

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Chaplin, Connecticut  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 12, 2026  
MINUTES**

Members Present: James Harrington, First Selectman; Juan Roman III, Selectman;  
Leslie Ricklin, Selectman

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jordan Lumpkins, Town Administrator; Susan Welshman, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** J Harrington called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Discussion and possible action on sending the following to a Special Town Meeting on March 23, 2026, 6 PM, at the Chaplin Senior Center: "TOWN OF CHAPLIN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE BIFURCATION OF THE TOWN BUDGET AND CONFIRM THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES".** The Commission, along with J Lumpkins, discussed their thoughts on sending this ordinance to the March 23, 2026 Special Town Meeting. J Roman, J Harrington and J Lumpkins expressed concern that rushing this ordinance to an upcoming Town Meeting may cause concern and pushback. J Harrington prefers to seek the input of other stakeholders as well as doing community outreach through social media, etc. to help the residents become better informed about a possible future bifurcation of the budget including what it is and the reasoning behind doing so. ***J Roman made a MOTION to NOT send the proposed Budget Bifurcation Ordinance to the Special Town Meeting on March 23, 2026 for consideration and to make no changes to the current ordinance. L Ricklin seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.***
4. **Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Legal Notice/Meeting Warning for the March 23, 2026 Special Town Meeting.** J Roman read the Legal Notice/Meeting Warning out. The Board discussed the need to amend the proposed legal ad with the removal of item 4 and associated language which dealt with the proposed Budget Bifurcation Ordinance. ***J Roman made a MOTION to amend and approve the Legal Notice/Meeting Warning for the Special Town Meeting on March 23, 2026. L Ricklin seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.***
5. **Discussion and possible action on the placement of speed monitoring signs on Lynch Road.** DPW Supervisor Dave Stone requested the placement of the speed monitoring signs on Lynch Road to be used in conjunction with a T2 (UConn) traffic study. This traffic study is a requirement for grant funding possibilities, specifically a TRIP grant, for road repair funds.
6. **Discussion of a possible SAM Eversource Beneficial Account Agreement.** J Harrington described the outline of the program and then called Allan Chubbuck, Project Manager, Michaud Law Group and placed him on speaker phone allowing him to describe the proposal and to answer any Board member questions. He was informed that the call and meeting was being recorded. Having recently received the documents pertaining to this proposal, L Ricklin stated that she wished for some time to be able to review. A Chubbuck stated that if J Harrington responds to his email giving the Michaud Law Group permission to contact Eversource and obtain the kilowatt usage hours for Town entity buildings, he could then configure potential financial gains for the Town of Chaplin. J Harrington stated that he will respond to the email and give permission to the Michaud Law Group to obtain a historic record of the Town of Chaplin Municipal Buildings' kilowatt hours from Eversource. The BOS will continue their consideration of this program.
7. **Adjourn:** Special Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

*Respectfully submitted by Susan Welshman  
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman*