



**Westport Golf Advisory Committee
FINAL Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2022**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jane Dally, Judy Domkowski, Mike Durkin, Rich Raphael. Missing were John Ehli and Irla Landry.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting were approved as presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

Comments from the Public

No public comments

President's Reports

LMGA – President, Ryan Smith reported: Had first planning meeting. Will maintain similar membership structure as last year. Has submitted event schedule to Jon Janik for approval.

LWGA – President Marie Gross reported: signed up first 60 members. Has submitted event schedule to Jon Janik. Revising the association handbook.

LLNH – Anne Haymon reported: Held first board meeting. Submitted event calendar to Jon Janik. Will host zoom coffee/meeting for members on March 17. Planning to cap membership at 120 golfers so more players can get tee times. April 7 will be opening day.

Administrator's Report

Charity events will be approved at February 16th Parks & Rec Commission meeting. Once they are confirmed, the association schedules can be approved.

Email blast was sent to mailing list regarding keeping dogs off the golf course.

Phragmites removal project has begun. First mowing will be completed later this week. This is part of a three-year removal program on holes 3, 6, 12, and 17.

Overview of the Longshore Strategic Plan process will be presented at Feb 16th commission meeting. There will be information distributed to GAC members and golf associations at the end of February. Stakeholders will have opportunity for input at future meetings/presentations.

Discussions with halfway house vendor are underway to improve service 2022 season. Food selection, hours, staffing, ordering from 9th tee.

Superintendent's Report

Winter maintenance is in full swing. Focused on inside tasks.

Will begin staffing hires in next few weeks.

Will release maintenance schedule after the association event schedules have been approved.

Fairways that were seeded in fall have exhibited good sprouting. Applied lime last week to adjust soil ph.

Golf Professional's Report

New slopes and ratings from the MGA have been presented for the white, yellow, and orange tees:

White Tee: 73.0/Slope 125

Yellow: 69.4/Slope 120

Orange: 67.5/Slope 118

Course rates one half to a full shot below par based on overall conditions of the golf course. Blue tees were last rated in 2019. New scorecards will be ordered. The new ratings will be posted by the MGA to the handicap system for the upcoming season.

Supply chain issues still are causing delays for golf clubs and leather golf gloves.

Golf carts are wintering well in the garage.

Chris, Rob, and Mark will be returning on the golf staff.

GAC Comments

The committee discussed the hiring of additional rangers to have on the course. Jon Janik pays the ranger and doesn't feel there is need for an additional ranger to manage slow play.

We might consider adding time cards to the golf carts so golfers can see where they need to be and at what time. This may help speed up play.

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dally
GAC Chairperson