Tashua Knolls Golf Course Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Long Hill Room – Trumbull Town Hall

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Members attending: Joe Guadiano, Chairman, Nathan Moyer (Vice Chair), Regina Evans, Mary Ellen Patzuk, Tony Ciccaglione, Peter Caligiure, Joe Satin, Shelly Dowling

Also attending: Bobby Brown, Director of Golf and Joe Imperio, Director of Golf Properties

Mr. Guadiano called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes: Mary Ellen Patzuk and Regina Evans.

Audience Participation: Peggy Gettig and Janice Miko

New Business: A request from Tashua Knolls Ladies 9 Holes to add 20 minutes to their tee times as their membership has grown and cannot accommodate, nor accept new members with the existing tee times reserved. After discussion, a motion was made by Joel Satin and seconded by Regina Evans to approve the request. Vote was all in favor.

A brief discussion was raised about the end of the year's Appreciation Dinner. We will be exploring optional venues.

Director of Golf Properties/Green Committee: Joe Imperio and Shelly Dowling

- See report attached
- Several Commissioners reported how beautiful our property is and compliments abound from all about Jean Marie Montabana's work!

Director of Golf: Bobby Brown

- See report attached
- Bobby also received compliments from the 1st Selectman's Tournament about the great conditions of the course.
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- **Finance:** A motion was made by Nate Moyer and seconded by Regina Evans to approve an increase in monies of $290,000-310,000 from retained earnings for construction of the maintenance barn.

A discussion about doing a Food Bank headed by Regina Evans. More details are to follow.

Golfer Engagement: Mary Ellen Patzuk said there is a newsletter online

Motion to adjourn was made by Tony Ciccaglione and seconded by Peter Caligiure at 8:47 p.m.

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Tashua Knolls Golf Course Commission Meeting

Green Sub-Committee

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Date: Monday, August 17th, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Tashua Knolls Golf Course Clubhouse

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1. Meeting called to order
2. Green Update
3. Adjournment

Please email Shelly.Dowling@gmail if you are unable to attend.

Greens and Grounds Report
August 24, 2026

- The course has received 19 inches of rain since July 1. Irrigation system has not run overnight for 6 weeks. Greens and Tees have held up well. A few low lying and poorly drained areas in the fairways have been affected by the rain.
- Mowing schedule and frequency have been adjusted to prevent any mechanical injury to these wet areas.
- Some of these areas have been spiked and seeded. Work will continue this week. Area on 18 will be aerated, spiked, seeded and top dressed.
- Greens were vented two weeks ago. Plan on venting one more time before fall aeration.
- New 648 walk behind aerator will be delivered next month.
- Plants around the course bathrooms have been removed and replanted with boxwoods. Belgian block around the beds have been raised. Hanging baskets and ornamental grasses have been added to the outside of the building as well.
- Mums around the Tashua Knolls sign at the main entrance has been planted with mums.
- Maintenance building addition work has begun. Foundation has been excavated out and footings will be poured tomorrow afternoon.
- Projects planned for fall/winter:
    - Remove rocks on the right side of 5 & Left side of 8
    - Remove left staircase for 12 tee
    - Remove rock steps to the right of 13 green leading to walk path
    - Tree removal :
        - Left of 6 green – dead ash and cedars
        - Thin out tree line between 1& 2
        - Thin out tree line between 7 & 8
        - Repair rock walls throughout the property

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Tashua Knolls Golf Commission Meeting

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

House Committee Meeting

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Date: August 17th, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Tashua Knolls Golf Course Clubhouse

1. **Meeting called to order**

2. **House Update**

3. **Adjournment**

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TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COMMISSION
SPECIAL PROJECTS/HOUSE COMMITTEE
Commission Meeting Monday August 17th, 2026

Topics For discussion

0 Solar Project with UI fully approved and inspected. **All Operational. PTO by 8/25/26**

0 **Maintenance Barn bid completed.** Reviewed bids. Work started on the contract **8/19/26**

O New Boiler in Clubhouse required. Waiting on budget pricing from Main Enterprise**. Received $50K**

O Shed next to Mikulus Center Doors are complete. **Bids received upgrade. New decision to demo. 9/25/26**

O NEED the UI plan for High Voltage Cables. Delivered Sample to UI on 7/13/26. **Awaiting Plan**

O Review Sink area outside of the Main Office, All cleaned at this point

O Need additional lamps to be replaced in the Maintenance Barn.

O Repair Pro Shop Doors – Working with Industrial Co.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Ciccaglione – Head of House Committee, Meetings First Tuesday of every month. 10AM

Tashua Knolls Golf Course

Director of Golf Report
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Operations Update

- Since mid July, the golf course has had over 20 inches of rain, closing the golf course completely for 2 days, walking only for 3 days, and cart path only for 8 days. All of which impact play and reservations as reflected in revenue numbers below.
- Revenue July 2026 $480,546.62 vs July 2025 $483,043.01 (-$2,496)
- Revenue August to date $360,920.49 vs August 2025 $395,110.50 (-$34,190)
- Fore Up has been contacted to replace one of our credit card processing units. The current unit does not accept tap, but still works. We will need to look into moving to Fore Payments. Our current units are from 2020.

Tournaments

- August 3rd Westport Police Canceled due to rain. Move to October 26th
- August 10th -Open golf to public
- August 17th First Selectman's Outing 104 player
- August 24th St Theresa's Knights of Columbus 88 players

High School Golf

- Trumbull Boys and St. Joe's Boys started the 2026 high school season on Monday, August 10th

Correspondence

9 holers analysis and request for extended block time.

Proposal from the Tashua Knolls 9 Hole Women's League to Increase Allocated Block Time

Request: Please approve 2–3 additional weekly tee times for the Tashua Knolls 9 Hole Women's League so that more women, including Trumbull residents currently on our waitlist, can participate in organized golf at the town course.

Background – The League has consistently maintained a membership level of approximately 82–84 women for the past several years. Each season, 10–12 members who do not renew are typically replaced by a similar number of new members, demonstrating steady demand and a healthy, sustainable league structure.

At present, the League is allocated 15 tee times from 7:00–9:20 a.m. from May through September, allowing 60 members to register each week. When the tee sheet is full, we add a 6:50 a.m. time when possible; however, members who are unable to secure a spot must either make other plans, play elsewhere, or hope for a same-day cancellation. In 2025, our tee sheet was full 7 times during this period. In 2026, it has already been full 6 out of 9 weeks in June and July alone.

Because access to a weekly tee time is a reasonable expectation of membership, we have had to waitlist prospective members. In 2025, 5 women were on the waitlist; that number has now grown to 15, including at least 6 Trumbull residents. Looking ahead to 2027, we expect limited turnover among current members, which means there will be little opportunity for new women to join unless additional tee times are made available.

Proposal – We respectfully request that the Golf Commission expand the League's allocated block by 2–3 additional tee times. This would accommodate 8–12 more players each week and help convert a documented waitlist into active participation. We understand this would require the 18 Hole League and public play to begin approximately 20–30 minutes later on League mornings, and we make this request with full respect for those golfers as well.

We recognize that any adjustment to tee times affects other users of the course. At the same time, this is a modest request with a meaningful benefit: it would allow more women to participate in a well-established, well-run town golf program without requiring a major change to the course schedule. The Tashua Knolls 9 Hole Women's League has a strong reputation thanks to the support of the Pros and staff and the dedication of League leadership. It provides competitive golf in a friendly, welcoming environment and encourages continued engagement with the course, the restaurant, the pro shop, and the broader Tashua Knolls community.

Approving 2–3 additional tee times would send a clear message that the Commission supports access, growth, and participation for women golfers at Tashua Knolls. We believe this request is practical, fair, and responsive to demonstrated demand.

On behalf of the women golfers who currently play, and those who are waiting for the opportunity to join, thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with the Commission toward a positive outcome.

Laura Pulie and Mary Bradley

Co-Presidents Tashua Knolls Women's Golf Association, Nine Holers League

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