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Golf Advisory Committee
Final Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020. Jen Fava made some opening statements and the meeting was called to order by GAC member, Marie Gross at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Marie Gross, Judy Domkowski, Jim Harman, Rich Raphael and Mike Durkin.
Members absent: Jane Dally, John Ehli.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting were approved as presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Comments from the Public

No public comments.

3. President's Reports

LMGA: Jon Janik presented for Jon Lieber who was unable to attend the meeting. The mens group wrapped up the season with two sold out events at the end of the year. Overall, they had good tournament season.

LWGA: Winnie Hamilton, president, reported that their board held two 2021 season planning meetings and will have another in January. The board is preparing the 2021 handbook and will be sending membership applications to existing members in January. Planning delayed celebration of organization's 60th anniversary for July and met with the Inn at Longshore.

LLNHGA: Anne Haymon, tournament chair, reported their season ended with 82 members, down from 127 members the previous year.

4. Administrative Report

Jen Fava reported November rounds were up 117% over 2019 – 3,148 rounds. Total number of rounds for the year is now ahead of 2019 in spite of the late season start and the closing due to August hurricane.

Trying to keep course open as long as possible weather permitting. Looking at play patterns and weather forecast to make final determination of when to close. Decision will be announced.

Working with Brightview on an annual review and preplanning session for 2021.

Thirty-two trees and plants were planted over the past few weeks. Additional tree work will be performed after the course is closed to trim and remove limbs.

Signage was installed near halfway house/10th hole regarding pedestrian traffic.

Working with Turco for plan to repair practice area near 17th hole and the damaged bunker on 14th hole.

Marie Gross questioned the amount of goose droppings on the 9th and 14th fairways – haven't seen that before. Jen will report this to Geese Relief and request three visits per day.

Jim Harman questioned the status of the Site Plan RFP review. Jen explained that P&R has not finished reviewing the submissions and will get to this as soon as workload eases up.

5. Superintendent's Report

Todd Salamone reported they added sand to some bunkers and seeded the surrounds.

Majority of time spent keeping course clean and cutting back fescue and ornamental grasses.

Winterized sprinkler system last week and will be spraying course against snow mold.

Will be cleaning exterior areas around the course over the winter.

Developing plans for equipment, how to better manage traffic on the golf course, etc. over winter. A focus will evaluate cart traffic and what areas need to be protected next year from excessive wear and tear.

Mike Durkin asked if there is a plan to close the first fairway to cart traffic, redirecting traffic to the rough areas. It would go a long way in protecting the fairways from single cart use. Todd said he would address this with Briteview over the winter. Other fairways would benefit from these restrictions.

6. Golf Professional's Report

Jon Janik reported the first tee times have been moved to 8:30 am. Likely moving to 9 a.m. next week because of possible frost delays. Very light play during weekdays right now with moderate levels of weekend play.

Most merchandise has been sold out. Most pro shop credits have been redeemed and must be before course closing when they will expire.

Course rating for the women's tees is subject to availability of the MGA. We have priority position on courses to be serviced.

7. GAC Committee Member Comments/Issue

Getting quotes for tee box leveling and drainage of the greens. Need to fit into five-year capital plan before implementing these projects.

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Durkin, GAC member