Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Crestbrook Park Golf Course Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting

Minutes

DATE: October 1, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Town Hall - Parks & Recreation Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road
Watertown CT 06795

I. Call Meeting to Order
Sub-committee Chairman Pat Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Members Present: Pat Rinaldi and Al Mickel

Members Absent: Joe McGrail

Others Present: William Donston, Chairman of Parks and Recreation; Michael Ganem, Director of Parks & Recreation, Marty Byrnes, Golf Professional

III. Public Participation – None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2026. Regular Meeting

Motion: Pat Rinaldi, seconded by Al Mickel, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Correspondence –

a. Chairman Rinaldi read the flyer advertising the current special directed to season's pass holders. This flyer is attached to the meeting packet.

b. Chairman Rinaldi read the letter dated September 29, 2026, from Golf Professional Martin Byrnes, intending his return for next season, this letter is attached to the meeting packet.

c. A letter of thanks from the Young Professionals of the Chamber of Commerce for the donation of golf rounds. This letter is attached to the minutes.

VI. Reports:

A. Chairman – No report.

B. Director – will report under New Business

C. Foreman – No report

D. Golf Professional – Reported that despite the challenges of the weather, (very hot to significant rain) it's been a decent year. Marty suggests that we will benefit by increasing the number of carts that we lease. Having more carts will equate to more bookings. 60 carts on site are the recommended standard.

E. Restaurant Representative – No report

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business –

a. Review and consideration of Submitted Applications and Tournaments for 2026. No new applications

b. Discuss and take action on the 2027 Golf Rates. Marty Brynes, Golf Professional briefed the commission about Dynamic Pricing. He suggests that we use a hybrid model, to maintain a level of personal service for our season's passholders and use more of the technology for our other patrons. Marty recommends that the weekend rack rate be $74 (18 holes with a cart) $50 (18 holes w/out a cart). There will be minimum and maximums set up to ensure that the average price per round is not too low or high. The dynamic pricing will calculate pricing utilizing a plethora of real-time data thus assisting us to maintain a healthy balance of play vs. revenue. Season's passing prices will stay the same as in 2026.

A motion was made by Al Mickel to accept the recommendation of the golf professional to utilize the hybrid dynamic pricing model, with a range of minus 10% and plus 25% off the 2027 rack rate and send them to the full Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Pat Rinaldi. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discuss and take action on the renewal of the contract (attached to the minutes) between the Town and Golf Professional, Martin P. Byrnes, Jr.

A motion was made by Al Mickel to recommend to the Parks and recreation Commission to renew this contract for 2027. Seconded by Pat Rinaldi. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discuss and take action on a recommendation on to the Town Council for a special appropriation of $23,800 from the General Fund balance to the Crestbrook Park Golf Course Enterprise Fund to decommission failing oil tanks and convert Sunset Grille to existing propane infrastructure.

A motion was made by Pat Rinaldi to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Commission that the Town Council appropriate $23,800 from the General Fund to Public Buildings to decommission failing oil tanks and convert Sunset Grille to existing propane infrastructure. Seconded by Al Mickel. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Al Mickel and seconded by Pat Rinaldi to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Pat Rinaldi -Chairman
Crestbrook Park Golf Course Subcommittee

Michael Ganem

From: Nicole Gonzalez <NGonzalez@waterburychamber.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 10:26 AM
To: Michael Ganem
Subject: Thank You for Supporting Young Professionals Mini Golf Raffle

Dear Michael,

On behalf of the Young Professionals of the Waterbury Region (YP) thank you so much for your generous donation of the round of golf for 2 at Crestbrook to our Mini Golf Raffle!
Your support helps make this event possible and allows YP to continue creating opportunities for young professionals to connect, engage with the community, and support local initiatives throughout the Waterbury region.
We truly appreciate your generosity and your commitment to supporting our organization and the local community. We're grateful to have people like you involved in making this event a success.
Thank you again for your support. We look forward to seeing you continue to be a part of the Young Professionals community!

Sincerely,

-Nicole

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