

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2025

Chair Frejya Brodeur called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Members present: Dave Stone (Vice-Chair), Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Justin Brodeur, Danny Cates, Elizabeth Coulombe. Audience: Therese Smith, Brian Bombria.

2. **Audience for Citizens:** None

3. **Additions to Agenda:** None

4. **Secretary's Report:** Tabled

5. **Treasurer's Report:** General Fund – \$14,574.69; Special Revenue – \$8,040.35.

6. **Membership**

a. **Elizabeth Coulombe pending BOS meeting 8/7/2025:** Membership will be official after BOS meeting.

7. **Disc Golf Discussion with Brian Bombria:**

Would like permission to get Glo League back on track every Friday night at dark (\$10 per player). Would also like to finish the Back 9 (plans presented to 1st Selectman – need to get on BOS agenda for approval) and hold 2 tournaments to help raise funds for baskets - one now on August 31st and 2nd one in the fall.

- ***Motion to sponsor Brian Bombria to run Glo League every Friday night at \$10 per player, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to sponsor Disc Golf Tournament on August 31st from 8am - 5pm with \$18.14 donation from each player, made by Frejya Brodeur, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

8. **After School All Stars Presentation and Discussion with Therese Smith:**

Sending out request for funding letters on hold pending meeting with 1st Selectman. Plan drafted – need to know if using existing building such as Parish Hill cafeteria (Chaplin shares with 2 other towns) or Community Center expansion (Senior Center expansion most feasible) overseen by a Rec Director with 2 paid positions for before and after school to help kids at no cost to parents – funded by outside sources (Dave suggested meeting include Town Administrator for more solutions – important to create Rec Director position).

9. **Sports**

a. **Basketball Committee Report:** Need to provide guidelines.

b. **Basketball Business:** Invited by CT Sun for Youth Sports Family Day on August 13th (not enough notice).

c. **Other:**

Need to find soccer coach (reach out to Parish Hill coaches for suggestions, possible Capstone Project for Parish Hill Seniors).

10. **Activities**

a. **Cornhole Committee Report:**

1. **New Boards:** Need to setup account with vendor (Danny will followup with Val).

b. **Cornhole Business:**

1. **Willimantic Woman's Softball League requests boards 8/9/25:** Party at French Club in Windham.
Motion to let Willimantic Woman's Softball League borrow cornhole boards for August 9, 2025 party, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.

- c. **Disc Golf:** Dave Stone noted Town not getting any money back – consider giving 3-month sponsorship.
- d. **Afterschool All Stars Program:** Covered already
- e. **Summer Concert Series:** Next concert is Saturday with Crossover Band (Amie will do flyer).
- f. **Bingo**
 - 1. **Change of Day:**
Can't do 3rd Saturday of month for a while (will post dates). Upcoming - August 30th and October 25th.
 - Comment on social media regarding concerns with alcohol (Attorney suggested not allowing BYOB and see if covered with CIRMA, Elizabeth suggested registering and signing waiver online).
- g. **Trivia Night:** Tabled
- h. **Halloween:**
Talked to Linda Caron about combining school Halloween Dance with Rec (with Concessions open).
 - ***Motion to hold Halloween on Saturday, November 1st with Linda Caron doing Halloween Dance and having Concessions open, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
 - ***Motion to spend up to \$800 for Halloween Decorations, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
- i. **Other:** None

11. Building and Field

- a. **Request to Reserve Garrison Park (Parish Hill Alumni Reunion, Amy V):** Requests Saturday in Sept/Oct.
Motion to sponsor Parish Hill Class of 1995 Reunion at the park with Chair and Vice-Chair to provide open dates, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Justin Brodeur and carried unanimously.
- b. **Concession Stand:** Food permits requested for Chaplin Day.
 - 1. **Report of bees:** Taken care of by Public Works.
 - 2. **Overage on spending:** Concessions overspent by \$18.63.
 - ***Motion to approve over expense of \$18.63 for Concessions, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
 - ***Motion to spend up to \$500 on Concessions for concert, made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.***
 - ***Motion to spend up to \$200 on pipe insulation for Concession Stand, made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
- c. **DPW Report:**
 - 1. **Rick Theriaque Dedication:**
Dedicating a park bench in memory of Rick Theriaque (past Rec Chair for many years – responsible for having barn built) on Monday, August 11th at 3:30pm (Arboretum Commission dedicated tree with plaque in his name).
 - 2. **Park Paint:** Everything power washed and cleaned (will be done for Chaplin Day).
 - 3. **Community Connectivity Grant:** No update

12. Chaplin Day:

Activities include: Lawnmower Races, Horse Plop Bingo (split profits with Hidden Treasures Farm), Greased Pig Contest, Wife Carrying Contest.

Motion to spend up to \$500 from the General Fund for Chaplin Day materials, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (8:06 PM) made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

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