

**Town of Westport
Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 7, 2016**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the town of Westport met in Room 309 of Town Hall on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Chairman Fred Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members present: Fred Hunter, Jim Harman, Gary Solomon and Lura Paschal.
Absent was John Ehli.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the GAC meeting dated May 2, 2016 were unanimously approved.
2. **Comments** – Peter Krieger, attendee, commented that he had heard a recurring complaint about a lack of bunker rakes on the course. He added that the LMGA is planning to contribute toward the purchase of additional rakes and he will confer with Jen Fava of Parks & Rec to proceed on this matter.
3. **Rounds Report** – Chairman Hunter reviewed the Rounds Report noting it was the lowest rounds reported for May for the last 15 years. Inclement weather was cited as the main cause of the drop in rounds. YTD rounds remain up 7% over last year.
4. **Presidents' Report** - Regina Masterson, President LWGA, reported that her group was going strong this season. Peter Krieger, President LMGA, reported the men's membership is keeping pace with last year and the board is discussing new efforts to solicit additional members. No report from the LLNHGA.
5. **Superintendent's Report** – Mike Golden, Superintendent, brought a plug from the 13th green to show the long-term effect of poor course maintenance. The plug showed a large layer of thick mucky earth beneath the surface approximately 4-5 inches from the top. Ideally the plug should show a more porous composition throughout with sand interspersed to allow sufficient drainage. Discussion ensued about the need to deep tyne the greens more often and the associated costs. Mike will pursue a conversation with Jen Fava to potentially purchase a used deep tyne machine. Chairman Hunter added that Valley Crest has merged with another company and the new name is now Brightview.

6. **Golf Professionals Report** – John Cooper was supervising events at the course for International Women’s Golf Day and was not available for the meeting.
7. **Discussion – Paving Project** – Chairman Hunter reported that the entirety of the entrance/exit road encompassing Longshore , as well as roads within Longshore, will be repaved over the next 2-3 weeks. Scheduled completion of this project is June 20, 2016. It was suggested that all golf associations communicate this news to their members as delays in getting to the course are expected.
8. **Update – Clubhouse Survey** – Chairman Hunter announced that Dick Healy is the new chairman of the clubhouse project and a presentation of survey findings is expected at the July meeting.
9. **Update – Bunker Project** – Chairman Hunter said he expects to visit a project of Doug Smith’s in Redding, CT in the near term. Mike Golden commented on his visit to the Redding course where he got only positive feedback from the personnel there. The contract is to be awarded to one of the two finalists very soon.
10. **Pearl Golfer’s Menu** – Chairman Hunter made mention that all golfers should be encouraged to dine at Pearl after golf utilizing the “Golf Menu” as the rate of utilization is being tracked by the town and could influence further support for food/drink offerings for golfers at Longshore.

Motion was made to adjourn and passed unanimously. Chairman Hunter adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lura Paschal
Acting GAC Secretary