

Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Crestbrook Park Golf Course Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 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 regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: William Donston, Chairman of Parks and Recreation, Michael Ganem, Director of Parks & Recreation, Marty Byrnes, Golf Professional, Steve Martino and Joe Romano, Restaurant Representatives

III. Election of Officers

IV. Public Participation – Charles Newman

Mr. Newman expressed an interest in becoming more involved with the Parks and Recreation Commission

V. Approval of Minutes
A. December 4, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion: Joseph McGrail seconded by Al Mickel to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2025. The motion passed unanimously

VI. Correspondence – Letter from the Retirees' Golf League requesting that their league continue at Crestbrook during the 2026 season

Motion: Joseph McGrail seconded by Al Mickel to approve the request submitted by the Retirees' Golf League for the 2026 season. The motion passed unanimously

Correspondence – Letter from Steve Martino regarding the lease at Sunset Grille

Motion: Joseph McGrail seconded by Al Mickel to refer this request to the full commission. The motion passed unanimously

Correspondence – Thank you letter from the Watertown Chamber of Commerce for a recent donation of golf rounds for their annual event.

VII. Reports:

A. Chairman - None

B. Director – The budget process is in full swing. I recently met with Joe Romano, Steve Martino, Ray Marks, and Marty Byrnes to discuss current needs and future tasks. The proshop floor will be improved and carpeted later in the month or by the end of March. Applications for the laborer position are due soon. We will schedule interviews for later in the month

C. Foreman – None

D. Golf Professional – The course is closed for the season. Currently working on booking tournaments, leagues, camps, and rounds

E. Restaurant Representative – Despite the cold and wind, there has been no loss of power this winter. The restaurant needs updates, including windows, an exhaust system, and a hood. Perhaps solar should be investigated for the restaurant roof. Perhaps there are grants available to improve efficiency.

F. Old Business – certain revenues, such as surcharges or course improvement, should be placed in a separate account for transparency to the golfers who we are expecting to pay these fees in addition to their green fees. Commissioners have suggested that these accounts be reconciled and perhaps renamed and regardless of profit and loss, that these funds are earmarked for improvements

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business

- A. Review and consideration of submitted applications and tournaments for 2026
- a. Saturday, August 29, 2026, 1 PM (McFadden)
 - b. Monday, June 8, 2026, 9:30 AM (Knights of Columbus)
 - c. Monday, May 18, 2026, 12 PM (Madden)
 - d. Friday, June 5, 2026, 12 PM (Holy Disciples)

A motion was made by Joe McGrail and seconded by Al Mickel to recommend to the full commission that the afore mentioned applications for 2026 be approved. Motion passed unanimously

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Joe McGrail and seconded by Al Mickel to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rinaldi, Chairman
Crestbrook Park Golf Course Subcommittee