

January 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 4:20 pm

Present - Clem Smith, Jeff Williams, Martha Duffy, Bob Kingsbury

Absent - Tom Johnson, John Morretti, John Crook,

Invited Guests - Dennis Hoyer, Shawn Fernandez

Director of Golf report by Dennis Hoyer

*the Pro-Shop now has 2 new computers in the club house and they are now using Comcast for a server rather than Verizon.

* The Board of Selectman has approved the new Golf cart lease with New England Golf Carts. This is a 5 year lease of fuel carts that are 30% more efficient and will save 5% on the total cost compared to the last lease.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve minutes from December meeting. Bob Kingsbury would like a correction made to the minutes showing that he was not questioning the facts and figures of the need for a new alarm system, only wondering what the payment options for this is.

Report from Shawn Fernandez:

*Cart paths on holes 5,6,14,15,16,17, & 18 were done in November 2013, Bunker Renovations have - stripped faces, reshaped and sodded 12 & 13 bunkers have been done including the driving range - all were done in November 2013. Irrigation

was blown out in November 2013. Verti-cut the greens, tees & fairways in October 2013. Tree stumps on 12 have been removed with the “Grinder” from Town Highway.

*Equipment maintenance will be done by March 2014

*Tree work on the tee for 10 & 14 and the 17th green will be done by April 2014. About 20 trees have been flagged. This should take about a week to be done at about \$1500 a day.

*Sink holes on 1,3,6,15 &17 will be seeded in the spring, Audobon International completion will be done in the spring, Landscape on holes 7 & 8 will be done in the spring, Landscape on Hole 9 & the driving range will be done in the spring,

*Shawn Fernandez and Rob Donovan take classes in the winter to keep up their credits. Clem Smith would like the committee to look into classes being paid for by the town and not Shawn Fernandez and Dennis Hoyer themselves.

*Early Warning System - 4 horns were replaced last year, the plan was to get more in the spring but that company has gone out of business and replacement parts are no longer available. And updated estimate to replace the entire system from Bisco will be received by the spring. Last estimate was \$13,840 but that was last year but may be about 5-10% higher now. The tee time safety system warning on 12 & 18 needs to be replaced also and that would be about \$12-1,300 more plus the cost of a wire puller.

*Tree Removal - The USGA would like to see this process done faster to have a quality course. The trees have been let go over

the years and now it has become time to catch up on them. It is hard to say for certain just how many trees need to be taken out until it is seen just where the sun is shading the course. Shawn Fernandez will go from hole by hole, green by green, and tee by tee until he feels as though he has marked them all.

Old Business:

****Approval on A. Landscape Reclamation- USGA plan for tree removal - Motion to approve \$20,000 by Martha Duffy, Second by Jeff Williams. Vote 4-0*** This money is to come out of the Golf Improvement fund. Clem Smith feels it is very important to increase this line item on the budget so the trees can be taken care of and there will soon be an insect issue with the trees over the next 5-10 years.

****Approval of \$20,000 for the safety issue early warning storm detection and safety warning for holes 12 & 18. Motion by Martha Duffy, second by Jeff Williams. Vote 4-0.***

Shawn Fernandez leaves at 4:50

New Business:

****Tournament calendar additions -*** The retired mens club of Cape Cod has sent the committee a letter in regards to the amount being charged to hold a tournament. Dennis Hoye has charged them the same as any other tournament held at the course \$40 for greens fee with cart, \$10 to the Pro Shop and \$10 to the restaurant. They would like to have a price of \$50 total and Dennis Hoye has told them this is not possible. The committee backs up this decision. Clem Smith with reply to the letter.

Dennis Hoyer leaves 5:10

Review of Focus Priorities:

*Martha Duffy will work on some new marketing ideas. She will come back to the committee by April meeting with some survey ideas on the members.

Bob Kingsbury will have a status update by the March meeting on the Cart Barn

Jeff Williams will have Ian Philbrick come back for the May meeting with his plan for the upcoming season.

Clem Smith will work on a financial report

Martha Duffy leaves 5:45

Meeting adjourned motion by Jeff Williams, second by Bob Kingsbury vote is unanimous.

Prepared by Jenn Heath

HGC Secretary