



**WESTPORT CONNECTICUT**  
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, November 4, 2024, 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](http://westportct.gov), along with the meeting notice.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Agenda**

1. Approval of draft minutes from October 9, 2024
2. Public Comments
3. Presidents' Reports
4. Administrative Report
5. Superintendent's Report
6. Golf Professional's Report
7. GAC Committee Member Comments/Issues

Jane Dally, Chairperson, Golf Advisory Committee

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## **Westport Golf Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 10, 2024**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Jane Dally, Mike Durkin. Not present was Rich Raphael, Corey Miller, Irla Landry and John Ehli.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 5 meeting could not be voted on because there wasn't a quorum.

### **Public Comments**

Phil Levieff, a Westport resident who lives at 27 Imperial Avenue. He is a member of the LMGA and is interested in being a part of future discussions about the Longshore clubhouse and facilities since it is such an important part of the local community.

### **Presidents Reports**

9 Holers – Mary Beth Narris presented for President Anne Haymon. The September 5th club championship was won by Mandy Germanski. The League held a fundraiser for the Women's Club food pantry. Donated \$935 and many bags of food. Received some nice publicity for the event. Played their annual road event in Stratford at the Par 3 course which all golfers enjoyed. They will be hosting their closing event on October 17<sup>th</sup> at La Plage. Grateful for all the support they received from the golf staff this year. Ended the year with 120 members.

LWGA 18 holers – Cynthia Carpenter presented for President Sue Roberts. Voted in new board on September 17th for next season. It is the same board as 2024 with everyone serving two year terms. They will be hosting two more tournaments and a closing dinner at Rizzuto's on October 22. Ended the year with 124 members.

LMGA – Ryan Smith reported that the league reached its goal of 455 members. Have completed 16 events so far this year with most filled to field capacity. The season long championships are concluding and have 3 events left on the schedule.

### **Administrator Report**

Rick Giunta spoke on behalf of Parks & Recreation

The course had 4,493 rounds in September versus 3,715 last year. A 20.9% increase. Annual rounds to date: 32,324 vs 31,640 last year, a 2.2% increase. A RFP (request for proposal) for drawings and specifications for a new maintenance facility is being prepared. The site for the new building is planned to be the brush dump near the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> holes. The drawings are required before site issues can be addressed.

Dave Floyd, Parks and Rec Commissioner, spoke about the contract with Hook'd for halfway house services. Hook'd is under contract through Nov. 2025. In early 2025, P&R plans to draft RFP for a new contractor and identify potential applicants. He stated that there was not enough financial incentive in the park concessions to break up the contract from the beach concession.

Commission and Department are initiating process to set up interviews for a new Parks & Recreation Director.

### **Superintendent Report**

Sean Charles reported the project to replace the trees by the first tee is complete. New trees and sod have been installed and hope this will enhance turf growth on the tee.

Expecting frost delays to start soon and will be focused on leaf clean up in next few weeks.

Plans are in place to aerate the greens on October 15th and 16th. Greens will be core aerified and back filled with sand. Greens will be bumpy for a while.

The new sod installed in bunkers on Holes 1, 3, 5, 8, and 11 is established and growing well.

Sean gave a short explanation about rye vs bent grass fairways and recommended we continue with rye due to cost and difficulty of having competing grasses in same location. Concluded by saying the rye grass held up well in 2024.

The Tee leveling program remains set for Fall 2025.

### **Golf Pro Report**

No report

### **GAC Comments**

Jane Dally raised two points for inclusion on the November agenda:

1. Investigate a new tee time reservation system. She is working with Jon Janik on this.
2. Proposed changing the color of the forward tee markers since the yellow and orange are visually similar. Everyone on the call seemed to be in agreement.
3. Re-rating the golf course from the women's tees. Several LWGA members have expressed a desire to have the course re-rated. They cited several Par 4 holes as almost impossible to hit in regulation. We need to take a closer look at this and perhaps schedule a walk about with Jon Janik.

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dally

GAC Chairperson

**2024 Rounds Played --- October Rounds**

Regular	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
January													
February													
March		191	335	260					669				1,655
April	3765	3422	3292	3876		2590	2027	2493	2652	2,327	1,115	2,290	3,483
May	5486	5784	4982	5423	2915	4794	4764	4236	4161	5,304	4,271	4,478	4,566
June	6190	5907	5982	6209	6964	5611	5564	5770	5925	5,553	5,297	5,203	5,784
July	6496	6477	6494	6128	6739	5735	6144	6000	6040	6,175	5,735	5,736	6,326
August	5894	6144	6157	5422	4762	6359	5614	6025	5948	6,522	6,524	4,974	5,390
September	4493	3715	4359	4677	5520	4611	3869	4319	4345	4,418	4,245	3,286	3,990
October	4073	3163	2980	3812	3939	2783	2626	2630	3241	3,058	3,070	1,733	2,652
November		1966	1893	1882	3148	1451	1049	1144	1940	2,010	1,266	681	1,097
December		336	212	418	808	166	148	198	129	241	191	70	302
<b>Total Regular</b>	<b>36,397</b>	<b>37,105</b>	<b>36,686</b>	<b>38,107</b>	<b>34,795</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>31,805</b>	<b>32,815</b>	<b>35,050</b>	<b>35,608</b>	<b>31,714</b>	<b>28,451</b>	<b>35,245</b>

**Special**

Tournament								164	565	202	289	413	436
Winter									309	143	388	43	347
Complimentary								27	231	359	706	380	1,029
<b>Total Special</b>								<b>191</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>1,812</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>36,397</b>	<b>37,105</b>	<b>36,686</b>	<b>38,107</b>	<b>34,795</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>31,805</b>	<b>33,006</b>	<b>36,155</b>	<b>36,312</b>	<b>33,097</b>	<b>29,287</b>	<b>37,057</b>
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<b>Year-to-Date Regular Rounds</b>	<b>36397</b>	<b>34803</b>	<b>34581</b>	<b>35807</b>	<b>30839</b>	<b>32483</b>	<b>30608</b>	<b>31473</b>	<b>Diff</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>INC</b>
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