

**Town of Fairfield, Connecticut**  
**Golf Commission**  
**Monday, April 9, 2012**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Eunice Postol Parks and Recreation Center**  
**75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT**

Members Present: Craig Curley; Jack Slane ;Ryan Morris; Tammi Peterson; Jordan Lustig and Drew Janis

Members Absent: Lou Albrecht

Others Present: Gerald Lombardo; Jim Alexander and Peter Grace

Chairman Craig Curley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**I. Act on Minutes:** March 12, 2012

*Motion: Jack Slane made a motion, seconded by Ryan Morris to approve the minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously 6-0-0.*

**II- Communications**

**1. Ellen Everard–Regarding Forward Tees** – Chairman Curley explained that Ms. Everard emailed that the Commission asking that they please commit to forward tees while at the same time keeping in mind the handicap system. After discussion, Mr. Alexander suggested that he play a few rounds with several of the ladies, including Robin McPhillips using the temporary tees to see where the most important holes are for the ladies. He has committed to come to the July meeting with a plan to show which holes would be best to move tees forward.

**III. Staff Reports**

**1. Pro Manager Report** - Jim Alexander reported that March was a great month and numbers are up. The Driving range opened up on April 3. Chairman Curley asked about the non-resident season pass numbers. Mr. Alexander stated that they are up and that his staff has been actively promoting that pass. Chairman Curley shared an email that he received from Mr. Al. Gurney praising the staff at the Pro Shop and their welcoming and helpful attitude. He asked Mr. Alexander to share the email with his staff.

**2. Administration Report** – Mr. Lombardo reported that there have been some computer glitches that the golfers are experiencing with online tee times. They continue to work with GEN to resolve all the issues. He expects that the updated version will be implemented in late June or early July. Mr. Lombardo reported that the BOF cut the HSR budget by \$68,660, cutting the fairway mower and a vehicle. They have the right to appeal but have chosen not to. The \$105,000 for bunker and tee renovations is approved. Mr. Lombardo will go to the RTM budget meeting on April 11. Chairman Curley was asked about privatization by some BOF members. Mr. Lombardo stated that while typical privatization does not seem like a viable option he is planning to investigate the feasibility of privatizing the maintenance portion. He hopes to report back on that at the August meeting.

**3. Superintendent Report** – Peter Grace reported that the work on 10 and 6<sup>th</sup> tee is finished and they should be open in three weeks. He will be concentrating on the driving range and hoping to complete

his work by month's end, with a plan of Memorial Day weekend for hitting off the grass tees. They will be sodding the driving range and when asked if this was the best use of financial resources, Mr. Lombardo stated that he believes the cost to sod will be recouped by the revenue. Mr. Grace added that the sod company held their prices. The 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway should be done by April 20 and the open water course on the 7<sup>th</sup> by month's end. He will begin working with the \$105K and has provided Mr. Janis with a schedule of priorities. The Conservation Commission has approved the work on 2 and 11 and he'll be creating an open drain on 2 similar to the one on 6. The work on 7 and 2 has to be done simultaneously according to the approval. Mr. Slane asked if it is possible to put a tree on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. After discussion, no decision was made.

**IV. Greens Committee Report** – Mr. Janis reported that he is pleased with Mr. Grace's schedule of priorities. He added that he hopes that he will remember to implement the divot schedule as promised. Mr. Janis remarked that the course seemed extremely dry and fast. Mr. Grace agreed to water but acknowledged that the early season weather is largely to blame.

**V. New Business -**

**1. Security Issues**—Chairman Curley expressed concern over recent incidents, such as break-ins at both the Pro Shop and Mr. Grace's truck, a small suspicious fire as well as other minor incidents. Most felt that these were likely the work of teenagers. He suggested that while there is no money in the budget for security, they might send a letter to neighboring homes alerting them to the incidents with the hope that if they, in fact, know of any youths that might be involved, this letter might come as a warning. Mr. Lustig suggested adding in the letter that they should call the police if they see anything suspicious. All agreed to Mr. Curley sending such a letter.

**VI. Old Business - None**

**VII. Public Input – None**

*Mr. Slane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lustig to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.  
The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Ryan  
Recording Secretary