

**Westport Golf Advisory Committee
Final Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023**

The Golf Advisory committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, March 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 February 6 GAC meeting were approved.

Comments from the Public

Over seven members of the public called in to voice their concern about the plans to delay clubhouse construction until Phase 2 (about 5 years). They all were unanimous that golf must be a priority and the location of the new clubhouse should be closer to the water. Members of the public included Mary Beth Noras, Cynthia Carpenter, Sue Ellen Durkin, Yvonne Dougherty, Patty Kondub, Regina Masterson and Marie Gross.

President's Reports

LLNH- Mary Beth Neras presented for the 9- hole league. Returning members have until March 31 to sign up and then it will open up to their wait list. 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- President Marie Gross presented for the 18-hole league. The 2023 tournament schedule has been approved and membership is filling up. Currently 86 golfers have sent in their dues and they anticipate having 115 members. April 4 is the first open play day and also the date of the annual opening meeting at the Congregational Church. The opening scramble will be held on April 25. The membership handbook is in the works.

LMGA- President Ryan Smith reported that the tournament schedule has been approved with 14 single day events and three multi day events. Membership solicitation is out. First tournament set for April 22.

Administrator's Report

Jen Fava was not on the call

Superintendent's Report

Brad Brown reported that he is actively servicing equipment. Staff is confirmed for the season. They will start work and training in the next few weeks. Course opening is weather dependent and ultimately decided by Parks and Recreation.

Bunker sand will be put down in the next two weeks. He is beginning the applications to the greens.

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.

Jon says it's important for the golf community to make the clubhouse a community priority and residents should weigh in on where it should be built.

GAC Comments

Discussion about why the golf course is not open earlier in the season like other courses in the area.

Discussion on new clubhouse schedule and placement.

Concern that other town expenses may push the golf clubhouse down the list of priorities.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Dally

GAC Chairperson