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Town of Westport Golf Advisory Committee Minutes October 11, 2017

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall, Room 309, on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Hunter at 7:30 pm.

Members present: Marie Gross, Jim Harman, Fred Hunter, Jane Daly, Gary Solomon. John Elhi and Rich Raphael were absent.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on September 11, 2017 were reviewed and approved, unanimously, by the committee by a 5-0 vote.

2. Comments from the Public

First Selectman Jim Marpe and Parks & Rec Chairman Charlie Haberstroh joined the meeting and presented a commendation to Chairman Fred Hunter, who announced that he was leaving the Golf Advisory Committee at the close of this meeting. Both Jim and Charlie reported on Fred's 18-year tenure on the Committee and thanked him for his service to golfers and the Town of Westport.

3. Rounds Report

Chairman Hunter provided the summary of September and year to date rounds on the course. September rounds are down slightly from last year and year to date the total rounds are down 3% versus 2016.

4. Bunker Project Update

Chairman Hunter gave an update on the project. The project work will start on Sept 12 concentrating, initially, on the 12th hole. When work moves close to greens they will be closed and temporary greens utilized. The entire team is aiming for minimal disruption to players during the construction phase. Chairman Hunter reiterated that Conventional bunker liners will be used and a small number of bunkers may be grass instead of sand. A high quality grade sand has been chosen for the bunker renovation. Fee discounts will be in place for players during the bunker project. Weekly updates will be provided by the project designer and posted to the Longshore Golf web site.

5. Presidents' Reports

Ellen Ehli of the Ladies 9 Hole League reported the league is up to approx 118 members, which is a five year high. Their luncheon is scheduled for October 26. This is Ellen's last season as president.

Peter Kreger of the LMGA reported on 2 events upcoming—including the Onion Member Member Tourney. LMGA membership is down slightly and the association is beginning to work on a new web site

6. Superintendent Report

Todd Salamone reported that aeration has gone well. The greens are healthy and leaf clean up has begun. The bunker replacement project is going well the pace of work is good and mowing of the new sod will begin this week. Repaired holes will be reopening quickly this season as the sod roots quicker than the summer. Earthworms continue to be an issue on some fairways—treatment will begin soon. New water fountains are being installed on the course.

7. Golf Professional Report

Jon Janik noted that all feedback on the bunker project has been positive. The pro shop fall inventory is now in the shop. He noted that Pro Shop credits must be used by December 15 or forfeited—no carry over's are permitted. October instructional classes are full. Twilight rates go into effect on November 4

A motion was made, by Chairman Hunter, to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Harman
Golf Advisory Committee