

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Members Present: Danny Cates, Nicole Mott, Freyja Brodeur. Audience: Leslie Ricklin, Ben Waite, Therese Smith.

2. Audience for Citizens:

Library Board Chair Leslie Ricklin (also Friends of the Library member) asked for approval of Little Free Library at the park possibly located near the benches by the playground where parents could read with their children (have someone to build it). Commission approved Story Book Walk (about trees) along fence.

3. Secretary's Report:

- ***Motion to approve March 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Freyja Brodeur and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to approve March 18, 2025 special meeting minutes, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Freyja Brodeur and carried unanimously.***

4. **Treasurer's Report:** As of March 31st, General Fund - \$1,591.93; Special Revenue - \$4,412.17.

5. Additions to Agenda:

- ***Motion to add to agenda after Item #6 – Little Free Library by Friends of the Library, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Freyja Brodeur and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to add to agenda after item #6 – Afterschool Allstars Program, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Freyja and carried unanimously.***

6. **Membership:** Key FOBs available at Town Hall.

Terms up in June for Dave, Nicole, Josh, Charlie, KC (let Dave know if don't wish to continue).

- **Little Free Library by Friends of the Library:**

Commission likes the idea (could mount to utility pole about 20ft. from the playground).

Motion to approve Little Free Library by Friends of the Library, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Freyja Brodeur and carried unanimously.

- **Afterschool Allstars Program:**

Therese Smith presented program from former Governor Schwarzenegger to help at risk middle schoolers - would like to bring program to Chaplin by reaching out to local companies for donations to be held in Rec Special Revenue account. The program helps kids with self-esteem and beneficial goals (UConn students will help to gain practical experience - could use Community Room).

Motion to support Afterschool Allstars Interest Group, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Freyja Brodeur and carried unanimously.

7. Sports

A. **Basketball:**

Discussed proposed partnership with Hampton Rec (Ben Waite noted Hampton Rec Subcommittee - himself, Bruce, Ernie). Chaplin Rec will schedule special meeting asking Hampton Rec to meet same time and place for discussion (Chaplin Rec Subcommittee - Nicole, Amie, Josh).

B. **Baseball:** Waiting for completed field use form from Brooklyn Little League. Danny Cates will run T-ball.

Motion to sponsor Brooklyn Little League for field use, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

- C. Soccer: No Report
- D. Disc Golf: No Report
- E. Other: None

8. Activities

A. Summer Concert Series/Events: All booked.

Prepare to feed Windham Concert Band from Concessions after their concert in June (Danny suggested sending out schedule of summer concerts/events).

B. Cornhole:

1. Leagues/Tournaments:

Amy Callagher helping with Cornhole (has tablets with W-Fi for Chaplin Rec Spring League for 20 teams, 10 courts, registration through Scoreholio app) - consider subscription upgrade for Scoreholio app to Pro - \$200 year.

Motion to upgrade Scoreholio app to Pro for \$200, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.

2. Boards/Sponsorships/Bags/Equipment:

Sponsors - Chaplin Rec, DRC Electric, Loose Cans, Golf Cart Guy, Green Valley Tree, Made and Formed Foundations.

C. Indoor games/Open night:

8 people attended (fun night) – will do again Wednesday (post on Facebook).

D. Bingo:

Need to order cards (different colors) and daubers (Dave suggested catering from Tony's (sell per plate).

- ***Motion to spend up to \$150 for Bingo supplies, made by Nicole Mott, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to offer food catered by a local restaurant at a profit, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

E. Other:

Nicole Mott suggested weekly Art classes at the Firehouse. Reached out to Eastern who has students available to come do classes (Community Room available) – also offered by other area schools.

9. Building and Field:

A. Concessions:

Fixed water leak in wall between bathrooms to the sinks – replaced valves (needs post winter cleaning).

B. Barn/Pavillion: Needs post winter cleaning.

C. Field: Arboretum doing walk and talk for Arbor Day next Friday. Cornhole pads need to be done.

10. Chaplin Day 2025:

Mailer ready to go (Freyja will make copies and send out). Food Trucks signed up – Taco LaRosa and Creamery Brook (working on Pizza Mike's).

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (7:39 PM) made by Danny Cates, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.

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