

Golf Course Commission Meeting
Agenda

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Long Hill Room –Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order
2. Review and approval of prior minutes
3. Audience Participation
4. Director, Golf Course Properties/Green Committee – Andy Fries/Shelly Dowling
5. Director of Golf – Bobby Brown
 - a. House Committee – Tony Ciccaglione
 - b. Concessionaire – Domenick Faustini
 - c. Finance Committee – Dave Galla
 - d. Personnel – Diane Wheeler
6. Correspondence
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Please email Chris Plumeau at tkgolf@trumbull-ct.gov if unable to attend

**Golf Course Commission Meeting
September 26, 2022
Minutes**

Members Present: Joe Gaudiano (Chairman); Nate Moyer (Vice-Chairman); Tom Cerulli; Tony Ciccaglione; Shelly Dowling; Owen Evans; Dave Galla

Also Attending: Andy Fries, Director Golf Course Properties; Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman

Members Absent: Diane Wheeler

Mr. Gaudiano called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of August 22, 2022 . . . A Motion was made by Mrs. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Moyer, to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously (7 – 0)

Mr. Gaudiano made a motion to take the agenda out of order:

Mr. Gaudiano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ciccaglione to take the agenda out of order to allow the Tashua Ladies Clubs to present their letter to the Commission. Motion carried unanimously (7 – 0).

Correspondence

- The attached letter to the Golf Course Commission was received from Marie Scott, President of the Ladies 18-holers. Mrs. Scott was present at the meeting to highlight the letter. She began by stressing that the intent of the Ladies 18-holers is always to have Tashua be their clubhouse for all of their events. However, three surveys by the club pointed to a dissatisfaction with the food being served at various events. Mrs. Scott also previously met with Mr. Gaudiano, Mr. Ciccaglione and Mr. Faustini to discuss the problem. She felt the meeting was positive and that some promised changes would take place to improve the quality of the food. Unfortunately the promised changes did not occur. The club has made the decision to hold the majority of their 2023 season food events at outside venues. However, their Invitational is their signature event attended by 128 women; half from Tashua and half from other clubs. Logistically it would be nearly impossible to hold the food service and raffle for this event elsewhere. She also stated to keep holding any food event at Tashua would be a big blow to their credibility as the surveys again and again point to a problem with the food. She asked for a partnership with the Golf Course Commission to work out a solution.

Also in attendance to support Mrs. Scott from the 18-hole Ladies were: Julie Jenkins, Kathy Monaghan, Joyce Flanagan, Rhea Adler, Lezlie Anastas, Manny Valdes, Carol Marinaccio, Meg Cole and Diane Vieira. Lending their support the ladies 9 hole attendees were Janet Arena and Lucille Sheehan.

Mr. Gaudio spoke on behalf of the Commission and stated that “We Hear You.” He also stated that Mr. Faustini was asked twice to attend tonight’s meeting but has chosen not to. Therefore, the Commission could not hold a constructive discussion at this time. Mr. Gaudio committed to following up with Mr. Faustini to set up a meeting to discuss alternatives as well as to add the topic to the agenda for October.

Mrs. Dowling also added that if the various Tashua clubs don’t hold their events on site, that is also hurting Mr. Brown’s business as well because the attendees don’t end up shopping at the pro shop.

Audience Participation:

- None

Director Golf Course Properties/Green Committee (Andy Fries, Shelly Dowling):

- See report attached
- Mr. Fries and Mr. Brown made their first ride around the Knolls front 9. They both pointed out several issues and agreed to more frequent communication now that the brunt of the summer rush has subsided.
- A meeting was held between Mr. Fries, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Dowling with Robert McNeil, Golf Course Architect for The Northeast Golf Company. Mr. McNeil submitted a proposal to map out a plan for Consultation/Comprehensive Golf Course Enhancement Planning services for the future of the property at Tashua Knolls Golf Course.

Mrs. Dowling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gaudio to allocate \$6,500 from the Program Account for the Northeast Golf Company Consultation/Comprehensive Golf Course Enhancement Planning service. Motion carried unanimously (7 – 0).

Director of Golf Operations (Bobby Brown):

- See report attached
- Mr. Brown did want to state that all 2022 season golf shop credit must be redeemed by December 15th and all rain checks must be used by the last day of play of 2022.

House Committee (Tony Ciccaglione):

- See report attached
- In addition, the water heater at the maintenance barn broke down and required total replacement.

Concessionaire (Domenick Faustini):

- No report given

Finance (Dave Galla):

- See attached report
- Initial FY 2024 budget meetings will be taking place over the next couple of weeks.

Personnel (Diane Wheeler):

- No report given.

Correspondence

- Mr. Jim Costello, President of the Tashua Knolls Sr. Men’s Club, submitted a letter to the Commission gifting the flagpole and flag in the garden between Knolls #1 and #10 to the Golf Course. In addition to thank the Golf Commission for their support over the years, they are also donating \$500 for the next three years for the care and maintenance of the flag and pole. Mr. Gaudiano thanked the Sr. Men’s Club for their donation.
- Mrs. Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, submitted a letter to the Commission thanking them for their donation to the First Selectman’s Golf Classic held in August. In addition, Mrs. Tesoro thanked the Commission for the job done on the course to keep it in such beautiful condition. The Golf Classic supports the Trumbull High Marching Band, the Academic Challenge for Excellence and various booster clubs for THS sport teams.

Old Business:

- Mr. Moyer and the Golf Commission commended the work done by Mrs. Plumeau and Mrs. Jeanmarie Montabana, Tashua Gardener, for all their hard work on the native plants and wildlife projects around the course. In particular, the 60 Monarch butterflies that emerged in tanks at the course and the \$715 raised for the Pollinator Pathway through the “Name the Butterfly” program. Mrs. Plumeau thanked all of the individuals at Tashua who donated to the program which helped to make it a very rewarding experience.

New Business:

- None

Executive Session:

Mr. Galla made a motion seconded by Mr. Moyer at 7:45 PM to move into Executive Session to discuss a legal and a contractual matter. Mr. Fries and Mrs. Plumeau were asked to attend the Session Motion carried unanimously (7 – 0).

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Mrs. Dowling at 7:55 PM and seconded by Mr. Moyer. Motion carried unanimously (7 – 0).

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Moyer at 7:57 PM; seconded by Mr. Cerulli to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (7– 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk

**Golf Course Commission
Green Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022**

Members Present: Shelly Dowling (Green Committee Chair), Owen Evans (arrived 10:35 AM)
Andy Fries, Bobby Brown

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

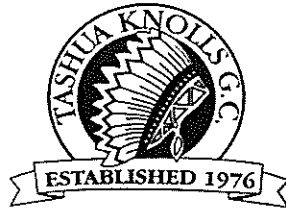
Topics Discussed:

- The September rain highlighted several areas that needs seeding. “Dormant seeding” will continue to be applied throughout the remainder of the season.
- Aeration: Completed – Glen tees and greens; Knolls greens; Glen putting green. Still to be Completed Knolls tees and fairways; Glen fairways; Knolls putting green
- The divot bottles have been put back out on the course but have not been used too much.
- The area on #5 Knolls continues to be mowed every few days. We have received no additional comments to date from neighbors.
- The mechanic position is posted and will expire on October 14th.
- Budget discussions for FY 2024 continue
- The contract for Robert McNeil is being finalized.
- Mr. Fries will look into an Aquatics DEEP license for himself to be able to treat the ponds.
- Mr. Fries will be performing his own course evaluation over the next several weeks.
- The Knolls back 9 has been lined to re-establish wider collars and better mowing patterns.
- A second hydraulic leak has occurred on the range.
- Mr. Brown updated Mr. Fries on the areas that seem to have more leaf activities than others.
- The irrigation heads are being moved next to the cart driveway that will be paved this fall.
- September Weather Report: Some much needed precipitation arrived for a total of 2.5” which was less than normal but a welcome sight and turf has responded favorably. Temperatures were slightly warmer than average.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Plumeau
Administrative Assistant



October Golf Commission Meeting

October 24 2022

GOLF OPERATIONS REPORT Bobby Brown, PGA Director of Golf

Overview:

- The month of September remained busy with a 4 rain days affecting our rounds/revenue..

Golf Operations

- *Weekends 8:30am Shotguns will begin on Saturday, November 5th.
- *November 24th, Annual Thanksgiving Day shotgun at 8:30am. Golf course will close for the remainder of the day after the shotgun. Approximately 2pm.
- *Budget preparations for 2023 are underway and in the final stages
- *All pro shop credit must be used by December 15th, 2022.
- *Rain checks must be used by closing day of the 2022 season.
- *Tashua Glen was closed for aeration on Tuesday, September 26th.
- *Tashua Knolls was partially closed on Monday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 4th.

Tournaments/Outings

- *Orchards Women Group (Tashua Glen) Canceled due to rain (September)
- *Tashua Men's Club -- Member/Guest 92 players
- *Tashua Men's Club -- Tashua Cup 56 players
- *HBRA Golf Outing -- 146 players
- *Trumbull Fathers Club Fall Classic (October 11th) 92 players
- *Aj DiMasi THS Hockey Memorial 140 players- October 17th

**TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COMMISSION
SPECIAL PROJECTS/HOUSE COMMITTEE
Commission Meeting Monday, October 24th, 2022**

Topics For discussion

- 0 Need to brush the rear entrance with a Zep cleaner or cover with new paint and sealant. November based on weather.
- 0 Reviewed the property for a Solar installation. Expect a budget proposal in November.
- 0 Paving bid complete. G. Pic was low bidder. Waiting on final award to schedule. November based on weather.
- 0 Review areas for New carpet in club house. Expect install January time frame.
- 0 Main water pipe from the Meter to the Maintenance Barn. Have contractor Matt Suhle to ID exact location. 10/30.
- 0 Roof Repair on final punch list. Completed review with the contractor on 10/7/22. Waiting on final repair date.
- 0 Developing budget for next fiscal year. Additional paving and painting will be included.
- 0 Upgrades required for both Mens/Women bathrooms. Get bids during November. Exact work TBD. Working with Gralor.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Ciccaglione – Head of House Committee