

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Attendees: Shannon Hammond (Vice-Chair), Monica Arbo (Secretary), Amie Kraemer (Treasurer) and Matt Foster.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Secretary's Report:

- ***Motion to approve December 4, 2023 special meeting minutes, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to approve December 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes, made by Shannon Hammond with the following correction: Item #8B correct the motion to read – seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously. The motion was seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to approve January 30, 2024 special meeting minutes, made by Shannon Hammond, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***

4. Treasurer's Report:

General Fund – \$5,060.02 as of February 6, 2024

Special Revenue – \$12,441.03 as of February 6, 2024

A. BMI report (music licensing):

Need to continue paying \$440 year to BMI (a public entity in a town space counts, even if playing Spotify on their phone). Monica Arbo asked if the Senior Center pays for playing music during their programs (one license should cover the whole Town—Amie will check, Dave will check on the Town sharing the cost). ***Motion to pay \$440 for BMI music licensing, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Shannon Hammond and carried unanimously.***

5. Membership: None

6. Sports

A. Basketball:

A banquet for Rec Basketball will be held in the gym at the school with pizza and drinks (Amie suggested doing with March 12th Papa Gino's Fundraiser for 6th grade).

- ***Motion to spend up to \$700 on food and drinks for Rec Basketball Banquet, made by Shannon Hammond, seconded by Monica Arbo and carried unanimously.***

Discussion held regarding recent events at games including: rowdy parents with tempers and yelling, threatening comments from refs and coaches in front of the kids (Commission has zero tolerance), responsibility of refs to control what happens during the game and the crowd, dealing with bad behavior from coaches (will issue a verbal and written warning) and refs (will be handled by their Board), consider handing out Code of Conduct to everyone in the gym including opposing team, consider sending email to parents and coaches (include Code of Conduct) to remind them they are there to cheer their children on, consider making announcement before each game stating clear and concise expectations (get copy of Code of Conduct read by the high school coach before each game). The Commission will do an announcement before each game and send email to all parents and coaches with Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will also be handed out at the beginning of the season and require a signature.

B. Disc Golf:

Brian Bombria would like to have a Spring 45 Disc Golf Tournament at Garrison on May 25th (need more details).

C. Spring Soccer:

Coach Melissa proposes doing a 6-week Soccer Clinic on Sundays (starting April 21st) for \$525.

Motion to approve Coach Melissa's Soccer proposal of \$525 as presented, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

Discussed shirts (no shirts) and registration cost - \$30 for Chaplin residents, \$40 for out-of-town residents (Amie will be contact person).

Motion to charge \$30 for Chaplin residents and \$40 for out-of-town residents for Soccer with no shirts, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

7. Activities

A. Summer Concert Series/Events:

Branded is available July 20th for \$800 (6-9pm). Windham Concert Band will be the following weekend.

- ***Motion to hire Branded on July 20th for \$800, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried with abstention by Matt Foster.***

The Crossover Band is available June 15th or August 17th for \$600.

- ***Motion to hire the Crossover Band on June 15th for \$600, made by Shannon Hammond, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried with abstention by Matt Foster.***

Mack Truck Mary is available with an open schedule for \$600 (will offer June 22nd).

- ***Motion to offer Mack Truck Mary June 22nd for \$600, made by Shannon Hammond, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***

B. Fishing Fun Day: Tabled

C. Artists in the Park: Tabled

D. Organized Park Walks: Tabled

E. CES 6th grade raffle:

Dave Stone suggested offering a voucher for a free basketball registration. Monica Arbo suggested a family of 4 food voucher for the concession stand during any event (Matt suggested a \$100 gift card).

Motion for Chaplin Rec to donate one basketball registration fee voucher and a \$100 Gift Card for the Chaplin Rec Concession Stand to the 6th Grade Pasta Dinner to help support Nature's Classroom, made by Shannon Hammond, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

8. Building and Field:

A. Barn and Concessions cleaning:

Barn needs to be cleaned (can't get to the golf cart) and Concession Stand needs to be organized (need bins for Halloween decorations).

B. Security: Waiting on quote for bathroom door locks.

9. Chaplin Day

A. Bands:

Bands available are Heartland for \$700, Nick Bosse & Northern Roots for \$1,600 and 357 for \$800 (will use sound from Shawn Metcalf - \$1,200).

Motion to approve Heartland (\$700), Nick Bosse & Northern Roots (\$1,600) and 357 (\$800) for Chaplin Day, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Monica Arbo and carried unanimously.

B. Activities: Lawnmower Races

C. Lawnmower Races:

Met with the New England Lawnmower Racing Association at the park regarding lawnmower races (3-hour event). They will bring the following: their own circuit racers (residents would need to register with them to race), interior fence, flags and sound system (they carry their own insurance). The track will need to be upgraded with an exterior fence (about \$1,000 for metal fence) and will need 250 tires – prefer old race tires. Commitment of \$1,000 needed for them to be here (Danny and Dougie will pay for) and will come back every year (Monica will advertise on Facebook).

- ***Motion to book New England Lawnmower Racing Association for Chaplin Day, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to spend up to \$1,000 for Lawnmower Racing event, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.***

D. Vendors: Dave and Shannon working on.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (8:48 PM) made by Shannon Hammond, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

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