

Chaplin Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes;

3/18/21, 7 pm

Chaplin Town Hall and remote via GOTOMeeting

Call to Order: Chariman Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Other member present : Monica Arbo, Chris Blair, Amelia Nelson, Shannon Hammond and Clayton Coogan.

1. **Audience for Citizens:** none
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** Farmer's Market and Cornhole.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes were presented from 2/26/21. Corrections to minutes were as follows: #5 Membership status: Line 2 should read, "the Commission will be voted on at the next **Board of Selectman's** meeting.". #7 Sports; Basketball: change spelling of Miller to **Millerd.** **Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Dave and 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried.**
4. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund** (as of 3/16/21): \$9807.82
Special Revenue (as Of 2/28/21): \$7486.90
5. **Membership**
 - a. **Status of Terms:** 5 terms were filled at the BOS meeting . Chris Blair, Matt Foster, Shannon Hammond. Josh Walmsley and Clayton Coogan will serve until the town meeting in May. Then, 5 expiring members will be voted on by the town to serve for a two -year term and 5 members will be reappointed.
 - b. **Email List:** List with e-mail and phone numbers of members was created.
7. **Sports:**
 - a. **Background Checks:** a ink was sent to members so that they may fill them out on-

line. The fee for a background check will be paid by the Commission. Eventually, all volunteer coaches and their helpers will have to undergo a background check in order to coach or help with a team sport. There is no policy at this time but it is strongly advised to have one done.

- b. Basketball – Skills and Drills at CES:** This will be offered for Chaplin Students tentatively starting on April 5 from 5 – 5:45 pm for Grades 3-4 and 6- 6:45 pm for Grades 5-6. Due to Covid-19 policy there will be no spectators and only participants will be allowed in the gym. Coach Millerd will run the program. Building use was permitted by the school. The Commission will be responsible for logging participants and sanitizing equipment before, between and after event.

- c. Little League:** Try outs have begun and registrations are still being accepted.

d T-Ball: Monica reported that T-Ball will be offered to children from Chaplin, Hampton and Scotland. She will be organizing this and hopes to have other volunteers assist. Ten sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6- 7 pm at Edward Garrison Park beginning May 11. Participants will need to bring their own glove and water bottle. Registration will be conducted on-line. Dave motioned that a \$40 fee be charged for each participant. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave motioned to purchase one shirt and hat for each player and head coach from the Special Revenue Fund up to \$15.00. 2nd by Monica. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave motioned to purchase bases for the Softball field up to \$500. 2nd by Monica. All in favor. Motion carried.

E .Soccer: Coach Melissa submitted a proposal for \$825 to hold a soccer program for Grades Pre-K – 2 from April 24th – June 5th at Edward Garrison Field. The groups will be divided as follows: Pre-K: 10- 10:50 am, Kindergarten: 11-11:50 am, Grades 1-2: 12-12:50 pm. Each participant will need to supply their own shin guards and water bottles. Amelia motioned that \$40 be charged to each participant for registration. 2nd by Chris. All in favor. Motion carried. Dave motioned that shirts be purchased for players from Special Revenue fund up to \$15 each. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried. Dave motioned to spend up to \$200 for equipment

as needed. 2nd by Monica. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Activities

- a. **Concerts at the Park** : Discussion held about whether or not concerts should be scheduled for the summer. Most members were interested in holding them when weather permits. We will look into bands that might be available.
- b. **Disc Golf Field Use** : BOS agreed with the language that the Commission submitted and will keep it in place until further notice. The event that was scheduled for April is on hold.
- c. **Chaplin Recreation Logo**: Discussion was held about a logo for the Rec. Commission. It was discussed whether elementary school students might be interested in submitting designs. Shannon will speak to the PTO to see if they would like to organize it.

9. Building and Field

- a. **Fence Between the Park and Hubbard Sanctuary**: 820 ft. split rail fencing was ordered from Willard's for \$3,334.50. It was decided that a natural stain should be used.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Recommendation to BOS regarding Water Supply for 2021 season**: Dave will write a letter to the BOS indicating that the Commission would like the water turned back on to the concession stand.
- c. **Concessions Building Porch Ceiling**: The ceiling to the concession stand overhang is completed and looks great!
- d. **Stocking of Darling Pond**: Discussion concerning whether the pond should be stocked this year took place. It was decided to hold a "What's in the Pond?" Fishing Derby for children 15 and under. This will give us an idea whether fish should be stocked or not. The derby will take place on April 10, 8am -10 am at Edward Garrison Park. There will be 3 age divisions , 5 yrs. and under, 6 –

10 year olds, and 11 – 15 year olds. Chris motioned that 3 -\$50.00 gift certificates be awarded to the winner of each division for the highest weight. 2nd by Monica All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Other Business:

- a. **Cornhole** : There are 6 teams so far registered for Sunday and 6 teams for Wednesday. Registration will continue through the month. Discussion about prizes took place and it was decided to wait until next meeting to set prizes.
- b. **Farmer's Market**: Chris questioned whether we should try to run a Farmer's Market this year as there was interest shown last year. There was also interest in pursuing this event for this year. Chris will look into what the Commission needs to do in order to run one this summer and report back at next meeting.

11. 2nd Audience for Citizens : none

12. Adjournment : Motion to adjourn at 9:16 pm by Amelia. 2nd by Shannon. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Chris Blair, Secretary