

Minutes of Golf Course Advisory Committee
March 24, 2016

Present: Deb Moore, Larry Wise, Chryso Lawless, Sylvia Stickney
Deb Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00

The minutes from the last meeting will be approved at our next meeting.

Deb met with the town accountant and has discovered that the town has been withdrawing funds from the Golf Course account for purposes unrelated to the golf course and its operation. The result is that the golf course has not been able to meet the stipulated \$60M payment to the general fund going back to 2012.

Deb met with Kevin Conley and Jeff Ritter and made them aware of the situation. She asked that the funds which have been mis spent be returned to the Golf course account.

The committee unanimously approved a motion to request of the selectmen a full third party audit of the Golf Course Capital Improvement account from 2008 to the present. Such audit to be completed within 60 days of the date of our request by letter.

We also approved a motion to continue to receive from the town manager financial reports on the golf course operation.

We discussed the community garden and butterfly aviary located at the top of the golf course parking lot. The Ag Commission is in charge of these but wants to hand the butterfly aviary to another group. The committee voted unanimously to request that the aviary and the garden come under the jurisdiction of the GCAC with a dedicated member of the GCAC to the garden and aviary.

At 7:30, Joe Eckstrom and Jason Larramee from Johnson Golf Management joined the meeting.
Bob Smith, committee member also arrived.

We discussed the need for a pond aeration system: should it be a fountain or a diffused air aeration system?

Johnson Golf provided an update on course operations.
Between 2014 and 2015 all revenue categories were up. Minor complaints regarding noise from mowers early in the day are being solved with the purchase of electric mowers. They have replaced gas carts with new electric ones and purchased a new rough mower. They continue to cut back invasives and brush. League action is good, there is a new middle school mini league and a new league from St Marks course. All tournaments are returning.
Daily green fees and driving range fees are unchanged. Memberships are up 4%. Bill Allen will return as pro.

The net next to the driving range needs replacing and maintenance and Johnson Golf will get prices.

The Committee will arrange to have all the Heartbeat of Holliston segments on the course put on the golf course web site.

There will be an article at the May town meeting for \$30,000 for cart path repair. As an interim repair, Johnson could obtain stone pack material.

Finally, Johnson Golf presented a letter which will go to the selectmen meeting next Wednesday. The letter would like to exercise the two year option to extend the current contract between Johnson Golf and the town. The committee moved favorably on this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Chryso Lawless