

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

Chair Frejya Brodeur called the meeting to order at 5:58pm. Members present: Dave Stone (Vice-Chair), Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Nicole Mott (Secretary), Justin Brodeur, Danny Cates, Elizabeth Coulombe.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Secretary's Report:

*Danny Cates motioned to approve December 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes and December 3, 2025 special meeting minutes, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.*

5. Treasurer's Report: General Fund – \$3,809.46; Special Revenue – \$11,324.34.

6. Sports

a. Basketball

i. **Basketball Committee Report:** Program going well (banner ended up free - will return \$103 check to the Town).

ii. **SES Sign Replacement:**

*Danny Cates motioned to spend up to \$250 to replace SES sign, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.*

iii. **Scholarship for Julie Millerd:**

Amie Kraemer suggested recognizing Julie Millerd (HS Junior) for many hours spent coaching multiple teams (has volunteered throughout entire basketball career and really good with the kids). The Commission will honor Julie at the end of the season with Chaplin Rec Outstanding Youth Leadership Award to take with her for college resume.

*Dave Stone motioned to award \$1,000 to Julie Millerd for Chaplin Rec Outstanding Youth Leadership Award, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

b. Soccer:

Brazilian United Soccer reached out to hold a summer soccer camp in Chaplin with coaches from Brazil to work with the kids (only need a field – will bring their own equipment, Fee to Families - \$10 per registration) – Tabled.

c. Other:

• *Amie Kraemer motioned to approve up to \$600 for Basketball Banquet, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.*

• *Amie Kraemer motioned to approve up to \$500 for Trophies and Plaque for Julie, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.*

7. Activities

a. Cornhole

i. **Cornhole Committee Report:** League done – discussed payouts.

ii. **Payouts:**

*Dave Stone motioned to pay \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

Would like to do Wednesday Winter League with 12 teams max (\$40 per person) to run for 8 weeks starting Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> with Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Mar. 4, 11, 18.

*Dave Stone motioned to proceed with Cornhole as discussed, seconded by Frejya Brodeur and carried unanimously.*

Tom Pearl offered to help with Cornhole (can join the Committee – would need to provide a key).  
***Danny Cates motioned to accept Tom Pearl as member of Cornhole Committee and provide a key, seconded by Freyja Brodeur and carried unanimously.***

- b. **Bingo:** Amie will check on dates.
- c. **Disc Golf:** Tabled
- d. **Other:** None

**8. Outside Classroom Sponsorship:**

Amie Kraemer suggested sponsoring a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader for Nature’s Classroom (suggests doing yearly).

***Amie Kraemer motioned to donate \$400 towards CES Nature’s Classroom for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.***

**9. Christmas in the Park Debriefing:** Excellent event with decent turnout considering the weather.

Thanks to everyone for making magical dreams come true - Rec Commission and Senior Center worked great together (Keglers donated two 8ft snowmen and decorative lights to Rec).

**10. Card Reader/POS System:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman and Treasurer decided the Town will use Toast System card reader (only option for taking cards, system is for restaurants and noted to have many issues – Rec won’t be using). Dave Stone (who is not speaking for the Commission) incredibly disappointed in Town Treasurer for not communicating with Commission about needs and supporting goals. Freyja Brodeur incredibly disappointed in meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman and Treasurer with opinions and needs not heard or considered - decision had already been made without input from the Commission.

**11. Windham Concert Band – Summer Concert:**

Windham Concert Band reached out about coming back this summer in June/July for \$600 (would be difficult this year with lack of help and food).

***Dave Stone motioned to schedule Windham Concert Band for early June/late July for \$600, seconded by Justin Brodeur and failed with the following vote:***

***YES: None. NO: Justin Brodeur, Elisabeth Coulombe, Nicole Mott, Amie Kraemer, Danny Cates. ABSTAIN: Dave Stone.***

Nicole Mott left the meeting.

**12. Chaplin Day 2026:** No update.

**13. Helen Garrison Property:** Grant Application submitted (good shot at getting approved).

**14. Building and Field**

- a. **DPW Report:** Trying to get ice rink setup.
- b. **Community Connectivity Grant:** Remove from agenda (Grant not received).

**15. Adjournment:**

***Danny Cates motioned to adjourn (6:54 PM), seconded by Justin Brodeur and carried unanimously.***

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