

## **GOLF COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, November 8, 2010**

**7:30 pm**

**Eunice Postol Recreation Center**

**75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT**

### **FINAL MINUTES**

Members Present: Susan O'Donnell, Fred Joseph, Jordan Lustig, Jack Slane, Andrew Janis, Tammi Peterson

Members Absent: Craig Curley

Others Present: Gerry Lombardo, Peter Grace, Kevin Baker, Ralph Butera, Beverly Abt, Lou Albrecht, Members of the Public

Vice-Chairman Susan O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

#### I. Act on Minutes October 19, 2010

Fred Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes. Jack Slane seconded the motion. Mr. Slane made a friendly amendment to change the word, "shots" to "spots" in the first sentence under New Business. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

#### II. Correspondence

Ms. O'Donnell read correspondence from the President of the Women's Association requesting permission to install a plaque in the garden on the second hole in honor of all of the deceased Association players. The plaque would have an inscription, but would not list any names. Mr. Joseph made a motion to approve placement of the plaque as stated in the Women's Association President's letter. Jordan Lustig seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### III. Staff Reports

##### 1. Pro Manager Report

Since Jim Alexander was unable to attend the meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Gerry Lombardo gave a brief update. Mr. Lombardo said that at Smith Richardson rounds and funding were slightly up in October compared to last October. Cart fees and greens fees were up. Par 3 was up 2100 rounds versus 1700 rounds at the same time last year. But, the course was down the number of rounds for the year versus last year. Income was up last month, but for the year, it was slightly down.

##### 2. Administration Report

Mr. Lombardo said the town's budget process has started and he will soon submit his budget to the First Selectman and his fiscal team. Mr. Lombardo said the budget will stay fairly the same as this year's budget. Mr. Joseph asked about having a discussion on whether or not the Commission should raise fees. Mr. Lombardo said the Commission had briefly discussed fees at the last meeting and the consensus was not to approve any increases. Drew Janis made a motion to confirm that there will be no rate increase in all fees for the 2011-12 golf season. Mr. Slane seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

##### 3. Superintendent Report

Peter Grace said the course was closed this morning because of the frost. They are patching the 11<sup>th</sup> approach. The drain line on 15 was sodded and the 13<sup>th</sup> tee was resodded.

He is now working on cleaning the leaves of the course. Fairfield Asphalt Paving is working on cart path two through the third tee. The tree warden approved the removal of 10-15 trees to clear this area. The drainage is up-to-date. After the December Conservation meeting, work can commence. Mr. Lombardo does not see any hold ups with this department on this project. The practice area at Par 3 is being built. The fairway bank on nine is roughed up so sod was put down. Fertilizer is being put on the fairways and tees. Mr. Joseph asked Mr. Grace how much staff he will lose this winter. Mr. Grace said he has a staff of ten now and will have five full-time employees plus himself this winter.

#### IV. Greens Committee Report

Mr. Janis asked about nine behind the green. Mr. Grace said it will be scraped down and new soil will be put in. Mr. Janis asked about the six fairway/rough area. Mr. Grace said it will be sodded this fall or spring.

#### V. Old Business

##### 1. Conservation IWPA 2004-11 –Report

Mr. Lombardo said there is rip-rapping down into Grace Richardson. Regarding the pond on 18 toward the sixth fairway, the engineering department thinks we will have enough capacity so we will not have to expand the pond toward the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway. A basin will be built near the right side of 18. Drains will be installed on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> fairways. Mr. Lombardo said DPW may start dredging the ponds this winter, pending conservation approval in December.

##### 2. Concessionaire Bid

Mr. Lombardo had a walk-through last week and only two interested parties attended. Mr. Lombardo received four other inquiries. The bids open on November 16, 2010 and then Mr. Lombardo, two golf commission members, the Purchasing Director and Assistant Purchasing Director and Fiscal officer will conduct interviews.

#### VI. New Business-None

#### VII. Public Input

Lou Albrecht, a member of the New England Women's Golf Association, submitted a letter from the SNEWGA President that Ms. O'Donnell read aloud. The organization is asking for Smith Richardson to host a two-day championship event in June which Ms. O'Donnell said is Mr. Alexander's decision. Ralph Butera asked if next month's Commission meeting will be held at the Recreation Center or at Smith Richardson. Beverly Abt announced that there is a new Par 3 President, Joan Schmidt.

Mr. Slane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Mr. Janis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary

