

Chaplin Senior Center

Board of Directors

132 Chaplin Street

Chaplin, CT 06235

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, **August 5, 2025**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Shirley Rakos, Robin Hoagland, Ellen Gillon, Ann Lewis, Carl Linkkila, Crystal Gebhardt, Janice Godaire, and alternates Joyce St. Lawrence and Victoria Northrop (also acting as recording clerk); Director Lisa Kegler and Assistant Director Lynn Grindle.

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**
- 2. Additions to the Agenda:** Irene added a discussion of the Annual Report under New Business, section 6a.
- 3. Audience for Citizens: None present.**
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of June 3, 2025 were approved, after a motion was initiated by Ellen and seconded by Janice.
- 5. Old Business**

5a. Director's Report:

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$47,075.75
- b. Cash on Hand: \$99.67
- c. Membership: 422
- d. Dues for 2025 thus far: \$1855
- e. Correspondence: None

Lisa gave the Board a detailed breakdown of the Center's use and activities for June and July 2025

- There were 835 individual visits to the Center in June and 789 in July.
- 468 lunches were served in June and 419 in July.

The detailed breakdown included the number of participants in all twelve of the Center's regular activities, the most popular being: 134 (June) and 127 (July) doing "Fit and Fun", 58 (June) and 78 (July) in the breakfast club, and 64/74 playing Mahjongg. There were many other small, well attended activities ranging from pickleball to bingo.

Lisa informed the Board that the Car Show and Barbecue under the tent would take place today, August 5th, with food provided by the Senior Center **from the Special Revenue Fund**. There will be an ice cream social on Wednesday the 6th in conjunction with the Chaplin Library. The Center will be hosting a Fall Prevention Program with two lecturing nurses who will work with individuals to help keep them safe from falling in the home and elsewhere. The Tax Collector will be at the Center on August 19th, 10-1. On August 18th the Center is hosting its annual Potluck Picnic. The Center will provide the meats for the grill **from the Special Revenue Fund** and the rest of the food will be potluck. A first aid class will also be offered at the Center later in the month for \$30.

5b. Art Committee Update

- Ellen is contacting Shu Ning to discuss exhibiting in September.
- For October, an “art market” suggested by Ann Chuk, featuring works of various artists that people would like to offer for sale. Possibly we could suggest some small donation to the Center from proceeds. Various people will bring works to exhibit. We will also ask Alice Kuzel if her mother would like to show some sculpture during the same period.
- For Nov-Dec: a collaborative show once again of the artists who displayed their work over the course of 2025.
- Jane Collins has been added as a member of the Art Committee.
- We are already booking artists to exhibit into 2026.

5c. Chorus Update: Ellen will continue with her karaoke sessions once a month at lunchtime. She is also organizing a Campfire Songs sing-along.

5d. Facility Update: Lisa informed the Board that all is currently running smoothly with the facility. The new grill was purchased from the Special Revenue Fund that had been approved by the Board previously.

5e. Continuation of the discussion of priorities for use of the Special Revenue Fund: The Board discussed with the Director the potential uses for the Special Revenue Fund this autumn. Lisa said the Senior Center computer is very old and needs replacing, and that the office could very much use a new desktop computer. The Board agreed this is a good idea and voted to allocate the cost of the computer from the Fund. Anne initiated the motion and Shirley seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Lisa says the Seniors are interested in a bus trip to Providence for shopping and lunch. She also mentioned a potential bus trip to the Salem Cross Inn in October for leaf-peeping and a lunch out. Victoria suggested a trip to the Christmas Market at the Wadsworth Mansion on December 7th. Janice suggested that the Center buy a larger, more comprehensive first-aid kit, which was agreed to be an excellent idea by the rest of the Board.

6. New Business

6a. Irene wanted to discuss the upcoming annual report. Lisa said that there is no news yet, but they have until October. She says it will be mainly a question of collecting the monthly data that she's provided to the Board throughout the year into a comprehensive tabulation.

6b. The Board briefly discussed Chaplin Day and whether we would have a table/representation there this year. This will be TBD.

7. Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting: Victoria informed the Board she would not be attending the September meeting so a substitute clerk would be needed.

8. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is September 2, 2025 @ 10 a.m.

9. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 10:42

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk