Agenda
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Trumbull Town Hall
Regular Meeting - Monday, August 10, 2026

Public Comment

1. Carissa Gulyas – Pool Use Request

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence – Attached

Old Business

New Business

Superintendent's Report

Division Reports

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Clerk, Abigail Relkin at abigailrelkin@gmail.com

Correspondence

1. Hi Noreen,

My name is Carissa Gulyas. I came into the Parks and Recs building about a month ago and spoke to you regarding my kids' school possibly doing a pool day at Beaches next year. You mentioned emailing the commission for approval, but I can't find a commissioner's email that would be best for this request....there are several commissioners apparently.

I left a voicemail for you for about two weeks, but no return call.

Please get back to me with the best contact for this. I would really appreciate it.

Thank you so much. Carissa

2. Hello,

Thank you very much for the information. The idea of reoccurring cost when items are misused and then become broken.

Again, I urge you to consider perhaps increasing supervision efforts as many of the other parks with Basketball Hoops accessible for younger families. We have attempted to visit Island Brooke a number of times and it does appear that many no are using the space without any sort of checking.

Tashua/Randall is logistically much more inconvenient.

My hope would be that the commission considers some other options other than leaving the eyesore and false anticipation that things could be rectified at unity

Thanks again, Todd

3. Dear Mr. Paris, Dr. Bellows, and Chief Lombardo:

I am writing to bring to your attention a disturbance in Beaches Pool parking lot this past Friday night, July 24, at about 11:15 p.m.

At that time, five, very loud, “booms” woke me from a sound sleep. It sounded to me like gunshots or possibly fireworks. My husband also heard peeling tires about the same time.

The next morning, I called the non-emergency number for the Trumbull Police Department to report what I had heard so that someone could check the security camera in the parking lot to see what it revealed. Officer Takacs came to my house, took my statement and told me he did not have access to the camera footage. While he was talking to my husband and I, he received a report that the Park Ranger had found firework debris in the parking lot.

I am hoping that you can follow up on this by reviewing the camera footage. As you know, there are frequent late night trespassers in this parking lot.

I urge you to request money in the next town budget to close off this parking lot after hours. In my opinion, it has become an attractive nuisance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully, Susann Gill Riley

4. Attention:: Parks & Recreation Commission

I noticed the portable toilet that was less than 10 feet from the Pequonnock River at Old Mine Park has been removed. So I am taking the opportunity to reach out and ask that whenever it returns, that no portable toilets or dumpsters be placed within the riparian area of the Pequonnock River (Ideally 50 feet). This really should be the case for all waterways in our town's parks.

Being mindful to what gets placed in the riparian area will prevent further pollution of the Pequonnock River and maintain its beauty.

Please see attached below:
An Act Concerning Riparian Areas, enacted by the House and Senate.
In summary: "To create greater protection and preservation of areas immediately adjacent to watercourses in the state in order to preserve and improve the quality of such watercourses."

Thank you for your time, Alexander Rydelek

5. Hello Parks and Rec,

I wanted to reach out to share some observations and ideas about the town's rec basketball program. I've coached my oldest son for the past three seasons and my youngest this past year, and I've really come to value the program as a great way for kids to build skills, socialize, and burn off energy during the colder months. With that appreciation in mind, I'd like to offer a few suggestions for how it could be even better:

1. Communication and organization – It's often difficult to get timely answers to questions, and communication tends to come at the last minute. There's also little visible presence from Parks and Rec staff during games, aside from a few teenage volunteers (who are often just on their

phone). By comparison, other town events, are well-staffed and clearly organized. More consistent communication and staff presence would go a long way.

2. Evaluations and skill balancing – Kids develop at very different rates, and a standout player one season may struggle the next. An annual evaluation day would help ensure teams are balanced and games stay competitive. This is a rec league, but no one enjoys losing the majority of their games.

3. Skills clinics – Since this is a rec league focused on fun and development, it would be great to offer a few clinics throughout the season led by the high school team or other local basketball programs. Coaches are all volunteer parents with varying levels of experience, and additional instruction would benefit the kids.

4. Weekly scrimmages – Some neighboring programs offer casual, first-come-first-served scrimmages for a flat fee, often with music playing and a fun, low-pressure atmosphere. This could be a great addition here.

5. Playoffs – While this remains a rec league, having a sense of finality matters. A playoff structure, possibly including matchups against winning teams from nearby towns like Monroe, Easton, or Shelton, would add excitement for the kids.

6. Open gym access – Related to the scrimmage idea, more open gym time would be a great way for kids to keep playing outside of practice. I understand scheduling depends on school facility availability, but given what we pay for these programs, it seems worth exploring ways to expand access. I also remember a survey going out regarding this but didn't hear anything further. I find it hard to believe others wouldn't partake in this given conversations I've had with other parents.

I'd be happy to discuss any of these ideas further at your convenience. Thank you for all you do for the program, and we look forward to seeing it continue to grow.

Best regards, David Meier

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5334

February Session, 2026

LCO No. **1978**

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING RIPARIAN AREAS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 22a-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

The inland wetlands and watercourses of the state of Connecticut are an indispensable and irreplaceable but fragile natural resource with which the citizens of the state have been endowed. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion and resilience to storms and climate change; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. Many inland wetlands and watercourses have been destroyed or are in danger of destruction because of unregulated use by reason of the deposition, filling or removal of material, the diversion or obstruction of water flow, the erection of structures and other uses, all of which have despoiled, polluted and eliminated wetlands and watercourses. Such unregulated activity has had, and will continue to have, a significant, adverse impact

on the environment and ecology of the state of Connecticut and has and will continue to imperil the quality of the environment thus adversely affecting the ecological, scenic, historic and recreational values and benefits of the state for its citizens now and forever more. The preservation and protection of the wetlands and watercourses from random, unnecessary, undesirable and unregulated uses, disturbance or destruction is in the public interest and is essential to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the state. It is, therefore, the purpose of sections 22a-36 to 22a-45, inclusive, as amended by this act, to protect the citizens of the state by making provisions for the protection, preservation, maintenance and use of the inland wetlands and watercourses by minimizing their disturbance and pollution; maintaining and improving water quality in accordance with the highest standards set by federal, state or local authority; preventing damage from erosion, turbidity or siltation; maintaining and improving riparian vegetated areas that provide protection of watercourses and wetlands by filtering, absorbing, reducing or otherwise mitigating pollutants such as nutrients and sediment and regulating temperature; preventing loss of fish and other beneficial aquatic organisms, wildlife and vegetation and the destruction of the natural habitats thereof; deterring and inhibiting the danger of flood and pollution; protecting the quality of wetlands and watercourses for their conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational and other public and private uses and values; and protecting the state's potable fresh water supplies from the dangers of drought, overdraft, pollution, misuse and mismanagement by providing an orderly process to balance the need for the economic growth of the state and the use of its land with the need to protect its environment and ecology in order to forever guarantee to the people of the state, the safety of such natural resources for their benefit and enjoyment and for the benefit and enjoyment of generations yet unborn.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (13) of section 22a-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(13) "Regulated activity" means any operation within or use of a wetland or watercourse or riparian area involving removal or deposition of material, or any obstruction, construction, alteration or pollution, of such wetlands or watercourses or riparian area, but shall not include the specified activities in section 22a-40, as amended by this act. For purposes of this subdivision, "riparian area" means the land that borders a watercourse, as delineated by the ordinary high-water mark at the bank of such watercourse, and "ordinary high-water mark" means the line on the shore indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of the soil, the destruction of terrestrial vegetation or the presence of litter or debris or other appropriate indicia;

Sec. 3. Section 22a-38 of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (19) and (20) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(NEW) (19) "Natural vegetative cover" means naturally occurring and adapted shrubs, trees and other plants. "Natural vegetative cover" does not include any lawn or invasive plant included on the list of plants considered to be invasive or potentially invasive pursuant to section 22a-381a.

(NEW) (20) "Water-dependent uses" means any use or facility that requires direct access to an inland watercourse and that cannot be reasonably located inland, including, but not limited to, marinas, recreational and commercial fishing and boating facilities, finfish and shellfish processing plants, waterfront dock and port facilities, shipyards and boatbuilding facilities, water-based recreational uses, navigation aides, basins and channels, industrial uses dependent upon water-borne transportation or requiring large volumes of cooling or processed water and uses that provide general public access to inland watercourses.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 22a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

(*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(1) Grazing, farming, nurseries, gardening and harvesting of crops and farm ponds of three acres or less essential to the farming operation, and activities conducted by, or under the authority of, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the purposes of wetland or watercourse restoration or enhancement, conservation of soil or natural vegetative cover, including the revegetation of riparian areas with native vegetation and the removal of invasive species, or mosquito control. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to include road construction or the erection of buildings not directly related to the farming operation, relocation of watercourses with continual flow, filling or reclamation of wetlands or watercourses with continual flow, clear cutting of timber except for the expansion of agricultural crop land, the mining of top soil, peat, sand, gravel or similar material from wetlands or watercourses for the purposes of sale. Road construction or the erection of buildings directly related to the farming operation shall include the removal of vegetation and trees necessary for road construction or the erection of buildings. For the purposes of this subdivision, "filling" does not include the placement and installation of materials necessary for road construction or the erection of buildings directly related to the farming operation;

Sec. 5. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of section 22a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(3) Boat anchorage or mooring provided the removal of natural vegetative cover shall be allowed if it unreasonably impedes access to water for water-dependent uses;

(4) Uses incidental to the enjoyment and maintenance of residential property, such property defined as equal to or smaller than the largest minimum residential lot site permitted anywhere in the municipality, provided in any town, where there are no zoning regulations

establishing minimum residential lot sites, the largest minimum lot site shall be two acres. Such incidental uses shall include maintenance of existing structures and landscaping but shall not include (A) removal or deposition of significant amounts of material from or onto a wetland or watercourse or diversion or alteration of a watercourse, or (B) removal of natural vegetative cover within ten feet of any watercourse;

Sec. 6. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 22a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(6) Maintenance relating to any drainage pipe **[**which existed before the effective date of any municipal regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-42a or July 1, 1974, whichever is earlier,**]** or culvert provided such pipe or culvert is on property which is zoned as residential but which does not contain hydrophytic vegetation. For purposes of this subdivision, "maintenance" means the removal of accumulated leaves, soil, and other debris whether by hand or machine, while the pipe or culvert remains in place; and

Sec. 7. Section 22a-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) In carrying out the purposes and policies of sections 22a-36 to 22a-45a, inclusive, as amended by this act, including matters relating to regulating, licensing and enforcing of the provisions thereof, the commissioner shall take into consideration all relevant facts and circumstances, including but not limited to:

(1) The environmental impact of the proposed regulated activity on wetlands or watercourses;

(2) The applicant's purpose for, and any feasible and prudent alternatives to, the proposed regulated activity which alternatives would cause less or no environmental impact to wetlands or watercourses;

(3) The relationship between the short-term and long-term impacts of the proposed regulated activity on wetlands or watercourses and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity of such wetlands or watercourses;

(4) Irreversible and irretrievable loss of wetland or watercourse resources which would be caused by the proposed regulated activity, including the extent to which such activity would foreclose a future ability to protect, enhance or restore such resources, and any mitigation measures which may be considered as a condition of issuing a permit for such activity including, but not limited to, measures to (A) prevent or minimize pollution or other environmental damage, (B) maintain or enhance existing environmental quality, or (C) in the following order of priority: Restore, enhance and create productive wetland or watercourse resources;

(5) The character and degree of injury to, or interference with, safety, health or the reasonable use of property which is caused or threatened by the proposed regulated activity; **[**and**]**

(6) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on wetlands or watercourses outside the area for which the activity is proposed and future activities associated with, or reasonably related to, the proposed regulated activity which are made inevitable by the proposed regulated activity and which may have an impact on wetlands or watercourses;

(7) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on public drinking water, as determined by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

(8) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on cold water habitat, as determined by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and

(9) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on watercourses that would decrease resilience to severe storms and extreme weather events

or increase water temperatures or drought extremes.

(b) (1) In the case of an application which received a public hearing pursuant to (A) subsection (k) of section 22a-39, or (B) a finding by the inland wetlands agency that the proposed activity may have a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses, a permit shall not be issued unless the commissioner finds on the basis of the record that a feasible and prudent alternative does not exist. In making his finding, the commissioner shall consider the facts and circumstances set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The finding and the reasons therefor shall be stated on the record in writing.

(2) In the case of an application which is denied on the basis of a finding that there may be feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed regulated activity which have less adverse impact on wetlands or watercourses, the commissioner or the inland wetlands agency, as the case may be, shall propose on the record in writing the types of alternatives which the applicant may investigate provided this subdivision shall not be construed to shift the burden from the applicant to prove that he is entitled to the permit or to present alternatives to the proposed regulated activity.

(c) For purposes of this section, (1) "wetlands or watercourses" includes aquatic, plant or animal life and habitats in wetlands or watercourses, and (2) "habitats" means areas or environments in which an organism or biological population normally lives or occurs.

(d) A municipal inland wetlands agency shall not deny or condition an application for a regulated activity in an area outside wetlands or watercourses on the basis of an impact or effect on aquatic, plant, or animal life unless such activity will likely impact or affect the physical characteristics of such wetlands or watercourses provided a municipal inland wetlands agency may reasonably consider that adverse impacts or affects to such physical characteristics will likely result from the removal of natural vegetative cover or an increase in impervious

coverage;

(7) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on public drinking water, as determined by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

(8) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on cold water habitat, as determined by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and

(9) Impacts of the proposed regulated activity on watercourses that would decrease resilience to severe storms and extreme weather events or increase water temperatures or drought extremes.

Sec. 8. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 22a-42a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(d) (1) In granting, denying or limiting any permit for a regulated activity the inland wetlands agency, or its agent, shall consider the factors set forth in section 22a-41, as amended by this act, and such agency, or its agent, shall state upon the record the reason for its decision. In granting a permit the inland wetlands agency, or its agent, may grant the application as filed or grant it upon other terms, conditions, limitations or modifications of the regulated activity which are designed to carry out the policy of sections 22a-36 to 22a-45, inclusive, as amended by this act, provided such applicant demonstrates that the proposed activity will not have an adverse impact on any wetland or watercourse. Such terms may include any reasonable measures which would mitigate the impacts of the regulated activity and which would (A) prevent or minimize pollution or other environmental damage, (B) maintain or enhance existing environmental quality, or (C) in the following order of priority: Restore, enhance and create productive wetland or watercourse resources. Such terms may include restrictions as to the time of year in which a regulated activity may be conducted, provided the inland wetlands agency, or its agent,

determines that such restrictions are necessary to carry out the policy of sections 22a-36 to 22a-45, inclusive, as amended by this act. No person shall conduct any regulated activity within an inland wetland or watercourse which requires zoning or subdivision approval without first having obtained a valid certificate of zoning or subdivision approval, special permit, special exception or variance or other documentation establishing that the proposal complies with the zoning or subdivision requirements adopted by the municipality pursuant to chapters 124 to 126, inclusive, or any special act. The agency may suspend or revoke a permit if it finds after giving notice to the permittee of the facts or conduct which warrant the intended action and after a hearing at which the permittee is given an opportunity to show compliance with the requirements for retention of the permit, that the applicant has not complied with the conditions or limitations set forth in the permit or has exceeded the scope of the work as set forth in the application. The applicant shall be notified of the agency's decision by certified mail within fifteen days of the date of the decision and the agency shall cause notice of their order in issuance, denial, revocation or suspension of a permit to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the town wherein the wetland or watercourse lies. In any case in which such notice is not published within such fifteen-day period, the applicant may provide for the publication of such notice within ten days thereafter.

Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 22a-42a of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (3) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(NEW) (3) Any permit issued under this section may provide for a particular gradation of riparian buffer for known ecological benefits, as determined by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Sec. 10. Section 12-63g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

Property required as a buffer pursuant to any permit issued by an inland wetlands agency under regulations adopted under section 22a-42a, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to, any riparian buffer, shall be assessed at a value equal to the value of such property if it were an inland wetland or watercourse area.

Sec. 11. Subdivision (6) of section 22a-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(6) "Material" means any substance, solid or liquid, organic or inorganic, including, but not limited to vegetation, soil, sediment, aggregate, land, gravel, clay, bog, mud, debris, sand, refuse or waste;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2026*	22a-36
Sec. 2	*October 1, 2026*	22a-38(13)
Sec. 3	*October 1, 2026*	22a-38(19) and (20)
Sec. 4	*October 1, 2026*	22a-40(a)(1)
Sec. 5	*October 1, 2026*	22a-40(a)(3) and (4)
Sec. 6	*October 1, 2026*	22a-40(a)(6)
Sec. 7	*October 1, 2026*	22a-41
Sec. 8	*October 1, 2026*	22a-42a(d)(1)
Sec. 9	*October 1, 2026*	22a-42a(d)(3)
Sec. 10	*October 1, 2026*	12-63g
Sec. 11	*October 1, 2026*	22a-38(6)

Statement of Purpose:

To create greater protection and preservation of areas immediately adjacent to watercourses in the state in order to preserve and improve the quality of such watercourses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

RECREATION REPORT

August 2026

Summer is wrapping up. Beach Memorial Pool had approximately 9,330 visitors in the month of July. The cold and wet weather continued to keep the crowds down as we had 14,218 patrons in July of 2025. Tashua Knolls Pool had approximately 4,761 visitors during July, with Swim Lessons and Summer Camp there Monday through Friday in the mornings. Between both pools, 416 guest passes were used in the month of July. This year, we are facing a staffing challenge that we did not encounter last season, as Labor Day falls significantly later than the start of the school year. With many of our seasonal staff returning to school before Labor Day, we are unable to maintain our regular operating schedule. The end of season hours can be found on the website. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we adjust our hours to safely operate the pools through the end of the season.

Thank you to those who joined us at the TYA performances of *Once Upon A Mattress.* TYA Junior's *Suessical Jr.* will be performed August 7th and 8th. Please find the additional summer entertainment schedule below:

Other:

- Thursday Trumbull Farmers Market through October 15, 4-7pm @ Twin Brooks Park
- Children's Summer Concerts Tuesdays through August 25, 10am @ Recreation Annex Tent
- Tuesday Summer Concert Series through August 25, 7pm @ Town Hall Gazebo
- Sunday Concert Series through August 23, 4pm @ Town Hall Gazebo

The Recreation Office will be closed on Monday September 7, 2026.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report May-June 2026

Parks and Recreation staff moved into a regular mowing schedule during May. Staff were heavily engaged in preparation for Memorial Day, planting, weeding, watering and pool openings. Some highlights:

- Beaches pool and splash pad have opened for the season.
- Air conditioning unit installed in Beaches lifeguard room.
- Tashua Pool preparations have begun.
- Community Garden at Abraham Nichols is open.
- New raised garden beds installed at the Senior Center. Deer fence installed on site.
- Installation of replacement irrigation system at Twin Brooks Park.
- Regular restroom maintenance in all parks. Restrooms are open daily in Twin Brooks, Lower Indian Ledge, Beach Memorial, Unity and Island Brook Park.
- Continue landscape remediation following paving in Unity Park.
- Weeding and maintenance of plant beds throughout town.
- Installation of annuals at Town Hall.

Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

Parks and Recreation Commission

Ranger Division July 2026 Report

Commissioners,

In July, Rangers observed and took **23** reports. At Twin Brooks Rangers assisted TPD with a group in the water and observed several individuals swimming in the river. At Beach Park there was an assist to TPD with an intoxicated person and addressed an issue with someone believed to be selling puppies. At Indian Ledge Rangers found dumping of furniture and assisted TPD with unruly kids. At Unity Rangers reported storm damage (down tree limb), assisted with a medical at the pickleball courts, and helped a resident find their keys. At Old Mine responded to a suspicious person. At Rails 2 Trails Quarry, Rangers discovered grafitti, two instances of swimming, and at R2T Tait to Whitney assisted TPD with two instances of a suspicious person. At Katz Pond Rangers discovered dumping of paint cans and household items and at AB Nichols, storm Damage was reported. At Tashua Knolls Rangers assisted TPD with a medical.

There were **230** parking violations issued, **15** written parking warnings and **23** Infractions

Parking Violations by park		Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks	134	09
Old Mine	25	02
Indian Ledge	03	01
Island Brook	01	00
Unity	01	00
Beach	65	03
Nothnagle	00	00
Tashua Knolls	00	00
Rails to Trails	01	00

Total Year Violations **1477** Written Parking Warnings **128** Infraction Warnings **32**

Special Events/Pavilion
Twin Brooks- Sunset Run, Kids Triathalon
Indian Ledge-Kids Kickball Party, BMX Nationals
Town Hall-4th of July Event
Old Mine-Family Picnic

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger