

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – Monday, April 13, 2026

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on April 13, 2026

Commission Members Present: John Langmaid, Leo Colgan, Ellen Saunig, Chris Siwy
Absent: Mario DiLoreto, Trina Williams

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**
- **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - None
- **MINUTES OF THE March 16, 2026 REGULAR MEETING**
 - **Approved Unanimously**
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Great Pond Preserve Stewardship Committee**
 - Lisa passed out the minutes from the last meeting, and is awaiting to hear from Community Development when the next meeting is. Trina Williams is the liaison.
- **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - **America's 250th**
 - Lisa reported that Peoples Bank is going to be the presenting sponsor for the Birthday Bash. They donated \$8,000. The working group is diligently working on special events and programs during the calendar year.
 - **Park Ranger Program-**
 - The park ranger program has kicked off this spring. The first staff meeting was held on 4/9/26. Training will start immediately, and shifts will be scheduled. Cotton Hollow will begin to be staffed at the end of April.
 - **Program Updates-**
 - The Passport to Health Fair was held on 3/26/26 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Community Center. Vendor spots sold out (with 40 vendors). Approximately 200 people attended. An employee Health Fair was also held at the same time. The event was part of America's 250th Birthday. America's 250th swag was sold and the space was decorated in red, white and blue.
 - The Egg Hunt for Dogs took place on 3/28/26 at the Riverfront Park. 102 dogs attended and approximately 250 people attended. The event was part of America's 250th Birthday and America's 250th swag was sold. All dogs received a 4th of July themed bandana.
 - The Egg-Cellent Story Stroll was held on 4/8 with 234 children, and 433 total people in attendance.
 - We held our Family Paint Night on Friday, April 10th with the theme "Spring Snails". We had 12 families (31 participants) registered. The next Paint Night is Friday, May 8th with the theme "Lollipop Blooms."
 - Puzzle Palooza was held on April 8, there were 16 teams in total.

- Egg-a-pool-looza took place on 3/29. There were 97 participants registered and 80 that attended the event.
- Youth Fishing Derby will be held next Saturday, April 25th at Eastbury Pond.

➤ **Programs:**

- Vacation Camps are running this week with a total of 80 participants in 4 different programs.
- Spring enrichment and sports programs begin next week.
- Skateboarding lessons begin on Saturday, April 25th.
- Lifeguard training class began today (4/13). This is the largest class we have hosted with 20 enrolled.
- Spring tennis and pickleball lessons are slated to begin on April 25th.
- Summer swim lesson registration began on 3/31. Enrollment is low, most likely due to lessons being completely outdoors with the closure of the GHS pool.

➤ **Other Updates:**

- We currently have 126 participants signed up for the America's 250th fitness challenge, with 6 having completed the challenge. Anyone who turns in their tracking sheet will receive a free t-shirt.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

- **DEEP Trails Grant** – Lisa reached out to DEEP and they responded that the grant review process had been delayed due to some updates to CT DEEP Grant review requirements. The review is continuing and should be completed by April/May. The awards and notifications will be dependent of formal allocation of CT State Bond funding through the Bond Commission. They stated they cannot provide a timeline at this time.
- **DECD Grant** – The project has finally met all the criteria to be able to order the playground equipment. Once the town finds out when the equipment will be delivered, the department will notify the community as to the timeline of demolition of current equipment and when the new equipment will be installed.
- **Addison Tennis Courts**– The concrete slab has been poured, fence installed, and the ramp has been constructed. Topsoil, backfill and hydroseeding has been completed. The concrete needs to cure for 28 days and then the sports surfacing will be applied. Estimated court opening is the beginning of June.

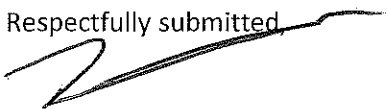
➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- **None**

ADJOURNMENT- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sauing and seconded by Commissioner Colgan. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Next scheduled meeting – May 11, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation