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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK
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**Golf Advisory Committee
Final Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally, at 7:00pm.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were approved as presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

3. President's Reports

LMGA: Jon Lieber reported that registration is open and they currently have over 250 members. They had their first event the previous Saturday with 54 players. Three more events are open for registration.

LLNHGA: Anne Haymon reported that they currently have 116 members, 41 of which are non-residents. They hosted an opening day with a full tee sheet. They are hosting a May 6 Mixer to welcome new members; June 3 will be the Jon Janik Tournament; and June 17 will be a member guest.

LWGA: Winnie Hamilton reported that membership is currently 106 including 15 new members. Their opening meeting was held by Zoom on April 6 with 45 attendees. The league is providing member handbooks on April 27 during the opening day scramble. The league purchased two PCs for posting scores following tournaments which they share with the 9-holers. Both leagues use Leaderboard to manage their tournaments. The LWGA will host the 60th anniversary member guest on August 31, and their Lobster Fest (a social event) on August 11.

4. Administrative Report

- Jen Fava reported the new cart delivery was delayed due to Covid19 and supply chain issues. The course has 35 temporary carts, 23 of which are gas powered. Promised delivery for new carts is April 19.
- Turco was delayed in repairing the practices bunker and green near the 17th tee and will begin the work shortly.
- Rounds report for March – 260 rounds for the month.
- Restaurant to open mid to late June and there will be a golfers menu available.

- Jen reported that she will not be able to attend the May 3 GAC due to conflict with RTM budget meeting.
- Proposals for the Longshore Park 5-year site plan are still being reviewed.
- Jen explained an ordinance considered by the town government to ban the use of gas powered leaf blowers. This could also affect the golf course and Jen is following this closely with the goal of having the golf course exempted.

5. Superintendent's Report

- Todd Salamone reported March was a good month for seeding on the course.
- Greens and fairways were aerated the first week of April.
- His team is working reseeding thin areas on fairways. He is using the plugs from aeration to build up some thin areas in the rough.
- The next week they will be working on redistributing sand in all bunkers.
- Also adjusting sprinklers and coverage for irrigation.
- Todd will present his summer maintenance plan (June, July, August) to the GAC at May 3 meeting.

6. Golf Professional's Report

- Jon Janik reported that the course is busy.
- The greens have recovered well since aeration last week.
- Junior Golf Programs are full for the season
- The Chelsea reservation system was discussed and members indicated they are still getting error message of 'not enough places for the selected tee time' while immediately receiving an email confirmation of the desired tee time. A subcommittee was created with Jon Janik, Rich Raphael, and Jane Dally, to review options. Jon will get feedback from Tashua on the new system they just rolled out. The subcommittee will report their findings and recommendations.

8. GAC Committee Member Comments/Issue

Mike Durkin requested that tree limbs that impact tee shots from the 3rd, 9th, and 13th holes be cut back. Todd will look at this and order necessary tree work.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dally, GAC Chairperson