

Town of Chaplin Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
2/26/2021 5:00 PM
Chaplin Town Hall and REMOTE via GoToMeeting

1. Call to order: 5:06 pm. Members present Dave Stone, Amelia Nelson. Monica Arbo, Russ Johndrow, Chris Blair. Clayton Coogan, citizen
2. Audience for Citizens: Clayton Coogan expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Recreation Commission.
3. Secretary's Report: Motion to accept January, 2021 minutes made by Monica. 2nd by Dave. Motion carried with Chris Blair abstaining.
4. Treasurer's Report: Special Revenue as of 1/31/21: \$8,286.96. No monthly budget report was sent to Commission for this meeting.
5. Resignations, Membership Status: The Commission received a resignation letter from Steve Landon. 5 positions for the Commission will be voted on at the next Town Meeting. Members up for re-election include Chris Blair, Matt Foster, Lauren Foster with two vacancies to be filled. Lauren has not indicated that she would be willing to serve on the next term.
6. Meet Potential New Members: Clayton Coogan introduced himself to the Commission, He is a Chaplin resident and has two children. Dave indicated that there were other residents who expressed an interest in joining the commission, Josh Walmsley, Shannon Hammond.
7. Sports
 - A. T-Ball: Discussion concerning this activity will be discussed at the March meeting.
 - B. Soccer: Ross indicated that he is forming a U-19 team for our area. So far he has 6 girls who are interested. He will need a registrar who will oversee the group. He will look into other towns that have a similar program. Games will be scheduled in 5 tournaments. The Commission would also like to hold a soccer program for children in Pre-K to Fourth Grade.

- C. Little League: No discussion on Little League
- D. Basketball **: Coach Miller would like to hold a clinic for elementary school students at Chaplin. He is in the process of obtaining permission to use the school gym. Dave will contact the Superintendent to obtain the use of the gym. Discussion included concerns for setting up, help with program, and sanitation of equipment and the facility according to Covid-19 protocol. **Motion made by Dave to spend up to \$400 for equipment and supplies for the clinic. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor, Motion passed.**

8. Activities

- A. Cornhole League: The Commission will have a league starting March 28, at Garrison Park at 6:00 pm. Cost will be \$80. Per team (2 persons). Discussion about whether it should be 2 days, Sunday and Tuesday, with teams alternating between days took place. Concern was expressed about some teams not being able to commit to alternating days. **Monica motioned to spend \$2400. on 9 cornhole boards. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor, Motion carried.** Clayton Coogan leaves meeting at 6:10 pm.
- B. "Spring 45" Disc Golf Tournament: Discussion about the possibility of holding a tournament on April 17 was held. Questions about permission and fees charged took place. **Motion made by Dave that organized activities by outside entities must have written permission from the Recreation Commission and/or the Selectman's Office until further notice. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried.**

9. Building and Field

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Replacement of Fence Between Garrison Park and Hubbard Sanctuary: Discussion about replacing the fence between Hubbard Field and Garrison Field took place. Dave has spoken to Carl Linquist about this matter. He has concern for Bob-o-link nesting sites in that area and requested that the work not be done during the nesting season. **Motion made by Amelia to spend up to \$4500. To replace the fence between the two properties with a split rail fence. 2nd by Russ. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- B.
- C. Discussion Regarding Possible Mural on the Barn for the Bicentennial: Dave mentioned that a resident would like to see a mural painted on the barn.

Discussion on what the design would be, who would do it, and about the upkeep of the painting took place. Suggestions that it be not just a design suited to the Bicentennial but something that depicted the Town of Chaplin in all aspects. Having a banner made for the bicentennial rather than a painting on the building was suggested. The Commission will investigate a design for this.

10. Bicentennial Planning: no discussion
11. 2nd Audience for Citizens: none
12. Personnel Matter: CONFIDENTIAL discussion regarding vacancies in the Recreation Commission; subject to be discussed in Executive Session by the Recreation Commission per General Statutes section 1-200(6)(A), upon motion and vote of the Recreation Commission. **: Motion made by Dave Stone to go into Executive Session at 7:04 pm. 2nd by Russ. All in Favor. Motion carried.

B. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session, discussion and possible action regarding vacant positions in the Recreation Commission. **: Discussion about members to the Recreation Commission for the next term took place. It was decided to recommend the following people to the Selectman's Office to serve on the Commission in the following order- Chris Blair, Shannon Hammond, Josh Walmsley, Clayton Coogan. A consensus for the 5th member could not be reached. Executive session ends: 8:00 pm

13. Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Blair, Secretary