

Minutes: Golf Course Committee Meeting

9 February 2023, Onsite Town House, McAuliffe Hearing Room + remote via Zoom; + YouTube

Present:

- Committee: Tony Schoener, Ira Schild, Bill Davis, Nick Kolivas
- Others: John Allen (New England Golf management), Dick Cruciani (New England Golf / resident), Sam Stivers (Select Board)

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM.
- II. Due to his limited schedule availability, Mr. Stivers was invited to update the committee on relevant activities:

Contract awarded for movement of #6 and #7 tee boxes, as discussed in previous meetings. Additionally, the portion of the larger town paving contract applicable to the golf course driveway and parking lot is confirmed. Together, the cost of those two activities is less than \$1,000 over the amount that can be financed from existing golf course funds. Means of bridging that small gap to be determined. Timing of activities to be determined, but certainly in alignment with the upcoming golf season. It was noted that the town administrator hoped for the work to occur in April. Mr. Schoener will follow up with Mr. Purple.

- III. Minutes for January 12, 2023, committee meeting reviewed and approved unanimously.
- IV. Ongoing activity and progress reports:
  - a. Offseason use of golf course property – no report or discussion. There was a brief discussion about interacting with Recreation to promote a youth-oriented golf program, but informal decision to let Recreation take the lead on generating interest. It was noted that such a program should be designed and scheduled so as to have minimal impact to regular course use and related greens fee flow.
  - b. Marketing – Mr. Schild to draft and share for review an article for MySouthborough for early spring publication, in time for review by committee prior to next meeting.
  - c. Under the aegis of signage-related activity, Mr. Davis opened a dialog with school system administration regarding the possibility of using adjacent Woodward Elementary School parking lot for overflow when school is not in session. No resolution or confirmation, yet, but no rejection of the notion, either. Signage subcommittee to meet as soon as practicable to work on various sign-related matters.
  - d. Irrigation – Mr. Schoener will converse with Andrew Mills (CPC) re: the potential for funding assistance for irrigation.
- V. Other matters:
  - a. Mr. Davis working on financial model to assist with various plans and decisions
  - b. New England Golf is hoping for a season opening day in the neighborhood of 15 March, but clearly dependent on conditions. New England golf has also acquired new golf carts for the coming season.
- VI. Next meeting is planned as in-person, with birthday cake (or gift gavel) for Chair on the morning of Thursday 2 March 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM, with unanimous approval.