

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2025

Chair Frejya Brodeur called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: Dave Stone (Vice-Chair), Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Nicole Mott (Secretary). Audience: Ben Waite.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Secretary's Report:

Motion by Amie Kraemer to approve November 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried with abstentions by Dave Stone and Nicole Mott.

5. Treasurer's Report: General Fund – \$6,564.13; Special Revenue – \$10,658.01 (doesn't include basketball).

6. Budget Proposal FY 2026-27:

Motion by Dave Stone for Officers to get together to create budget proposal with no more than 2.5% increase, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

7. Card Reader/POS System:

Discussed new Toast POS System made for restaurants (not needed - Treasurer happy with current system).

Motion by Dave Stone to return Toast POS System and continue to use Square System pending clearance from IT, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

8. Helen Garrison Property – Potential Grant Funding:

CT Rec Trails Grant funding available (80/20 with in kind services) to improve 2 adjoining properties on South Bear Hill Road that abuts the river (50-60 acres combined). Improvements would include: new driveway, parking area and keeping the rustic feel with trails (would be overseen by Rec - 1st upgrade would be access).

9. Sports

a. Basketball

I. Basketball Committee Report:

Program going well with 1st game this weekend. Schedule set for the season, uniforms set (no purchase needed), have scoreboard operator. Ben raised \$2,400 in sponsors (created banner). Dave Stone impressed with how well-organized basketball is this year and asked about help from Hampton Rec (they discussed doing fundraisers).

- *Motion by Dave Stone to spend up to \$200 on Sponsor Banner and Bracket for Basketball, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion by Dave Stone to pay \$20 per game for each Bookkeeper and Scoreboard Operator, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion by Dave Stone to pay 2 refs per game every Saturday until conclusion of basketball, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion by Dave Stone to spend up to \$200 for Basketball Game Balls, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.*

II. Discussion: Number of teams changed from 8-7 (7/8 Boys merged).

b. Soccer: Tabled

c. Other: None

10. Activities

a. Cornhole

I. **Cornhole Committee Report:** Tabled

II. **Discussion:** None

b. Disc Golf:

 Tabled

c. Bingo:

 Next Bingo December 20th (Freyja suggested Bingo signs).

d. Other:

- ***Motion by Amie Kraemer to spend up to \$200 on Cocoa Bar, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion by Dave Stone to approve \$250 expense for New Park Bench and purchase of materials to build it for a resident, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.***

Nicole Mott left the meeting.

11. Christmas in the Park:

 Sunday, December 14th from 4-6pm.

Lights and decorations (pavilion, barn, walkway from parking lot to barn) with Santa, cocoa, cookies (from Seniors), fire pit with firewood from DPW (Amie will do signs).

12. Chaplin Day 2026:

 Tabled

13. Building and Field

a. DPW Report:

 None

b. Community Connectivity Grant:

 Phase B denied – not reflective of their vision.

c. Resident Request for New Park Bench:

 Covered under Activities

14. Adjournment:

Motion by Amie Kraemer to adjourn (7:26 PM), seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.

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