

CHAPLIN BOARD OF FINANCE
Chaplin Senior Center
Chaplin, Connecticut
Special Meeting and Revised Budget Presentation Minutes
June 25, 2025

Chair Dick Weingart called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Board members present: Link Diwan, Jeremiah Rufini, Victor Boomer, Alternate Peter Haines. Others present: 1st Selectman Juan Roman. Absent: Linda Caron, Bill Jenkins, Alternate Matt Foster, Alternate Izzy Alvarez.

3. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Alternate Peter Haines seated for Bill Jenkins.

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None permitted

5. PRESENTATION OF REVISED BUDGET #2 FOR FY 2025-26

a. Presentation of Board of Education and Town Government Revised Budgets; Audience Questions:

Budget process started off with revenue loss of about \$250,000 (a mill) from state funding and changes in Grand List.

- Total Town Expenditure Budget \$10,130,570 (2.93% increase) – reduction of \$145,008 from original budget proposal.
- Total Revenues projected at \$10,006,006 based on State budget.
- Budget deficit of \$124,564 (partially offset by \$62,739 for excess tax collections of 0.25 mills from FY 2024-25 mill rate).
- Unassigned Fund Balance projected at \$1,035,374 (10.22% of expenditures).
- Estimated mill rate - 31.375 mills.

Town Government reduced \$23,676 (looked at current year expenditures – can use Contingency Fund to cover overages). CES/BOE reduced \$54,288 with overall increase of 0.48% (charging tuition + para for Special Ed services provided to out-of-town student). Chaplin's Assessment to RD11 reduced \$67,044. There will be 1 Referendum with 2 questions on the ballot (one for RD11 budget of \$7,275,881 and one for Town of Chaplin budget of \$10,130,570).

- Sandy Horning of 76 England Road asked if budget breakdown sent out previously to Google Groups allowed outside for people to look at (will be posted outside the polling place, will be spelled out differently on ballot for next year). The 1st Selectman suggested to RD11 that ballot question be spelled out with each town's share (positive reception).
- Pat Pogmore thanked the Board for their service and efforts.
- Leslie Ricklin of 138 England Road asked what the mill rate is if budget passes (31.375 mills).

6. ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS: None

7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Tuesday, July 1, 2025: Town Budget Referendum – noon to 8pm (Fire Department)
- b. Monday, July 7, 2025: Special Meeting to set Mill Rate for FY 2025-26
- c. Monday, July 14, 2025: Regular Meeting and Approve Revenue Budget for FY 2025-26 @7pm (Town Hall)

8. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (7:50 PM) made by Peter Haines, seconded by Link Diwan and carried unanimously.

***Respectfully submitted by,
Recording Clerk Kathleen Scott***