

CHAPLIN BOARD OF FINANCE

Library Meeting Room

Chaplin, Connecticut

Special Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2025

Chair Dick Weingart called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Board members present: Link Diwan, Jeremiah Rufini, Victor Boomer, Mike O'Neill. Others present: 1st Selectman James Harrington, Public Works Director Dave Stone, Finance Manager Val Garrison, NECCOG Town Administrator Jordan Lumpkins, Emergency Preparedness Director Jim Randall. Absent: Bill Jenkins, Alternate Matt Foster, Alternate Izzy Alvarez.

3. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: None

4. GUESTS: First Selectman Harrington and DPW Supervisor Stone

Dave Stone presented analysis for track loader: dozer blade allows for proper grading (savings on rental and hiring out costs, cuts down on material costs), increases ability for larger tasks that can't be done with backhoe (large scale road patches, drainage), increases efficiency and safety, reduction in service hours for other equipment (future cost savings), opens other grant opportunities, emergency response for snowstorms.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE TRANSFER OF CIP FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT 3305.4 "ROADS" TO ACCOUNT 3305.13 "EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT":

Discussion: original request to transfer \$114,000, recoup funds for sale of current wood chipper (put back into Equipment fund), road projects for coming year, plans for Equipment Replacement (keep building).

Group B

1. Motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$54,000 from CIP Project #3305.4 - Roads to project #3305.13 – Equipment Replacement for purchase of Bandit Model 12XP Wood Chipper, made by Victor Boomer, seconded by Mike O'Neill and carried unanimously.

Discussion: funds left in ARPA (none), purpose of dozer blade with blade already on it (6-way blade for grading), how to transport to other sites (trailer purchased previously), how would sidewalk be sanded (by hand), quotes from Kahn Tractor (from Victor) for 2 used Kubota (would have to replace used sooner - big discount through Sourcewell (State procurement assistance) for new equipment, purchasing used equipment through auction (as is – don't know where it came from), warranty and life span for new versus used (2 year factor warranty for new, would have to purchase extended warranty for used), depreciation schedule for all equipment (check with auditors), John Deere versus Kubota (John Deere cheaper – crew works on equipment with mechanics on call). Dave Stone noted \$19,300 more would be taken from road budget than discussed originally.

2. Motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$79,200 from CIP Project \$3305.4 – Roads to project #3305.13 – Equipment Replacement for purchase of John Deere Model 325G Compact Track Loader, made by Victor Boomer, seconded by Jeremiah Rufini and carried unanimously.

3. Motion to transfer \$19,300 from #3305.13 – Equipment Replacement to #3305.4 – Roads to even out entire transaction, made by Link Diwan, seconded by Jeremiah Rufini and carried unanimously.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Monday, December 8, 2025: Regular Meeting @7pm (Town Hall)
- b. Monday, January 12, 2026: Regular Meeting @7pm (Town Hall)
- c. Monday, February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting @7pm (Town Hall)

7. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (7:11 PM) made by Link Diwan, seconded by Jeremiah Rufini and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Recording Clerk Kathleen Scott