

**Golf Commission Meeting
October 25, 2021
Minutes**

Members Present: Don Espach (Chairman); Joe Gaudiano (Vice-Chairman); Tom Cerulli; Shelly Dowling; Owen Evans; Diane Wheeler

Also Attending: Paul Lupo, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

Members Absent: Angelo Cordone; Tony Ciccaglione; Frank Squiccimarro

Mr. Espach called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of September 27, 2021 . . . A Motion was made by Mr. Cerulli, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).
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Audience Participation:

- None

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent (Paul Lupo):

Tashua Glen

- The Glen greens have been core aerated, seeded, topdressed and fertilized.
- It was the perfect time of year to aerate, we got a very good catch of bentgrass and the greens are completely healed.
- The fairways were also aerated and have healed. We still have to do tee boxes as time allows.
- Overall happy with how the Glen recovered and the general conditions of the course

Tashua Knolls

- The Knolls greens have all been core aerified, seeded, topdressed, and fertilized.
- There is less daylight and lower temperatures at this time of the year compared to last month when we aerated the Glen. If we continue with the above average temperatures and no frosty mornings, we will have a good recovery.
- Fairways and tees will be aerated when time allows. We apologize for the messy conditions when we aerate but it is a necessary evil and appreciate your patience.
- Brush and overgrowth are continuing to be cleared. The point of it is to allow more sunlight and airflow to areas to increase turf health and improve playing conditions.

Updates

- We are still without a mechanic and continue to struggle with equipment failures and irrigation woes but the demand for both is limited as the season draws to a close.
- The irrigation system will be purged of water in November and we will be spending a good deal of time and money overhauling equipment this winter to alleviate some headaches next season.
- Both the topdressing brush and the bedknife grinder have been delivered.

Green Committee (Shelly Dowling):

- Budget Planning FY 2022/2023 – Discussed existing and proposed budget line by line. Each category was discussed thoroughly and agreements were reached in every category. Prepared to discuss with entire Commission when the proposed budget is presented.
- The mechanic is still out on worker's compensation and is due to be re-evaluated at the beginning of November

Director of Golf Operations (Bobby Brown):

- September play remained strong with the Glen showing some decline in play

Golf Operations

- Weekend 8:30 AM shotguns begin on November 6
- The annual Thanksgiving Day (November 26) shotgun will begin at 8:30 AM. The course will close after the shotgun at approximately 2:00 PM
- All pro shop credits and rain checks for the 2021 season must be used by December 15, 2021.

Tournaments/Outings

- Southern CT Women's Golf Association – 92 players
- Radzwillas Memorial Tournament – 124 players
- Orchards Women's Group (Glen) – 62 players
- Tashua Men's Member/Member – 92 players
- Tashua Men's Tashua Cup – 56 players
- HBRA Tournament – 146 players
- Mary's Fund – 69 players
- Trumbull Rotary Tournament – 112 players
- Trumbull Fathers Club Tournament – 93 players

House Committee (Tony Ciccaglione):

- Front and rear entrance upgrades are approved and are beginning - awaiting final timeline
- Drainage and paving around the complex are approved and awaiting timeline
- Removal of roof and gutter of front of clubhouse will go out to bid
- Lightning protection system approved awaiting delivery and installation
- Contacting UI for input on rebates for LED Lamps
- Awaiting report on clubhouse roof scope
- Need to add ethyleneglycol to clubhouse boiler
- AC/heat unit to portion of clubhouse needs complete replacement- awaiting quotes
- AC/heat unit to starter shed failed and was replaced
- A&B fixed pipe knocking problem in basement

Concessionaire (Domenick Faustini):

- No report given.

Finance (Joe Gaudiano):

- Income and play for September were comparable to last year and over the 5-year average. Although Glen play was up over the 5-year average, it was down from last year. In addition cart usage, although up from 5-year average, was down from last year.
- Expenses are in-line with the budget

- The budget transfer for architectural fees for the clubhouse roof was approved by the BOF

Personnel (Diane Wheeler):

- Interviews were held for the full-time greenskeeper position. An offer was made, and accepted by, Mr. Matthew Sarosky who will be starting on November 7.
- We are working with Town HR to develop the Golf Course Property Director job description for approval by Civil Service and then posting.

Correspondence:

- A letter complimenting the conditions at Tashua Knolls was received from Jim Misencik.
- The Connecticut State Golf Association informed us that Tashua Knolls Golf Course has won Club of the Year for 2021. Congratulations to all who work, play and volunteer at Tashua for such an outstanding job.
- The CIAC requested that Tashua host the 2022 Girls State Championship:

A motion was made by Mrs. Dowling; seconded by Mr. Gaudio to approve the CIAC's request that the Girls State Golf Championship be held at Tashua Knolls on Monday, June 6, 2022, at a cost of \$1,300. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Executive Session:

Mrs. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Mrs. Dowling at 7:45 PM to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Mrs. Wheeler at 8:20 PM and seconded by Mr. Evans. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wheeler at 8:21 PM; seconded by Mr. Cerulli to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk