



## **Westport Golf Advisory Committee Final Meeting Minutes November 1, 2022**

The Golf Advisory committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Tuesday November 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Jane Dally, Mike Durkin, Irla Landry, John Ehli. Missing from the meeting was Rich Raphael.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved

### **Comments from the Public**

Skip Lane (14 Roosevelt Road) : Feedback on the Longshore Capital Improvement Plan was that the plan was focused on other priorities than the Golf related improvements. Very few golfers showed up for the presentations at the library. We need to be more vocal on what we want. Skip felt the plan is focused less on new club house/pro shop, more on traffic, and incorporating other sports such as pickleball. Golf should be a priority.

### **President's Reports**

LLNH- President Ann Hamon reported October 27th was last event with a closing luncheon at Rizzutos. The membership was 121 members and they will keep membership at that number. A recent event raised \$1200 for the Womens Community Food Pantry.

LWGA- President Marie Gross reported that the closing day scramble scheduled for October 25 was cancelled due to weather. The dinner was held that night at Rizzuto's with 45 attendees. A new interleague event called the Coastline Cup was introduced and had good participation. Tuesday golf will continue with a limited number of tee times. The new board for 2023 consists of the same officers as 2022. Planning has started for the 2023 season

LMGA- President Ryan Smith reported that the membership was 411 members for 2022. November 12 will be the closing event. There will be a donation made to Homes with Hope from this closing event tournament.

### **Administrator's Report**

Jen Fava was not present. The Long Range Plan survey is open until November 9th for the public to participate.

October rounds were 2980. That figure is down 832 rounds compared to the same time last year. The Greens drainage project is going well.

Five Open House Sessions to discuss the Long Range Plan has been held with good turnouts. The 2-way entrance/exit at Longshore is no longer being considered.



### **Superintendent's Report**

Brad Brown reported the drainage project is going well. There will be aeration done shortly. After the aeration fall cleanup/some spot treatment will be applied in fairways. Will look into drainage issues on Hole #6 close to the green. Hole 13 continues to have a problem in front of pond, will look into some solutions/ideas to improve the area. Brad will present the winter maintenance plan next meeting.

### **Golf Professional's Report**

Jon Janik reported tee times Tuesday through Sunday start at 8a.m., Mondays at 9 a.m., Twilight hours are now after 3p.m. but as of November 6th will be 1p.m. Clearance sale is going on, many players still have pro shop credit to spend. Credit must be used before the course closes. Merchandise buying for 2023 season almost done. Jon felt the rounds were down due to some bad weather in October.

### **GAC Comments**

Discussion was about the Longshore Capital Improvement Plan and that more golfers need to be participating in the public meetings. All presidents stated they would be happy to send an email to members encouraging them to participate and will include how to access the latest survey. The email should include that Zone 4 is the important plan that involves golfers. We should consider what can be done with the existing driving range. Have a soil test done. Plant grass. As its an important revenue source, it should not be eliminated. People want a place to hit balls. Do we consider putting golf simulators in the new clubhouse? Should the new clubhouse face the water and not the First Tee? Why waste the fabulous view? Its a valuable piece of real estate. To be discussed with Stantec.

New GAC members are being considered to fill the open spots and Second Selectwoman Andrea Moore will be speaking to the candidates.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Jane Dally  
GAC Chairperson