

**Golf Commission Meeting  
March 25, 2013  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Ron Dray, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Teri Deal; Dick DeLibro; Joe DeLuca; Tony Guzzi; Joyce Michaels; Jonathan Turk; Diane Wheeler

**Also Attending:** Hidalgo Nagashima, Director of Golf Course Property; John Ponzio, Town Treasurer; Jon Janik, Head Golf Professional

**Members Absent:** None

Ron Dray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Review and approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2013 . . . A Motion was made by Mr. Turk seconded by Mr. DeLuca to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 5, 2013 . . . A Motion was made by Mrs. Michaels seconded by Mr. DeLuca to approve the minutes with the following addition to the first motion on page one “The only exception being the First Selectman’s Cup”. Motion carried unanimously.

**Audience Participation:**

- None

**Director of Golf Course Properties Report** (Hidalgo Nagashima):

**Labor:**

- Director of Golf Course Properties (Nagashima)
- Mechanic (Plaveck)
- Full-time Greensmen (Cook, Gallant, Romano)
- Four part-time Seasonal (Balkun, Quinn, DeFrancesco, Hoepner)

**Maintenance Department:**

- Seasonal help is being brought on to help with course clean up and preparations for opening day. We are targeting opening this week.

- The maintenance department is finishing up whatever winter work can be completed. The main focus is completing the drainage work and repairing damaged areas. Any remaining disturbed areas will be roped off.
- The lightning sensors have been serviced and should be more accurate. The plan is to move a monitor into the pro shop so that customers can personally view the lightning delays.
- The architect will be on site this Thursday to meet with Mr. Dray, Mr. Evans, Mr. Nagashima and Mr. Brown. Commissioner input is welcome.
- A meeting was held with the mason to go over the repairs to the stone wall. Due to additional damage incurred over the winter, the cost to repair the wall is now \$2,000 and should commence within two weeks. Mr. Nagashima presented an \$865 proposal from Benedict's for new landscaping of the area. The Commission gave consensus to proceed with the project.

**Green Committee (Owen Evans):**

- Mr. Evans distributed a revised Winter Project list and was very pleased to note that many projects were completed over the winter.

**Director of Golf Operations/Head Professional Report (Jon Janik):**

**Golf Operations:**

- Professional staff returned to work on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Outside staff will meet on March 15<sup>th</sup> to go over procedures for the upcoming season.
- ID Sales began March 15<sup>th</sup> – current hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Miklus Center:**

- Interest in the Center has been building as customers are stopping by to have a look.
- The Ladies 18-holers held their spring meeting in the Center and the 9-holers will soon follow.
- The high school teams used the center for their kickoff meetings.
- The Center will be used this season for LPGA/USGA Girls Golf, junior programs, and adult learning classes.
- Club repair and fittings as well as lesson are conducted in the center as well.

**Pro Shop:**

- Featured golf club companies for the 2013 season include Callaway, Nike, Titleist, Taylor Made and Ping.
- Featured apparel companies include Antigua, Ahead, Adidas and Nike

**Instructional Programs:**

- Adult programs include three levels of Short Games Schools, Ladies Golf School, Full Swing Workshops and weekly Adult Group Clinics
- Junior programs include full swing classes, on-course classes, spring camp, leagues, and LPGA-USGA Girl's Golf.

**House Committee (Ron Dray):**

- The Kaulbach Trust has approved the transfer of \$10,000 for the work to be done on the stone planter, including the landscaping, new signage around the course, and new doors to the clubhouse.

**Finance (Jonathan Turk):**

- The Board of Finance has approved the Golf Course budget at the same levels as recommended by the First Selectman.

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- Mr. Evans distributed updated copies of the Tashua Knolls Golf Course Rules and Regulations. Updates included the definition of “Preferred Rates” and the usage of the Miklus Indoor Training Center as voted on in previous meetings.
- Mr. Dray informed the Commission that it cost \$140 to update the internet capability of the handicap computer in the clubhouse. He asked and received approval for the golf course to absorb the cost rather than billing the individual clubs.
- Mr. Ponzio passed on the thanks of First Selectman Tim Herbst in regards to Tashua Knolls Golf Course hosting a tournament in memory of Mary Sherlach.
- Mr. Guzzi asked that various measures be taken around the course to continue to improve pace-of-play. These include providing Player Assistants with pace-of-play cards to be given to customers who have questions regarding the policy, a decal on each golf car outlining the policy and a sign near the Starter area outlining the policy. The Commission gave its consensus that up to \$400 could be spent on the project. Mr. Guzzi also stated that he would be meeting with each club to update them on the progress of pace-of-play.

**New Business:**

- None

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Evans made a motion at 7:45 PM, seconded by Mrs. Michaels, to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Invited to attend the Executive Session were Mr. Ponzio. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to exit Executive session was made by Mr. DeLibro at 8:00 PM and seconded by Mrs. Deal. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. DeLuca at 8:02 PM; seconded by Mr. Turk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau  
Golf Course Commission Clerk