

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Senior Center

Special Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2025

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Members present: Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Nicole Mott, KC Carrancio, Freyja Brodeur, Justin Brodeur. Others present: Hampton Rec Chair Andrea Kaye, Hampton Rec Treasurer Bruce Spaman. Audience: Liz Coulombe.

2. Audience for Citizens:

Liz Coulombe suggested reaching out to basketball parents to donate any unused attire for the next season.

3. Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve the February 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes, made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report: General Fund – \$2,649.75; Special Revenue – \$6,048.30.

Budget request - Dave proposed 2.5% increase over last year before \$2,500 cut (1st Selectman supports).

Motion to submit budget request with 2.5% increase on top of last year's FY 2023-24 budget, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

5. Membership:

Liz Coulombe interested in joining (full right now – happy for any help, 5 members coming up for re-election).

6. Sports

A. Basketball:

1. **Grades 3-8:** Banquet will be this Wednesday with certificates of recognition, pizza and soda.

2. **Grades PreK-2:** Coach Jamie will do 4 sessions on Saturdays (no charge).

- *Motion to approve PreK-2 Basketball for 4 sessions held at Chaplin Elementary at no charge, made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to spend up to \$100 for any required safety equipment for Littles Basketball, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.*

Hampton Rec Treasurer Bruce Spaman spoke about interest in getting involved with the basketball program (helping with ceremonies, awards, end of year events) and interested in partnership with Chaplin Rec. Dave Stone would like to proceed with next step to create Subcommittee of 3 Rec members from each town with special meeting to work on a structured program (would act as Advisory Committee to the Commissions and run the program). Discussed sponsors (need helpers).

B. Soccer: Coach Melissa not available. Commission will reach out for any interest (Hampton interested).

C. Disc Golf: Still plan to expand.

D. New Sports: None

7. Activities

A. Summer Concert Series/Events:

Booked - Windham Concert Band (June 28), Heartland (July 12), Crossover Band (August 9), Mack Truck Mary (August 23). July 26th available for another band. Hampton Rec Chair Andrea Kaye noted Hampton Harvest Fest on Sept. 27th.

B. Cornhole:

1. **Leagues/Tournaments:** Leagues going well halfway through (positive feedback from singles).

2. **Boards/Sponsorships/Bags/Equipment:**

Found local guy that makes ACL certified boards (about \$350 set – need 10 sets) and makes bags – offered to drop price if you sell his bags. Working on sponsors who will buy the boards.

C. Ice Skating: Not much ice left (Public Works will take apart).

D. Indoor games/Open night:

Amy Callagher offered to open the Community Room for cornhole one night a week.

Motion to approve Amy Callagher to open Community Room for indoor games one night a week open to all, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

E. Bingo:

Flyer ready for Bingo - starts March 22nd (every 3rd Saturday after that) at 7pm for ages 21 and up. Tickets are \$1 board sold at the door only (will post on Facebook and Google Groups).

F. New Activities:

Amie Kraemer suggested Paint Night (have supplies), Nicole Mott suggested Family Fun Night.

8. Building and Field:

A. Park Paint: Secured through the town.

B. Concessions:

Electric bill up to \$100 month (make sure everything shut off). Liz Coulombe asked if any grants available for town buildings for solar panels to bring down cost of electricity (big grants for larger projects).

C. Ball field care/mowing contract:

Ball fields unused – no longer part of mowing contract with \$2,500 savings (DPW can mow as needed).

9. Chaplin Day:

A. Bands: Secured - Mack Truck Mary (12-2:30pm), Jeff Burnham & the Insiders (3-5:30pm), 357 (6-8:30pm).

B. Logistics: None

C. Activities: Talked about building axe throwing station (Justin will build).

D. Lawnmower Races: Secured

E. Vendors: Letters sent out to food vendors.

F. New Chaplin Day Business: None

10. Officer Elections – identify and fill vacant and unsupported standing positions through current officers' terms:

- ***Amie Kraemer nominated Freyja Brodeur for Vice-Chair. Vote to elect Freyja Brodeur for Vice-Chair carried unanimously.***

- ***Amie Kramer nominated Nicole Mott for Secretary. Vote to elect Nicole Mott for Secretary carried unanimously.***

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (7:08 PM) made by Amie Kraemer, seconded by Nicole Mott and carried unanimously.

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