

Town of Westport
Golf Advisory Committee
MINUTES

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in room # 201 on Monday, March 7, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Members present: Fred Hunter, Chairman; Mark Holod; Jean Murdock; Joanna Nicholson; Cliff Ross; Scott Smith and Gary Solomon Committee Members.

Guest: Stuart McCarthy

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on February 7, 2011, were accepted as submitted.

Fred Hunter distributed the green flyer from Parks & Recreation with Policies and Procedures for the Longshore Golf course for 2011. There will be no fee changes.

Fred Hunter changed the order of the agenda so that the Chelsea discussion would be first.

2. Discussion of Chelsea Changes for 2011

Fred acknowledged appreciation for the work that John Cooper and Rick Giunta have done to make the requested changes in the Chelsea system. Those GAC members who have tried the system reported that it is working. Automatic email to the Captain of each reservation will be checked.

3. Halfway House Discussion

Beverage Cart service will be tried this season on an interim basis.

Mark Holod and Fred Hunter met about fundraising. They presented two new pieces of information:

- Permits on the HH at the Farmhouse location are valid until 2012. It is possible to frame the structure before the winter of 2012 and open spring of 2013.
- Estimates continue to come in at \$250,000 +or- given some contingencies and escalations.

Fund raising should begin in the next 2 or 3 weeks, after deciding whether to make minor changes to save \$30 to \$40,000. Changes would include not enclosing the patio and changes to the door location. Estimates will be obtained.

Because the permit for the HH at the original farmhouse location is valid until February 2012 and would clearly be the quickest option for moving ahead on the HH, it was recommended by Mark and Fred that the GAC recommendation to locate the HH in the current location be changed back to the original farmhouse location.

Scott Smith moved that the location of the HH be returned to the original farmhouse location. Mark Holod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The P&R 501(c)3 Committee will meet Thursday, March 10, 2011, to move on establishing a Halfway House Project. A general contractor, with talent to manage the project, will then be hired by the 501 (c) 3 Halfway House Project.

4. Old Business

Freed Hunter reported on the 3 companies that have been contacted about outsourcing the golf course management. Discussion will continue with the company that seems to be the best choice in order to determine if and how they will save the town money. GAC also wants to know if the outsourced company has a goose deterrence program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
GAC Secretary