

**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, May 7, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Fred Hunter, Chairman, at 7:33 PM.

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

Others present: Sean Doyle

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting were accepted as submitted.

2. Rounds Report

We are 130% ahead of last year at this time. The report that we will receive this year will give day or week and date, showing clearly the impact of bad weather on Rounds.

3. Greens Committee Report

Aerification in April went well. A six ton roller was rented to roll the tee boxes. Dan does not have the money to top dress the tee boxes.

He is fully staffed.

He may sod some low areas in the fairways. The greens are fine.

Twelve dump truck loads of new sand were distributed. He is not raking everyday.

Bunker rakes should be inside bunkers.

John Cooper is asked to speak to rangers about reminding golfers of their responsibilities with respect to raking bunkers, fixing divots, etc.

To add more benches and trees, we may have to have a fund raiser.

John Cooper still does not want to add sand bottles to carts. Dan thinks replacing divots is more effective anyway. Could rangers replace divots as part of their job in slow times?

Proper identification of certain holes is needed for non resident players, particularly 9 and 14.

There was discussion of advertising at holes. Some are concerned about advertising as a precedent set by town.

P&R Commission is not as friendly to golf as the previous group was. Friends are looking for projects other than golf projects.

Selling beer for Joey is a possible money raiser, perhaps to provide "beautification." There are issues to consider, however: Impact on Inn's liquor license, trash cans, checking ID's, refrigeration of large quantities of cans, Town Administration's position.

Sean Doyle opened a discussion about supporting the golf experience. Mark Holod said the important issue is how to get to the Board of Finance. Golfers have to organize and show up at meetings of B of F and P& R.

4. Halfway House Update

The Halfway House is now called Cliff's Place. A plaque is being prepared. It will open in July. There are three locations for benches: one is already sold. A 50 inch TV Monitor is on the wall. An IT volunteer is needed to program it.

5. LMGA Fall Outing

The LMGA wants to sponsor another " Golf Ball" and requests a waiver of greens fees. Discussion centered on setting a precedent.

Scott Smith moved that the GAC recommend to Stuart McCarthy and the P&R that fees be waived for the LMGA to organize the Golf Ball with all proceeds going to the golf course and no precedent being set.

The motion carried 6 to 1.

6. Old Business

Any problems with Chelsea should be reported to Gary or Fred. Phones may not be picking up related to moving the computer up to 6:45. They are looking at another provider rather than Chelsea.

7. New Business

There is a goose dog on order. He/she requires 2 or 3 more weeks of training. The town is paying \$4,200 not including maintenance. Care of the dog has not yet been determined.

The site plan for Longshore has been delayed indefinitely. In its place is a site plan for Compo Beach (new traffic patterns). The Town can't do both. \$50- \$70 ,000 in capital budget will be redesignated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
GAC Secretary