

**Chaplin Senior Center
Board of Directors
132 Chaplin Street
Chaplin, CT 06235**

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the Senior Center craft room.

Regular Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Vice Chair Shirley Rakos, Ann Lewis, Joyce St. Lawrence, Carl Linkkila, Crystal Gebhardt, Ellen Gillon, Dawn Gilbert, Robin Hoagland. **Alternates present:** Joyce St. Lawrence, Sally Ireland. **Also Present:** Director Lisa Kegler, Assistant Director Lin Grindle.

1. **Irene Schein called the meeting to order** at 10:06 a.m. Irene Schein seated Sally Ireland for Janice Godaire.
2. **Additions to the agenda:** An item 7b was added to the agenda: Review and act on update by laws.
3. **Audience for citizens.** None.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 1, 2025 were approved unanimously after a motion was initiated by Ellen Gillon and seconded by Carl Linkkila.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Directors Report:**
 - i. special revenue fund: as of April 30th \$42,693.63.
 - ii. Cash on hand: \$430.45.
 - iii. Dues paid to date: \$1,720.
 - iv. Members: 414. Added one new member this month
 - v. Monthly Report: Lisa Kegler reported that for the month of April the Senior Center served 812 guests and served 446 lunches. Attendance at the various activities was as follows: Breakfast: 63; Fit & Fun exercise group:166; Mexican Train: 8; Bingo: 50; Mah Jongg: 62; Pickleball: 51; Yoga: 21; Memoir Group 18; Haircuts: 10; Massage: 8. Lisa also reported on upcoming activities: Karaoke next Wednesday (new), the annual Plant and Grinder Sale this Saturday 5/10, and the Plant and Seed swap on June 7, 10-12 under the tent.
 - b. **Art Committee Update.** Micheal Lynch is this month's featured artist. He will give a talk on his work on May 19th after lunch. Nora Charters will be the artist next month. Calista Gingras who does sculpture and many types of art is also interested.
 - c. **Chorus Update:** Ellen Gillon reported no news on the Chorus.
 - d. **Facility Update:** Lisa Kegler reported Bob Grindle is looking for a new grill.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Election of officers and terms expiring:** Irene Schein stated that the yearly election of officers will be at the June meeting. Irene and Shirley said they would like to continue as chair and vice chair, respectively. Irene also stated that her own and Ellen's 3-year terms are expiring on 6/30. Ellen and Irene both said they would be interested in another three year term and Irene said she would recommend to the Board of Selectmen that she and Ellen be appointed for another term.
- b. **Review of Updated By-laws:** Irene reported that Victoria updated the bylaws with info and input that the town clerk provided. The group reviewed the revised by-laws in detail. A motion to approve the updated by-laws was made by Ellen Gillon and seconded by Dawn Gilbert. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Suggestions for topics for the next meeting:** It was suggested that at the next meeting the Board discuss the priority needs of the Senior Center that could be covered by the special revenues fund.

Next there was discussion of the volunteers that would be needed on Friday and Saturday for the Plant Sale and who would be doing what roles.

8. **The meeting was adjourned** at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Lewis