

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Chaplin, Connecticut
Thursday, July 6, 2023**

Members Present: Juan Roman III, First Selectman; Anthony Pinto, Selectman; Kenneth Fortier, Selectman

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Richard Weingart, Chairman/Board of Finance, Jim Randall

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm
2. **First Audience of Citizens:** Jim Randall reported that the Annual RI-MA-CONN Bike race will be coming through Chaplin on 8/26/2023. J Randall also reported that the Covid 19 test kits that the town is now in possession of have expired. He is currently looking into disposal procedures and the cost of disposal. D Weingart asked Joe Pinto about the old fire truck's status since receiving the new fire truck. J Pinto reports that the old fire truck will be placed up for auction on the GovDeals website in the next week or two.
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** None
4. **Approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular meeting on June 1, 2023.** J Pinto noted that the amount shown under New Business F should be changed from \$75,258.00 to the correct amount of \$113,292. ***J. Roman made a MOTION to approve the June 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with correction. K. Fortier seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION passed. K Fortier made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting as written. J Pinto seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION passed.***
5. **Communications and Reports**
 - A. Trooper Report – J Roman read out the report for June 2023 submitted by Trooper Shaun Tucker. See attached.
 - B. Board Members Reports:
None
 - C. Board of Finance Discussion: Chair of the Board of Finance, Dick Weingart, reported that the finance department has been busy with end of the fiscal year close outs and openings. The final approved budget for FY 2023-2024 has been sent to the State Office of Policy Management. D Weingart also reported that a Zoom meeting between the Board of Finance and the new auditor, Sue Jones, will take place on 7/11/2023 to discuss audit schedule and needs.
 - D. Correspondence: J Roman reported that a letter dated June 7 2023 was received from CT DOT stating that they will be placing a centerline rumble strip along Route 6 from Chaplin to Brooklyn. No schedule for this work

has been set as of yet. J Roman also shared a letter of support dated June 30, 2023 from Forty-Seventh Assembly District Representative Doug Dubitsky regarding the proposed Senior Center to Town Hall sidewalk project. This letter of support has been submitted with the Community Investment Fund application for funding.

- E. Building/Infrastructure: None
- F. Treasurer Report: None
- G. Department of Public Works Report: None
- H. Chaplin Volunteer Fire Department Report: Tabled until next month's meeting.

6. New Business

- A. Tax Collector Refunds: ***J Roman made a MOTION to approve tax collector refunds to William and Linda Gill in the amount of \$17.53 and to Kenneth and Jaqueline Wibur in the amount of \$7.56. J Pinto seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION passed.***
- B. All Pending and New FOI requests: J Roman reported that a new FOI request was received on 6/ from Elisabeth Ross, Ryan & Ryan, LLC for an electronic copy of the current collective bargaining agreement for the Town of Chaplin Resident State Trooper. An electronic copy of the Trooper Contract for FY 2023-2024 was sent to them on July 3, 2023. FOI closed.
- C. Appointments and Resignations: J Roman reported on the resignation of Ann Lewis from her position as the Municipal Agent to the Elderly effective July 1, 2023. Shirley Rakos has been appointed as her replacement.
- D. Surplus Equipment Declarations: ***J Pinto made a MOTION to declare a 1980's Torwell Skid Spreader/Sander Model # 4DGH 6D/24SS; Serial # AH3221870 as Surplus Equipment as requested by DPW Supervisor Dave Stone. K Fortier seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION passed.***

7. Old Business

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: No expenses to report.
- B. Update on Community Investment Grant Application: J Roman reported that the completed CIF Grant application was submitted to the State on June 30, 2023. Notification is expected in late September.
- C. Update on HVAC upgrades at the Fire House: J Roman reported that the HVAC upgrade work is in progress and expected to be completed by 7/11/2023.
- D. Update on the paving of Nyberg Road: No update. Work should begin when Dave Stone returns from vacation.
- E. Update for the construction of a fire pond and dry hydrant: J Pinto reported that contractor Bob Mott has been working with the Wetlands Commission, trees are marked, and the work is progressing.

- F. Discuss Updates on Bedlam Road and England Road Bridges: Engineer Steve McDonald of WMC Consulting Engineers will be meeting with Juan Roman on 7/11/2023 to discuss the design process. The First Selectman's Office is working with the State DOT to acquire a consulting engineer and inspection service for the construction of the England Road Bridge.
 - G. Discussion of Town Manager: Tabled until next month's meeting.
- 8. Second Audience of Citizens - Note: Comments are limited to agenda items and subject to Chair discretion:** Jim Randall questioned why a new generator for the Senior Center was not included in the plan for the Senior Center to Town Hall Sidewalk Project. J Roman responded that the plans have already been drawn up, are conceptual and may be amended in the future.
- 9. Agenda Suggestions for next meeting:** Old Business to remain the same for August Agenda.
- 10. Date, time, and place of next meeting (August 3, 2023, at 7:00pm, Chaplin Town Hall).**
- 11. Adjourn: *J. Pinto made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:53pm. J Roman seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION passed.***

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Susan Welshman
Administrative Assistant*

**TOWN OF CHAPLIN
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER
June 2023**

TO: Juan Roman; First Selectman
FROM: TFC Shaun Tucker #1237

Sir,

The following reflect the statistics collected between the dates of June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023:

	Resident Trooper	CSP (all except RT)	TOTAL
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	27	53	80
Traffic Accident – No Injury	0	2	2
Traffic Accident – With Injury/Fatality	0	2	2
Reportable Incidents	1	7	8
Traffic Stops	17	18	35

Notable events/incidents:

The Resident Trooper assisted with the Chaplin Elementary School 5k road race on June 3, 2023.

During the month of June there was one incident labeled a “Hate Incident” which involved “white supremacist” literature being left at the Joshua Land Trust brochure box at the Two Sisters Preserve along Route 6. Similar incidents occurred in the Town of Ashford at Joshua Land Trust properties. The incident was documented and forwarded to the State Police Hate Crimes Unit.

There was a Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident which occurred on June 22, 2023 at approximately 1943 hours on Lynch Rd.

Respectfully,

TFC Shaun Tucker #1237