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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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Golf Advisory Committee
Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Golf Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00pm. It will be held electronically. Meeting materials will be available on the Meeting List & Calendar page of the Town website at westportct.gov, along with the meeting notice.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the November 3, 2026, meeting
2. Public Comments
3. President's Reports
4. Administrative Report
5. Golf Superintendent Report
6. Golf Professional's Report
7. Public Comments
8. GAC Committee Member Comments/Issues

Jane Dally

Chairperson, Golf Advisory Committee

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**Westport Golf Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2025**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally at 7:00 p.m.

GAC members present included Jane Dally, Irla Landry, Mike Durkin, Anne Palmer, Corey Miller, John Ehli and Rich Raphael.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 6 were edited to reflect the fact that Skip Lane was never president of the LMGA. Once corrected, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Valerie Seeling Jacobs is concerned with the status of the golf maintenance contract and use of pesticides on the golf course. She believes Longshore should move to organic solutions for the golf course.

Presidents Reports

LWGA 18 Hole League - Sue Roberts, outgoing president of the ladies 18 holers reported the success of the season ending tournament and closing dinner on October 21. Sue then introduced incoming president, Marie Gross. Marie stated that the group had 129 members in 2025 and they are already planning for next season.

LWGA 9 Hole League – Outgoing Ann Haymon president reported they had a closing event on October 16 and voted in a new board. They will conduct their membership drive in January with a new target of 130 members. She thanked all the golf staff and appreciated her involvement as president. Her successor will be Mary Ann Neraas.

LMGA - Jared Rapoport, president of men's league provided notes to be shared. Membership finished at 480 members and they wrapped up a strong season.

Administrator Report

Parks & Recreation Director, Erik Barbieri reported the tee leveling project contracts are signed and the contractor will start in mid-November. They have altered plans to save trees on hole 13 with a redesign of the men's tee box and root trimming.

A Parks Maintenance facility site tour will be conducted on Monday, November 10 with locations that the commission wants to visit. The public is invited to join the tour. Locations include Bayberry, Sherwood Island Connector, Winslow Park and Longshore. Staff is trying to work with all parties to make the best decision possible.

The contract with Hook'd expires November 15. Erik is negotiating with the vendor to come up with a plan that is mutually agreeable. He thanked everyone for sending in suggestions on how Hook'd can improve service.

A RFP will be conducted for the outsourcing of the course management. The RFP will include Brightview, the current vendor. The town will consider bringing the maintenance in house. Erik is meeting with multiple golf cart vendors to decide on our new fleet of carts for next year. The new carts will include GPS.

The Inn project is moving along for a complete redo of the building. Hope to have construction done by the summer. Will start booking weddings for the fall. They will maintain the historical look of the Inn.

Jane Dally commented that 2026 golf rates need to be managed to ensure costs do not increase too much for community golfers. Erik - benchmark

Superintendent Report

Sean Charles reported his crew is doing less mowing but leaf maintenance will take up more staff time in coming weeks.

Tee project will be a major focus in the coming weeks. This includes the tee project and in-house projects (these projects are easily reversible) which will increase playability and safety of golf course.

Sean believes the new sod used for tee project can be initially established in November/December (depending on weather) but tees in the spring will require temporary tees until May so they can handle wear from normal play. Golfers will need to be patient as there will be many temporary tees for the start of the 2026 season and probably until late May. There will be signage directing players where to play from in the spring.

Golf Pro Report

Jon Janik reported rounds of roughly 3600 for the month of October. That is down 575 rounds from same time last year. October is very unpredictable because of weather. Rounds are still up overall compared to last year. Expect over 39,000 rounds for the year.

Adjusting morning tee times to accommodate weather and frost issues.

There is an ongoing sale for remaining items in golf shop - good time to use your pro shop credits which need to be used by December 1st.

Have conducted in depth interviews with two tee reservation vendors. Anticipate having in depth interviews with two more vendors. Looking for solutions with good security, credit card processing options, and customization for our policies/needs at Longshore. Residents will have first priority access to the tee sheet. Can potentially offer access to demo sites or access to golf courses using the software of the short listed vendors.

Public Comments

Valerie Seeling Jacobs had four points she wanted to make: 1. Glad to hear that 3 trees are being saved at hole 13. Will new trees be replanted for removed trees? 2. What will be in the new golf maintenance contract relevant to pesticides? Can we go "Green?" 3. Pesticides are not always the most affordable solution. 4. Committee has responsibility to protect citizens from pesticide use.

GAC Comments

Anne Palmer inquired if Longshore would consider using electric blowers.

The meeting ended at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dally
GAC Chairperson

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