

**Town of Westport
Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 8, 2015**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in Room #201 on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Hunter at 7:30pm.

Members Present: John Ehli, Jim Harman, Fred Hunter, Jean Murdoch, Lura Paschal and Gary Solomon.

Chairman Hunter introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Fava. Ms. Fava served for three years as the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation in the Town of North Hempstead in New Hyde Park, N.Y. prior to joining the Town of Westport in September of this year.

1. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the September 8, 2015 were approved unanimously with no changes.

2. Rounds Report

The 2015 YTD rounds played are up 2,938 rounds or (12.8%) over YTD 2014.

3. Superintendent's Report

Mike Golden reported the weather remained very dry and the rainfall is 5-6" below average. Aeration of the greens will begin on Monday, October 5th and we can expect temporary greens in the fairways until complete. The practice green adjacent to the 17th Tee Box has been used to supplement needs of the greens for the course due to damage over the winter. The plan is to aerify and reseed. The practice area struggles due to no irrigation and root problems. Mike plans to revisit trimming of the trees to offer better sunlight. He also plans to consult with the tree warden to discuss the ongoing health of the Beach Tree's that line holes #9 and #14.

4. Golf Association Presidents' Reports

The Ladies 9-hole League reported no complaints. Regina Masterson, President of the Ladies 18-hole League, inquired about benches that seem to be missing from the ladies tee box at #13.

Michael Fox, President of the Men's League, noted that the first tee-off time suddenly moved back to 7:30 within the system. And, the course could be losing valuable revenue. The problem exists within the Chelsea Reservation System and can be revised by John Cooper, Head Golf Professional.

5. Golf Professional's Report

John Cooper was not in attendance and no report was filed.

6. Discussion – Hole Signs

The location for each sign is complete and installation should begin in two weeks.

7. Discussion – Follow up survey results

Sub-Committee Assignments:

Jean Murdoch & Gary Solomon – Association/Website

- Real time updates
- Comprehensive Calendar of Events
- Chelsea T-Sheet
- Review other options available

John Ehli & Jim Harmon – Driving/Practice Range

- The range is a high priority based on member survey
- The quality of golf balls is a function of irrigation and maintenance
- Many restrictions exist due to layout and neighborhood impact

Fred Hunter & Lura Paschal – Bunkers

- LS has over 100 bunkers on the course
- John Harvey, LS architect, to review bunker design
- Seeking professional input to review possible options and solutions

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ehli
GAC Secretary