

Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Crestbrook Park Golf Course Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 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 6:01 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, and Joe Romano, Restaurant Representative

III. Public Participation – None

IV. Approval of Minutes

March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion: Joseph McGrail seconded by Al Mickel to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2026. Aye:2 McGrail, Mickel Nay:0 Abstain:1 Rinaldi The motion passed

V. Correspondence – the monthly revenue report was presented to the golf sub-committee. Letters and applications were reviewed.

Bill Donston noted there were misprints in the brochure and online. Corrective action has been taken. There was considerable conversation about the player's surcharge. To enhance the player experience, we are considering a kiosk.

VI. Reports:

- A. Chairman – The course looks like it is in great shape, given the harsh winter
- B. Director – Provided an update on the Enterprise Account. Several interviews were conducted with peers to learn about other municipal courses. Farmington and Simsbury are subsidized by the taxpayer, in the range of 25-35% of annual expenses.
- C. Foreman – No Report
- D. Golf Professional – No Report
- E. Restaurant Representative – Mr. Romano. The team worked hard to open the restaurant for the 2026 season.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business –

- A. Review and consideration of the Submitted Application and Tournaments for 2026

Northfield Fire Dept. 8/21/26

A motion was made by Joe McGrail and seconded by Al Mickel to recommend that the full commission approve this application.

Motion passed unanimously

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Al Mickel and seconded by Joe McGrail to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rinaldi -Chairman
Crestbrook Park Golf Course Subcommittee