

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026

1. The special meeting was called to order by the Chair, Helen Weingart at 4:39 PM. Present were members Dave Stone and Leslie Ricklin.
2. Approval of March 24, 2026, special meeting: Dave moved to approve the minutes and Leslie seconded. Motion passed.
3. Discuss possible action on the following:
 - a. Update on status and action of revising the Arboretum Ordinance: Dave reported that the attorney, Dennis O'Brien, will supply a draft for the Commission to review ASAP (hopefully, before the next Board of Selectmen's meeting). He will amend it to include Commission's responsibility of the Pollinator Pathway.
 - b. Dave reported that the DOT will supply their planting plan for the roadside embankment on RT. 198.
 - c. Today's work party plan includes: volunteers mulching all the trees and shrubs on our list; Dave will work on plaque/base repair; Helen will trim around plaques. Helen also presented an inventory spreadsheet of all the trees documenting the condition of the plaques placed by a number of them. Discussion followed about placing a special plaque by the shagbark hickory which is the oldest and largest tree in the Park.
4. Next regular meeting is on April 28, 2026
5. Agenda suggestions: Fundraising, discussing the updated Pollinator Pathway plans.
6. Meeting adjourned at 5:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Secretary