

**Golf Course Commission
Green Committee Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023**

Members Present: Shelly Dowling (Chair): Owen Evans, Nate Moyer; Andy Fries; Bobby Brown

Members Absent: None

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM

Topics Discussed:

- The crew has been landscaping around the Miklus Center, lightening shelter and finishing touches on painting. Color selection/signage for bathrooms well done!
- The course was going to be sprayed again after play tonight before the tournament the invitational.
- Bobby thanked everyone connected with the Connecticut Women's Amateur that everyone went above and beyond and a job well done! He received many compliments all around. The winner was a 13 year with a lowest score in history. First tournament 1966. I'm sure the course conditions helped tremendously! The greens and tees are better than the last. Also much better maintenance on crabgrass and clippings.
- The aging irrigation system was discussed. We talked about costs, approximately \$2000 for each sprinkler head, 1200 sprinkler heads with 800 stations controlling them. We need to plan on a new pump house, estimate now is \$2.5-4m and approximately 2/3 years to complete. We discussed the ponds and possibly looking at using the water in the ponds, free, to replenish as an option. Should we be looking at bonding now? A new pump for pond, approximately \$100k.
- Owen raised concerns over the lily pads. We couldn't get three quotes on that.
- There was some lightening strikes and delays with that in tournament which brought up a good suggestion about a digital board to show updates when golfers are called in so they can see live what's happening as well as any other useful information on conditions, etc. would be a great addition for staff & public. The entire course was completely cleared in 5 minutes and had multiple strikes before all clear.
- Weather report for June: Mostly dry, cool but 6" of rain in 20 days.
- There were several comments received by Sr. Men's Club members regarding what should be done to improve their garden. As there were many varying opinions the club issued a letter to its membership that the club felt it was up to Tashua personnel to decide what work needs to be done in the garden. The Club then issued us a letter stating that it was up to us to decide. It was the consensus of our the Green that the merits of keeping those trees (can be pruned) outweigh cutting them. It creates a buffer between the holes. Unless the trees become a safety hazard and are in danger of falling down in which

case they would need to be removed. We will consider reinforcing the pilings and sprucing it up.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Dowling
Green Committee Chairman