235

January 31, 2026

Dear Recreation Commission Members,

I sincerely apologize for the miscommunication and delayed response on the card reader issue. I regret the frustration it has caused.

I fully support the Recreation Commission and your vital work for our community. As Town Treasurer, I am committed to providing the financial resources and cooperation you need.

I look forward to improved collaboration moving forward.

Thank you for your dedicated service.

Best regards,

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