

**Town of Westport  
Golf Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
July 5, 2016**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in Room #201 on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Hunter at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jane Dally, John Ehli, Fred Hunter, Lura Paschal, Rich Raphael and Gary Solomon. Absent: Jim Harman

**1. Comments from the Audience**

None

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes from June 6, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

**3. Update – Bunker project**

Jim Downing and Doug Smith of Golf Design Unlimited, Norwalk CT, presented a brief overview of their philosophy and approach to refurbishment of the bunkers. There are 94 total bunkers with 51 of these greenside. Greenside bunkers will likely use the “Billy Bunker” system and fairway will incorporate a typical fabric design.

Based on successive and thorough RFP, interviews and course tour, made on behalf of the GAC and P & R; Fred Hunter, Chairman of the GAC, made a motion to approve the selection of Golf Design Unlimited as the contractor for the bunker renovation project and further more the GAC recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission approve Golf Design Unlimited as the contractor for the project. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Comments - Rounds Report**

The rounds played in June of 5,793 were the best since 6,211 in 2008.

**5. Presidents’ Report**

The three club associations reported strong mid-year attendance and their respective membership has increased year-over-year.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

123 new rakes were purchased as a gift to the Longshore Golf Club from the Longshore Men's Golf League.

A tree program is underway that will look to review and maintain, prune and replace as determined by need throughout the course.

**7. Golf Professional's Report**

The Junior Golf Teaching Program and the International Ladies Golf Teaching program were both well attended and a big success in promotion of the sport and the course.

**8. Discussion Chelsea System**

Discussion ensued of fine tuning the booking system to allow more users access and provide booking for the tee times day for the current day.

**9. Update – Clubhouse Survey**

Jim Healy, of the Men's League, spoke at length about the benefits of new Clubhouse, the importance to the membership base and the utility and benefit to the town. The survey was returned by 115 woman and 221 men and highlighted a need, to include a Grill/Restaurant, access to Water Views, addition of a Locker Room, Meeting Room (to fit 100) and a new Pro Shop. Also, based on the survey, one of the greatest demands is improvement of the Driving and Practice Facility.

**10. Pearl Golfer's Menu**

The restaurant is offering a discounted menu for golfers. Although, concern was expressed about how well marketed this is to the golf community and how welcoming of an environment it is because it is a bit more upscale in comparison to the normal Grill/Restaurant associated with a municipal golf course.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Ehli  
GAC Secretary