

Minutes Harwich Golf Committee

April 18, 2017 Griffin Room Harwich Town Hall

Meeting Called To Order At 4:00PM

Present: Clem Smith, Jeff Williams, Bob Kingsbury, Tom Johnson, John Wheeler, and John Crook

Absent: Martha Duffy

Invited Guest: Shawn Fernandez

Public Present: John Connolly

Mr. Smith passed out 2016 Town of Harwich booklets and Golf and Leisure Magazine (new ad for CV).

Mr. Smith to address Women's Voter Registration Group on April 25 and will be at Annual Town Meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of minutes from March 28th. Moved by Mr. Johnson. Seconded by Mr. Crook. In favor (6-0).

Directors Report:

- Mr. Fernandez gives course report
- Course open on regular greens since March 20
- Cart paths done on April 17 (holes 5, 8, 9, 12)
- Forward tees sodded. Probably start using at end of May. Mark Mungeon to do design of more forward tees
- New range mat strip to be done on April 19
- Most of tree work done on course (over 150 trees removed and ground stumps)
- Aeration of greens and fairways done
- Fertilization done except on greens
- Mr. Williams asked about sight screening between 9th green and driving range. Mr. Fernandez said that might be done in the Fall
- Mr. Fernandez spoke about new house being built on #8. Met with owners and everything and everyone in agreement with work being done. Owners know where CV boundaries lie.
- Mr. Williams asked about cart path behind #7 green. Mr. Fernandez will look at data report from USGA to see how much play went back there.

- Mr. Fernandez discusses the situation with the two milking cows taking home on the course since mid-February. He has called the owner of the cows and mentioned the town sent the owner a certified letter that he will be responsible for all damage to the course.
- Plan is to create a pen with hay to trap them otherwise have animal control come down and dart them by the end of the week.
- Mr. Johnson worried about CV liability
- Motion made by Mr. Kingsbury to send a letter from Golf Committee to Town Administrator expressing our concern about liability. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. In favor (6-0).

Old Business:

- Mr. Johnson reports on tournament May 8th for Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA). As of this meeting, approximately 25 SMGA vets and 16 CV members signed up to play and 8 sponsorships.

New Business:

- Mr. Smith was invited as observer to Selectmen's meeting. Town Administrator and Roman plan to go ahead with general obligation bond.
- Selectmen were in support of solar panels being used and the plans for the wash down containment system.
- Selectmen and Finance Committee approved project
- Mr. Johnson brought up question about of cart fleet lease and the ability to use solar to power new fleet. Mr. Fernandez said there is more than enough sun to store energy for cloudy days.
- Mr. Smith mentions Fuller Electric cost out for solar. \$50,000 in government incentives on a \$200,000 installation. End of 4.5 years the balance paid and projection is in 15 years we would accrue approximately \$200,000 in energy credits.
- Mr. Kingsbury believes all incentives stopped as of January 1, 2017.
- Mr. Fernandez says we are doing everything to become a "Green" golf course.
- New cart barn plans shown. Side facing parking lot will have a "Cape Cod" look.
- Discussion on selling the project. Mr. Crook says best point is we are self funded.
- Mr. Wheeler mentioned providing an information session with Men's and Women's Golf Associations at CV.
- John Connolly will send out email to both groups to have meeting with Roman once he gets back from vacation. Wants to be transparent on whether golf fees will be impacted.
- Mr. Greer will have Powerpoint presentation ready to show the public.
- Discussion about the Golf Revitalization Fund (\$2 per guest greens fee, \$1 per car fee) being enough to cover our annual bond payments.
- Mr. Fernandez said the first five years will be bigger payments and we should be covered and then be in better shape as debt comes off.

- Mr. Crook says most obvious questions from public will be: 1. Why do we need a new cart barn?
2. Who's going to pay for it?
- \$135,000 pavement prep includes the redesign of parking lot and area in front of clubhouse (ie. circle and current cart barn area)
- Committee members reiterate that public needs to know this is a self-funded project
- Only need vote to pass at Town Meeting because we are self funding. No vote needed on Election Day
- Mr. Smith mentioned there is now a bench at the driving range.

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kingsbury. In favor (6-0)

Adjournment: 5:22pm