

**Westport Golf Advisory Committee  
Final Minutes  
February 6, 2023**

The Golf Advisory committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally at 7:00p.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the January 3 GAC meeting were approved.

**Comments from the Public**

Yvonne Dougherty had comments about the wet fairway on hole 17 and what could be done about it.

**President's Reports**

LLNH- President Ann Hamon reported that the tournament schedule has been approved and the membership drive for the Nine Hole group is underway. Returning members have until March 31 to sign up and then it will open up. 2023 membership will be capped at 120 golfers. Priority will be given to Westport women and then they will open to non resident golfers. April 6 will be the first day of play.

LWGA- Cynthia Carpenter spoke on behalf of President Marie Gross. The 2023 tournament schedule has been approved and registration opened three weeks ago. Membership is filling up and they anticipate having 115 members. April 4 is the first open play day and also the date of the annual opening meeting. The opening scramble will be held on April 25.

LMGA- President Ryan Smith reported that the tournament schedule has been approved. They will reduce the number of scheduled events and are seeking quality over quantity. Membership solicitation will go out in March.

**Administrator's Report**

Jen Fava approved the schedules for all league play.

Seven (7) charity events were approved for the year.

There will be a dedicated town hall meeting to discuss the Longshore Capital Improvement Plan.

**Superintendent's Report**

Brad Brown reported that course clean up is underway. He is actively servicing equipment. He is beginning the applications to protect greens and fairways including putting down Lime.

Staff will be returning and he is hoping for a few additional guys to add to his team.

There was minor tree damage caused by the latest storm on Feb.3

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

Jon Janik reported that merchandise is starting to come in.  
The same golf staff will return for the 2023 season.  
All quiet at the moment.

### **Vote on Fee Increases**

New golf fees for 2023 were presented to the GAC Committee and a vote was taken to approve the increase. All agreed in favor of the increase. This will now go to the Parks & Recreation Commission and then to the First Selectwomen's office for final approval. The proposed increase was to raise rates by \$1 in most categories.  
Longshore wants to stay in line with fees at other courses while keeping up with increasing operation costs.

### **GAC Comments**

Corey Miller asked if anything could be done to the 12<sup>th</sup> hole (right of the green) to alleviate the wet ground and perhaps add pot bunkers. Miller also inquired about the fescue and if it would grow in thicker and taller this year. Drought conditions in 2022 stunted the growth of the fescue.

Bunkers need more sand and hand raking was encouraged.

It was suggested that Brad research a brand of bunker rakes called Bunker Wizard.

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Jane Dally  
GAC Chairperson