

## Harwich Golf Committee

November 12, 2019 Small Meeting Room Harwich Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Present: Clem Smith, Steve Bilotta, Jack Connolly, John Crook, Martha Duffy, Tom Johnson

Absent: John Wheeler

Invited Guest: Roman Greer

Public: Peter Wall

### **Public Portion of Special Meeting:**

Mr. Greer gives rundown of 2020 rates and fees recommendations:

- A \$20 increase in all memberships (except Junior) with money directed to the Golf Improvement Fund. \$95 per membership will go to this fund in 2020.
- Increase will fund all the capital improvements that were just approved by Capital Outlay by generating approximately \$100,000+ per year.
- Create a new collegiate membership for ages 19-24. Cost will be \$250 and players must show a valid driver's license and college id. They would have full membership status.
- There would be an additional \$25 increase for Chatham residents (full memberships only) which will go into the Capital Improvement Fund.
- The rationale was a local market analysis that showed CV rates are appropriate for its offerings.
- CV's greens fees are among the highest and is justified by the great course conditions.
- CV's membership fees are the second lowest, but it's the only course that only has 18 holes which makes it very competitive for tee times.
- FY19 hit a high-water mark for revenue.
- There was no public comment.
- Motion to adjourn public portion of the meeting of rates and fees meeting made by Mr. Johnson. Seconded by Ms. Duffy. Approved unanimously (6-0).

### Special Meeting:

- Motion to approve rates and fees as presented by Ms. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approved unanimously (6-0).

### Old Business:

- At public utility hearing, Eversource wants to install a new 40-ft electric poll at entrance of CV. This was approved by the Selectmen.
- Architect Michael Cardossi will present an edited landscape design to the Planning Board over the winter.
- Currently scheduled is fuel pad and tank install as well as floor protection for cart barn.
- In the hands of procurement team is the charger grid for cart barn.
- Committee asked about status of the purchase of a stump grinder. Plan is to put purchase of stump grinder on agenda for Town Meeting.
- Dr. Rossi from Cornell University (herbicide/pesticide usage) and a USGA Agronomist will be consulting in the coming months.
- Dr. Rossi's plan will be the will be the application for Audubon status.
- World Golf Hall of Famer Dennis Walters will be coming to do a free golf seminar/clinic next August.
- The First Tee pre-launch was a success this Fall with over 30 kids. The full launch will happen next Spring.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Connolly. Seconded by Ms. Duffy. Unanimous vote 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Serijan, HGC Secretary*