



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK  
260 SOUTH COMPO ROAD  
WESTPORT, CT 06880

### **LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm. It will be held electronically via Zoom. Meeting materials will be available on the Meeting List & Calendar page of the Town website at [westportct.gov](http://westportct.gov), along with the meeting notice.

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2025
2. Public Comment
3. Reports of
  - Golf Advisory Committee
  - Parks Advisory Committee
  - Racquets Advisory Committee
4. To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request to install a plaque at Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve honoring Sherry Jagerson.
5. To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request to name the Compo Beach Pickleball Courts in honor of Thomas Lowrie.
6. Longshore Capital Improvement Plan Project Update
7. Parks Master Plan Update
8. Commissioner's Comments
9. Administrative Report

David Floyd, Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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**Town of Westport  
Parks & Recreation**  
WESTPORT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Longshore Club Park, 260 South Compo Road  
Westport, CT 06880

May 29, 2025

The Westport Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 7:33 pm. It was held electronically and recorded via zoom.

**Members Present:**

David Floyd, Chairman; Ronald Clarke, Gery Grove, Elaine Whitney.

**Members Absent:**

Christine O'Keeffe

**Also Present:**

Erik Barbieri, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rick Giunta, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; Carmen Roda, Operations Manager; Miggs Borroughs, Member of Westport Arts Advisory Committee; Paul Davis, Member of Westport Arts Advisory Committee; Velma Heller, Chair of the Parks Advisory Committee; along with members of the public.

**1. Approval of minutes:****March 19, 2025**

Upon a motion by David Floyd to approve March 19, 2025 minutes, seconded by Elaine Whitney. Passes unanimously 4-0.

**2. Public Comment**

Multiple members of the public made comments.

**3. Reports of:**

**Golf Advisory Committee:** No representative was present.

**Parks Advisory Committee:** Velma Heller reported.

**Racquets Advisory Committee:** No representative was present.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL BY THE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Recordings of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.westportct.gov/government/appointed-boards-a-z/parks-and-recreation-commission/meeting-agenda-and-minutes>

# DRAFT

- 4. To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request by the Westport Arts Advisory Committee to place Historical Art Markers at Compo Beach and Veterans Green.**

Paul Davis and Miggs Borroughs presented.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Upon a motion made by Ronald Clarke and seconded by Elaine Whitney, passed unanimously 4-0.**

**RESOLVED:** The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed installation of “Honor Roll” at Veterans Green and “Beach Showers” at Compo Beach.

- 5. Longshore Capital Improvement Plan Update.**

David Floyd presented.

- 6. Parks Master Plan Update.**

Erik Barbieri presented.

- 7. Commissioner’s Comments:** David Floyd commented.

- 8. Administrative Report:** Erik Barbieri reported.

**Upon a motion by Ronald Clarke, seconded by David Floyd, and passed unanimously 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully,  
Jamie Boone, Recording Secretary

# Parks and Recreation Commission

**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 4

To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request to install a plaque at Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve honoring Sherry Jagerson.

**Background Information:**

A request is being submitted by Andrew Colabella, RTM District 1; Christopher Tait, Chair of RTM Parks and Recreation; Matthew Mandell, RTM District 1; to install a commemorative plaque naming the garden within Allens Park of Sherry Jagerson Preserve, located at 191 Hillspoint Road.

The park was developed in 2009 under the leadership of Sherry Jagerson, Wendy Crowther, and Liz Milwe, with construction support from the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Division and Public Works. Native plantings, walkways, benches, and a boat launch were installed. Ongoing maintenance was supported through volunteer efforts through 2014.

Sherry Jagerson's leadership was instrumental in the creation and care of this site. Her broader contributions include stewardship of Nash Pond, creation of the Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve, early advocacy for banning plastic bags, and work with numerous local and global nonprofit organizations.

The plaque seeks to formally recognize her legacy and long-standing service to the Westport community.

**Back-up Documents:**

Photo of sample plaque

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff has reviewed the request and supports the installation of the commemorative plaque at Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve in recognition of Sherry Jagerson's contributions.

**Resolution Format:**

The Parks and Recreation Commission hereby approves the proposed installation of a commemorative plaque honoring Sherry Jagerson at Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve.

## Boone, Jamie

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**From:** Colabella, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2025 9:30 AM  
**To:** Boone, Jamie  
**Subject:** Sherry Jagerson Plaque Installation request

I am formally requesting along with my co-sponsor, Christopher Tait, chair of RTM Parks and Recreation, and Matthew Mandell RTM District 1, to petition the Town of Westport, Board of Selectwomen and parks and recreation for the installation of a plaque naming the garden within Allens Park of Sherry Jagerson Preserve, located at 191 Hillspoint Road.

In 2009, this project was executed under Sherry Jagerson, Wendy Crowther & Liz Milwe. The department I worked for, Parks & Recreation Maintenance Division were the manual labors for three months along with Public Works to excavate the property, build up the land, install a boat launch, saltwater natural plants, and accessible walkways with benches.

Up until 2014, myself along with Casey Burke, Tim Zubrinsky, Nick Vena, Nick Rosa, and guest service employees volunteered to help Sherry maintain that park as it is seen today.

It is Sherrys vision and hard work since the start in 2009 and 15 years later, why this park looks the way it does.

She was a steward for Nash Pond. She helped create the Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve, on the site of the former Allen's Clam House.

Sherry led one of the first initiatives to ban plastic bags in the country. She created the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, helped found the Westbridge Coalition, was a founding board member for United with Kenya, and served on the board of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport.

It is this reason, that I and Chris Tait request Parks and Recreation and the Board of Selectwomen to installing a plaque at Sherwood Mill Pond Park for the Sherry Jagerson Preserve.

Andrew J. Colabella, MPA  
RTM District 4 Representative  
Westport Police Athletic League



Sherry Jagerson  
1944–2024

This plaque hereby commemorates the creation & work of this open space that exists today. Her commitment to beautify and protect open space in Westport, lives on reflecting the true beauty of her soul in this preserve.

*“If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden.”*

# Parks and Recreation Commission

**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 5

To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request to name the Compo Beach Pickleball Courts in honor of Thomas Lowrie.

**Background Information:**

A request has been submitted by Christopher Tait, RTM District 1, and Andrew Colabella, RTM District 1; to name the pickleball courts at Compo Beach “Lowrie Courts” in honor of Tom Lowrie.

Tom Lowrie has been a central figure in the development of pickleball in Westport. In 2015, he worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Department and then-Chair Charlie Haberstroh to establish the first pickleball court at Compo Beach. A former member of the Parks & Recreation Racquets Advisory Committee and Westport’s ambassador to the USA Pickleball Association, he has continued to advocate for the expansion of pickleball facilities in town.

This naming recognizes his leadership, advocacy, and enduring contributions to the growth of pickleball in the Westport community.

**Back-up Documents:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff has reviewed this request and approves the naming of Compo Beach Pickleball Courts to “Lowrie Courts.”

**Resolution Format:**

The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the naming of the Compo Beach Pickleball Courts to be “Lowrie Courts.”

## Boone, Jamie

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**From:** Colabella, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2025 10:16 AM  
**To:** Boone, Jamie  
**Subject:** Lowrie Courts

Tom Lowrie is Westport's Mr. Pickleball.

The 96-year-old retired architect is the man who pushed the Parks and Recreation Department to create a court for the quickly growing sport at Compo Beach in 2015 working closely with Charlie Haberstroh.

A (former) member of the Parks & Rec Racquets Advisory Committee, he's now (was) advocating for courts at the Doubleday complex behind Saugatuck Elementary School too.

He is proud to be Westport's (soon to retire) ambassador to the USA Pickleball Association.

But pickleball is not Lowrie's only passion.

A longtime volunteer since moving to Westport in 1966, he was a charter member of the Sunrise Rotary Club. He received Rotary's Service Award, and serves as the group's unofficial historian. Though nearly a nonagenarian, he can be seen at every Sunrise Rotary events, doing the thankless work that helps them raise and distribute tens of thousands of dollars for good causes.

Lowrie's contributions to Westport buildings include converting the downtown firehouse to the former Westport YMCA fitness center, and modifications to the Masonic Temple at the corner of the Post Road and Imperial Avenue.

Lowrie is (was) also a longtime Westport Weston Family YMCA member.

He's also active with the Y's Men. His pickleball and other activities - like golf at Longshore and ping pong with the Y's Men - helped him stay in great shape. These days, he usually found cheering from the sidelines.

A Pittsburgh native, he graduated from Princeton University in 1950. He served in the Navy, earned his graduate degree from the Columbia University School of Architecture, and began working in NYC. Lowrie married Jean Sammons. They raised 2 children here: Dave and Anne.

It is with great pride, that I and Christopher Tait of District 1, petition for the installation of naming the pickleball court(s) Lowrie Courts.

Andrew J. Colabella, MPA  
RTM District 4 Representative  
Westport Police Athletic League  
Sons of the American Legion, Commander  
203-984-7077



**LOWRIE  
COURTS**  
PICKLEBALL

*[Signature]*

**COMPO PICKLEBALL COURTS  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ALL COURTS ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT RESERVATION  
COURT FEE: NONE TO USE A COURT (COURT SERVICE FEE)  
COURT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC & RECREATION PROGRAMS

- 1. PLAYERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO PLAY
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## COMPO PICKLEBALL COURTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL COURTS ARE AVAILABLE WEATHER PERMITTING  
APRIL 1 - NOV. 30 ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS  
WHEN NOT RESERVED FOR PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS.

- PLAY CAN BE RESERVED FOR WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS THROUGH PERMIT HOLDERS.
- ONLY PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED ON THE COURTS.
- CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE COURTS WITHOUT AN ADULT.
- ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE SHOES AND PROPER DRESS AT ALL TIMES.  
IS REQUIRED. SHORTS MUST ALWAYS BE WORN. T-SHIRTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- SMOKING ON THE COURTS IS PROHIBITED.
- DO NOT CROSS COURTS DURING PLAY.
- PLEASE PET CARE, LIDS, AND ANY OTHER DEBRIS IN THE GARBAGE CONTAINERS.
- USE OF TOWN COURTS FOR PRIVATE INSTRUCTION IS PERMITTED ONLY FOR INSTRUCTORS  
REGISTERED WITH WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION.
- COURT PRIVILEGES MAY BE REVOKED FOR VIOLATION OF RULES OR INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT.