

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION
Chaplin Town Hall
Chaplin, CT
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2024

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Attendees: Amie Kraemer (Treasurer - on the phone), Danny Cates, and Matt Foster (on the phone).

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Secretary's Report: No Report

5. Treasurer's Report: General Fund – \$9,000 as of August; Special Revenue – \$9,000 as of August

6. Membership:

Welcome back to Matt, Amie, and Danny (6 members currently – article in the Chronicle encouraging people to join).

7. Sports

A. Basketball:

Discussed registration fees - \$100 for Chaplin residents, \$120 for out-of-town residents (Matt will post registration online and inventory supplies needed, Amie will make flyers). Amie Kraemer suggested requiring parents to sign contract that they are not allowed to talk to refs similar to what's being done for soccer (Dave will work on Code of Conduct).

- ***Motion to approve Registration Fees of \$100 (Chaplin residents) and \$120 (out-of-town residents) including shirts (if needed), made by Dave Stone, seconded by Matt Foster and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to spend up to \$50 per player for jerseys and shorts (if needed), made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

B. Soccer: Coach Melissa wants to do indoor winter soccer at the school (Amie will contact for proposal).

C. Cornhole: late for fall league – will do winter league.

D. Other: None

8. Activities

A. Halloween:

Halloween at the Park will be held on Saturday, October 26th with Trunk or Treat.

Motion to spend up to \$1,500 on Halloween decorations, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

B. Other: None

9. Building and Field:

A. Barn door replacement:

Upper barn door is unsecure and needs replacement. Received \$1,289 quote from American Overhead Doors for conventional overhead rollup door installed (would require DPW to pad out and shrink the frame to make it fit).

Motion to approve \$1,289 plus \$200 from the General Fund for overhead rollup door and incidental framework to be installed by DPW, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

B. Race track:

Two ballfields (Little League, softball) maintained by the town (\$2,500 year) are not used. Dave Stone suggested turning the softball field into a multi-use track (minimal cost) and continue maintaining the Little League field. The track could be used for lawnmower races, go-kart races, horse shows, or BMX track with removable bumps. The Commission endorses the idea – Dave will work on proposal to present to the Board of Selectmen (Matt suggested checking with insurance company).

C. Other: None

10. Chaplin Day 2025: Chaplin Day 2025 will be held on September 13th.

Bands – proposal from Sean Metcalf - would like to do sound again for \$1,500 and the 357 Band for \$800.

- ***Motion to approve \$1,500 for Sean Metcalf (sound guy) and \$800 for the 357 Band for Chaplin Day 2025, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

Lawnmower Races – would like to do again.

- ***Motion to approve \$1,000 to sign up with New England Lawnmower Association for Chaplin Day 2025, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

Vendors

- ***Motion to approve \$100 for Food Trucks, \$20 for Non-Food Vendors, and no charge for Chaplin entities and non-profits for Chaplin Day 2025, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***

The Fire Department would like to setup with the water cannon.

11. Officer Elections (first meeting since cancelled Annual meeting):

Motion to table Officer Elections, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

12. 2nd Audience for Citizens: None

13. Agenda suggestions for next meeting: None

14. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (7:20 PM) made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

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