

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, February 4, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Fred Hunter, at 7:30 PM.

Members present: Fred Hunter, Mark Holod, Jean Murdoch, Joanna Nicholson, Gary Solomon, and Scott Smith.

Others Present: Mike Fox (LMGA), Patti Kondub (LWGA), David Levin, Sean Doyle

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of January 7, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

**2. 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget**

The GAC has no role in the budget. Stuart McCarthy is not recommending raising fees. However, he needs a tractor now, and he will go back to the Board of Finance because he can not wait until next year.

There is a \$220,000 debt service related to the irrigation and improvement plan. Golf greens fees will be paying for this debt for the next 15 years. The Town is not living up to its side of the bargain.

There was a brief discussion of private enterprises that capitalize on recreation projects that the town is not providing, i.e., soccer, sailing, tennis, even new Golf Performance Center on Route 7.

**3. Old Business**

- Conditions of Golf Course - The course will open two weeks later than usual. Dan is negotiating with USGA in early May for an assessment of conditions and maintenance. Four pine trees with varying degrees of brown will come down. Hole #2 will have a new view, clear cut, wide open.
- Cell Service – Stuart says there is no way to improve service without a new cell tower. AT&T is interested. Gary Solomon will follow up with Fred to get a letter to Joseloff through Stuart.
- AED's have been turned down. There are issues with who gets trained. Stuart has put the issue BACK under consideration. He agrees there is a need.
- Enlarging the 16<sup>th</sup> TEE by 15 feet–Work should have started last week.

- Sign for Joey's is going up on the 9<sup>th</sup> Tee, assuming cell phones will work.
- Restroom doors at Cliff's Place – Don't close automatically. Joey is responsible for cleaning the bathrooms and needs to be sure they are cleaned. The frame on the front door will be painted.
- Shed on the main road. – Stuart will see that it is maintained better than it has been.
- Divot Bottles on carts. On behalf of David Levin, Stuart will find a way with Dan and John to see that they are installed and kept up.
- Web Site is managed by a third party. It needs to be kept up on a daily basis, for frost delays, etc. It becomes chaotic when everyone is calling the starter for information that should be posted.
- Beyond Pubic Sector Restrictions to identify what we need to do to improve the course, Ex. 501©3.

#### **4. New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson  
GAC Secretary