

**Town of Westport  
Golf Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
October 5, 2015**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in Room #201 on Tuesday, October 5, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Hunter at 7:30 p.m.

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

Chairman Hunter introduced the new Golf Advisory Committee member Steve Silver who joins the GAC for his first meeting.

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

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

**2. Rounds Report**

September rounds played of 4,418 just eclipsed the same period for 2014 of 4,245.

**3. Superintendent's Report**

Mike Golden reported the greens were aerified, seeded and backfilled with sand. In addition, a deep tine aeration was performed that will assist in drainage. The tee boxes will be aerified and seeded over the coming two Mondays.

**4. Golf Association Presidents' Reports**

The Ladies 9-hole League reported they have three more weeks in their season of play including a "Rally for the Cure" Tournament this Thursday with their final day of play on Thursday, October 22. Regina Masterson, President of the Ladies 18-hole League, reported their season will end on Tuesday, October 27 with a closing dinner that evening.

Michael Fox, President of the Men's League, noted that they intend to buy rakes with left-over proceeds from their season and will work with the course

superintendent on product selection. The final tournament for the league will be held on Saturday, October 24.

**5. Golf Professional's Report**

John Cooper reported that the course generated average revenue per golfer this year was \$26.74 per person. Also, the final few months of the year, could generate an additional \$110,000 of revenue for the course.

**6. Discussion – Hole Signs**

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

**7. Discussion – Follow up survey results presented**

Sub-Committee Assignments:

Jean Murdoch & Gary Solomon – Association/Website

- Presented their proposal and recommended the upgrade for the Chelsea system with a one-time cost of roughly \$800.
- Presentation submitted with the Minutes.

John Ehli & Jim Harmon – Driving/Practice Range

- Recommended a series of changes inclusive of replacement of the range balls, tee markers and upgrade to surrounding area consistent with improvement seen on the course.
- Recommend review of the contract between VC, Golfshop and town to understand maintenance and upkeep responsibilities.
- Presentation submitted with the Minutes

Fred Hunter & Lura Pashcal – Bunkers

- Recommend hiring John Harvey to review and assess the next steps for the bunker renovation study.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ehli

GAC Secretary