

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Members present: Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Danny Cates, Josh Woodward, Nicole Mott, Freyja Brodeur.

- *Motion to add to agenda as Item 8G – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Night Auction, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.*
  - *Motion to add to agenda as Item 9C – Richard Theriaque Tribute Discussion, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.*
2. **Audience for Citizens:** None
3. **Secretary's Report:** Tabled
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
- A. **Report:** Tabled
  - B. **FY 2025/2026 General Fund Budget Request:**  
Reviewed current budget cut \$2,500 from last year (will be another tough budget year for the town).  
*Motion for the Chair and Treasurer to produce a budget request with 2.5% increase over the current year, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*
5. **Membership:** Welcome new members Nicole Mott and Freyja Brodeur (will do officer elections next month).
6. **2025 Regular Meeting Schedule/Adjustments:**  
Conflict with October meeting – change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.  
*Motion to hold October 2025 meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*
7. **Sports**
- A. **Basketball:**
    - 1. **Hampton/Chaplin Alliance:**  
Dave Stone attended meeting (they are very acceptable to helping financially, agree on proposed subcommittee – 2 Hampton Rec members interested). Possible to run programs at zero cost to players with Shoot-a-thons and Sponsorships.
    - 2. **Other:**  
Banquet – (Amie suggested ordering pizza from Big Y - have soda), award certificates (Amie will make), trophies.
      - *Motion to spend up to \$600 for Basketball Banquet, made by Josh Woodward, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.*
      - *Motion to spend up to \$400 for Trophies, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.*Tournament fees (cost \$115 per team last year).  
*Motion to approve up to \$1,000 if needed for Basketball Tournament Fees, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.*
  - B. **Soccer:** No word yet from Coach Melissa (talk to basketball dads for any interest).
  - C. **Disc Golf:** Glow League permit expired January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. Activities

### A. Summer Concert Series/Events:

Windham Concert Band - June 28<sup>th</sup>, Heartland - July 12<sup>th</sup>, Crossover Band reached out (tentatively August 9<sup>th</sup>). Mack Truck Mary - available August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

***Motion to spend up to \$800 to book Crossover Band for August 9<sup>th</sup> and book Mack Truck Mary for August 23<sup>rd</sup>, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.***

### B. Cornhole:

Sunday night Singles and Wednesday night Teams well received and has new members. A player offered presenting his sponsor to purchase boards at a discounted rate (great advertisement and offsets the cost). Need to develop solicitation letter - Josh will get quote for 12 sets of boards).

- ***Motion to spend up to \$4,000 for new Cornhole Boards, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to solicit from local businesses to sponsor the purchase of cornhole boards to advertise said business, accepting 100% of the cost of the boards, made by Josh Woodward, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to spend up to \$400 on 50-inch TV for Community Room, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

C. Ice Skating: Ice Rink setup and available for any member that would like to do an event.

### D. Indoor games/Open night:

Received inquiry about opening Community Room gym one night a week to come in to practice or play - would need 1 Rec member to open and stay (Danny suggested a pop-up, Josh suggested people send message on as needed basis).

### E. Bingo:

Discussed starting monthly Bingo - permit cost \$50 annually (Dave suggested showcasing a local restaurant with catering and charge per plate).

***Motion to approve \$50 annual fee for Bingo, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***

Supplies needed – ball machine, bingo cards and chips (Amie noted caller available free of charge). Cost will be \$1 per game. Prizes - 50% of money taken in per night (Dave will secure the Fire Department).

- ***Motion to spend up to \$50 for a Bingo Ball Machine, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to spend up to \$100 on Bingo expendables, made by Amie Kramer, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to charge \$1 per game for Bingo, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to set prize rate per night at no more than 50% of money collected for game books, made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

F. Other Activities: None

### G. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Night Auction:

Discussed donation for auction (donated cost of basketball for 1 child last year).

***Motion to donate cost of basketball for 1 child to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Night Auction, made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.***

## 9. Building and Field:

### A. Park Use – Thread City Cyclers:

Thread City Cyclers would like to use the park again on July 27 from 6am – 5pm with bathrooms open.

***Motion to sponsor Thread City Cyclers for use of the park on July 27<sup>th</sup> with bathrooms open, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

**B. Other:**

Porch ceiling soffit on Snack Shack falling apart (PW will fix). Everything needs to be painted including: Barn, Concessions, and Pavilion (quote about \$5,000) - presented request to 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman as Capital Improvement (will try to do out of town operating budget).

**C. Richard Theriaque Tribute Discussion:**

Richard Theriaque (25-year past Rec member and Chair for several terms) passed away recently - sent flowers to the Funeral Home. Dave Stone suggested a park bench with a plaque in his memory (PW can make and install). The Arboretum is planting a tree in his honor.

***Motion to check with the family and approve park bench in memory of Richard Theriaque not to exceed \$250 in expenses, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

**10. Chaplin Day:**

**A. Bands:** 357 and Jeff Burnham & The Insiders booked (open slot - Crossover Band interested).

**B. Activities:** No update

**C. Lawnmower Races:** No update

**D. Vendors:** Applications ready to go out this week.

**11. Adjournment:**

***Motion to adjourn (7:34 PM) made by Josh Woodward, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***

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