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Town of Westport Golf Advisory Committee Minutes March 5, 2018

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall, Room 309, on Monday, March 5, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Parks & Rec Commission Chairman Charlie Haberstroh at 7:30 pm.

Members present: Marie Gross, Jim Harman, Jane Daly, Gary Solomon, John Elhi. Rich Raphael was absent.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Comments from the Public

Topsy Sideroff, from the Women's Golf Association, noted that the group has developed and signed a petition asking the town to investigate the current goose infestation on the course. The petition was signed by approximately 50 members. Jennifer Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

Lee Feldman inquired about a range plan for 2018 and the status of the practice green near the 17th tee.

3. Rounds Report

A summary rounds report was distributed by Jen Fava. Total regular rounds for 2017 were 32,815, a 6.4% decline from 2016 (35,050).

4. Bunker Project Update

Jen Fava and Charlie provided an update. There was little damage to the work through the winter. There are six holes to be completed. The plan, weather permitting, is to restart the construction on March 26. Plan is to complete the construction portion by June 1.

5. Presidents' Reports

Women's Association president Topsy Sideroff noted their opening event will be April 3 and their entire season schedule is set.

Neither the Women's Nine Hole nor Men's Association attended.

6. Superintendent Report

Todd reports the course has held up well through the winter. The greens/tees/fairways all look good. His crew is beginning clean up work—the entire crew has been hired. Airification is planned for April 9. Practice bunker near 17 tee will be reworked and sodded.

As part of a town wide effort to reduce watering of lawns in 2018 to conserve water resources the course will be reducing their water use by 10%.

There are funds budgeted to address the goose problem on the course. Reviewing options, but a service to repel the geese at Longshore (and perhaps Compo beach) is under review and consideration.

7. Golf Professional Report

Jon reports that his entire staff has been invited back for 2018. New merchandise is arriving at the shop. Junior and Adult teaching programs are being scheduled and outing dates have been submitted. The shop will have merchandise with “several” logos this year—including the Men’s Association logo. The course will have the same fleet of carts as last year.

Policy and Procedures were reviewed by Jon and suggestions were presented to the committee.

The concessionaire for the half way house will not be returning in 2018. A RFP for potential vendors is being developed

The course will open (weather permitting) on April 2.

A motion made by Chairman Haberstroh, to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Harman
Golf Advisory Committee