

**CHAPLIN BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**Chaplin Senior Center**  
**Chaplin, Connecticut**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2026**

Chair Dick Weingart called meeting to order at 8:34 PM. Board members present: Link Diwan, Jeremiah Rufini, Victor Boomer. Others present: Town Administrator Mary Calorio. Absent: Mike O'Neill, Bill Jenkins, Alternate Matt Foster, Alternate Izzy Alvarez.

3. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** None

4. **AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:** None

5. **GUESTS:** None

6. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None permitted

7. **REPORTS**

a. **Board Member reports:** None

b. **Staff reports: Finance Dept., BOE/CES, Tax Collector, Assessor/Treasurer:** None

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Regular/Special meeting(s) – March 30, 2026:**

*Link Diwan motioned to approve March 30, 2026 special meeting minutes, seconded by Jeremiah Rufini and carried unanimously.*

Victor Boomer criticized the CIP process.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

10. **FY 2026-27 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

a. **Review Budget Public Hearing testimony and comments:**

- Link Diwan commented on presentation being very nice visually with important questions answered.
- Victor Boomer commented about enough graphs that didn't target areas always talked about.

b. **Consider and act on Board of Education/CES budget:**

Link Diwan asked if separating budgets for Town and Education this year (Town Attorney recommends Bifurcation Ordinance to split Town and School budgets – consider for future).

*Link Diwan motioned to bring BOE/CES budget of \$4,303,507 to Town Meeting, seconded by Victor Boomer and carried unanimously.*

c. **Consider and act on Town Government budget:**

*Jeremiah Rufini motioned to bring Town Government Budget of \$2,454,355 to Town Meeting, seconded by Victor Boomer and carried unanimously.*

d. **Consider and act on combined Town Government and Board of Education budget for FY 2026-27:**

*Link Diwan motioned to bring Total Town Budget of \$10,465,496 to be presented at Town Meeting, seconded by Victor Boomer and carried unanimously.*

e. **Consider and act on Budget Message for Town Meeting:**

Dick Weingart suggested including where to find total budget and mill rate easily.

f. **Review of BOF budget calendar & schedule:** None

g. **Other necessary budget issues for consideration:** None

h. **Consider and act on funds transfers and budget line additions/adjustments as requested:** None

**11. AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETING:**

- a. Regular Meeting(s)
  - 1) Regular meeting agenda
  - 2) Other necessary business

**12. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR/SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

- a. Monday, April 27, 2026: Chaplin Annual Town Budget Mtg. @7pm (Senior Center)
- b. Monday, May 4, 2026: RSD11 Annual Budget Meeting @7pm (Parish Hill Middle/High School)
- c. Tuesday, May 5, 2026: Town of Chaplin and RSD11 Budget Referendum @noon to 8pm (Fire Dept.)
- d. Monday, May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting and set Mill Rate for FY 2026-27 @7pm (Town Hall)
- e. Monday, June 8, 2026: Regular Mtg. & Approve Revenue Budget for FY 2026-27 @7pm (Town Hall)

**Action Items:**

- Review Board goals and policies for FY 2024-25:
  - 1) Board policies and Board Member handbook.
    - a) Revise BOE Non-Lapsing Carryover Acct.: Revise to reflect change of Bank, G/F accounts, and format.
    - b) Revise Board of Finance organizational documents and Bylaws.
    - c) General Fund: Policy on Unreserved & Unassigned percentage of budget and other factors.
    - d) CIP Fund: Policy on budget amount and new projects (when they can be added, cost documentation).
    - e) Policy for dissemination of Personal Information of Board Members.
- Draft Memo Template for Agencies that are near budget.
- Funding for CES Building Envelope Improvements.
- Contact Treasurer about presentation by Beacon Bank representative.
- Fixed Assets – Public Works only.

**13. ADJOURN:**

***Victor Boomer motioned to adjourn (8:55 PM), seconded by Link Diwan and carried unanimously.***

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