

# CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting**  
April 22, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: S. Matthies, S. Rusch, P. Kegler, D. Cates, M. Jenkins  
Staff: Joe Theroux, Wetlands Agent; Sue Welshman, Recording Secretary  
Others:

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Alternates seated: M. Jenkins for D. Field

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, December 18, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by S Rusch to approve regular meeting minutes for the 1/28/2026 meeting:  
Second by M. Jenkins. D. Cates abstained. All in favor.  
Motion passed.**

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

**Notice of Violation: Mr. Bill Ireland, Quiet Corner Hops Farm, LLC, 261 Bedlam Road, Chaplin, CT. Cease, Desist and Correct Order dated 8/8/2025.**

Agent J Theroux reported that an email recently sent to Mr. Ireland and copied to his niece went unanswered. J Theroux is requesting a wetland delineation report. He will send a letter via certified mail to Mr. Ireland and copy Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien.

New Business:

**Nickerson Park Campground: 1036 Phoenixville Rd. Construction/grading adjacent to Natchaug River.**

Applicants were present at the meeting to describe proposed project. Grading and retaining wall construction were discussed. S Matthies commented that the application was thorough.

**Motion by P Kegler to accept the application as presented. Seconded by M. Jenkins. D Cates abstained. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Correspondence: Chaplin Board and Commission Handbook distributed.

Administrative Report: Flooding of Tucker Pond/Chappel Street properties. J Theroux reported that he has spoken with residents at 19 and 25 Chappel Street. The resident at 25 Chappel is working with the DEEP to get a permit out-of-season to trap the nuisance beavers causing the flooding. The homeowner of the property where the beavers are located has given her permission for the trapping to occur. J Theroux will keep residents informed as to the progress being made.

Conservation Commission Business: None

Commission Discussion: None

**Adjournment: Motion by S. Rusch to adjourn, Second by P. Kegler. All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Welshman  
Recording Secretary*