

Town of Westport  
Golf advisory Committee  
MINUTES

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in room#210 on Monday, December 5, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Fred Hunter, Chairman, at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Fred Hunter, Mark Holod, Jean Murdoch, Joanna Nicholson, Gary Solomon, Scott Smith

Others present: Sean Doyle and Mr. Rogan

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of November 7, 2011 were accepted as submitted.

**2. Rounds Report**

A Rounds Report was distributed. It showed a 20% gain in November but the total still remains 9.25% lower than last year.

Other public courses are down about 10-12 %.

**3. Discussion of Parks & Recreation Department's proposed fees for 2012.**

Adult hand pass sales were down this year by 13.4%; Golf Pass sales were down 12.5% relative to last year. That means a loss of \$23,000 in hand pass sales. Not sure why.

Stuart McCarthy has proposed an increase of \$2 week days and \$3 on weekends. This would be the first increase in 4 years.

This increase would increase revenue by \$90,000 based on a 3 year analysis of rounds. It is possible that this is an overestimation based on declining rounds mentioned above.

The GAC supports this proposal. Fred will talk to Stuart about some of the other hybrid arrangements we talked about.

**4. Halfway House Update**

Mark Holod reported that we have \$182,500 and need \$15-\$20,000 more for a kitchen hood over the grill. Once we raise the money and sign all contracts, we begin construction in March and finish in May.

There will be a Woog's World piece on Cliff Ross this coming Saturday.

**5. To take such action as the Committee may determine relative to changes in the reservation system.**

Fred Hunter entertained 3 motions, as follows, to recommend to Stuart McCarthy for the January P&RC Agenda:

1..... I move the GAC recommend to the P&RC a change in the Chelsea reservation procedures. Change would allow reservations by computer 15 minutes after the phone reservations. Example: Phone at 6:30AM - Computer at 6:45AM. Mark Holod seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2..... I move the GAC recommend to the P&RC a change in the Non-Golf Handpass Holder reservation policy. The change would allow Non-Golf Pass Holders to reserve weekday time 4 days in advance. Scott Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3.... I move the GAC recommend to the P&RC a change in the Non-Golf Handpass Holder reservation policy for weekends. The change would allow Non-Golf Handpass Holders to reserve tee times 2 days in advance. Jean Murdoch seconded the motion, and it failed 2-4.

**Since #3 failed there was no vote on the alternative of 4 days in advance for weekends....**

**6. Old Business**

Fred asked that the GAC recommend a member for next spring.

He also told us that behind the second green, we are using land that is not ours. There is currently a land swap proposed.

Linda Clair, John Cooper, and Stuart McCarthy are working on new score cards.

Sean Doyle said that a new Local Rules Book is also in the works.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson, GAC Secretary