

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026
Chaplin Town Hall, 3:00

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 by the Chair, Helen Weingart.
Present were Dave Stone and Leslie Ricklin.
2. Approval of minutes of Special Meeting on Dec. 2, 2025: D. Stone moved to approve the minutes, L. Ricklin seconded. Motion passes.
3. Create a plan for the Pollinator Pathway presentation by Native Plant landscape designer.
 - a. Confirm date of the presentation: D. Stone moved, L. Ricklin seconded to confirm the date of Friday, February 20, 2026, at 6:00 for the presentation. Motion passes. The presentation will be made in the Senior Center meeting room.
 - b. Arrange to make concept map of the project available for public comment. H. Weingart presented a draft of a notification which will go out to: the Chaplin Public Library, Google Groups, the Town Website, the Town Facebook page, Recreation Commission.
A copy of the Concept Map will be posted at the Town Hall and at the Library.
Discussion followed about contacting as many people as possible to attend the presentation, i.e. Arboretum volunteers, and others interested in pollinating strategies.
H. Weingart will develop an agenda for the evening's presentation, give some background on the project, grant application, and introduce the speaker.
 - c. Set timeline request for final pathway plan. A month after the presentation seemed appropriate.
 - d. Status of DOT permit for grass slope of the pathway plan along Rt 198.
D. Stone said that he's waiting to hear back from the State about this.
4. Agenda suggestions for next meeting date:
 - a. Set a date for a special meeting: March 24, 2026 (Plan Arbor Day)
 - b. Next regular meeting is April 28, 2026

- c. D. Stone will check with the town attorney about language needed to amend the town ordinance for the Arboretum to include the Pollinator Pathway.

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Ricklin, Secretary