

WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB OPERATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2016

Location: Meeting Room, WCC

Convened: 7:04 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:32 p.m.

Committee Members Present: John Arnold, Jim Willwerth, Dave Hall.

Other Attendees: Jack Negoshian, Rick Guerard, Gibbs Mitchell, Don Bouffard, Katie Welch, Jessica Thomas.

Open Forum: There was no one here to address the Committee.

Minutes: Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016 and Mr. Willwerth seconded. VOTED: 2-0-1 (abstention: Hall).

Budget/Membership: The budget was reviewed. It was noted that greens fees were higher than usual for April.

Leave of absence requests were discussed. There was one medical leave request for John Neale. Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the request from John Neale for a leave of absence due to medical reasons and Mr. Willwerth seconded. VOTED: 3-0-0.

Greens Superintendent: Mr. Hightower was absent so Mr. Arnold mentioned the shrubs around the building. He said that Mr. Hightower checked with the new owners of the restaurant and they weren't concerned about the shrubs. Mr. Arnold recommended not replacing them for now.

Mr. Arnold discussed the spray tank. He noted that Mr. Hightower received a written quote for a new spray tank in the amount of \$13,500, which was the basis for the article in the warrant for Town Meeting that was approved. However, when Mr. Hightower tried to purchase the new spray tank after receiving approval at Town Meeting, he received a cost of \$22,000+. Mr. Arnold mentioned that Mr. Hightower decided to fix the spray tank we currently own for approximately \$700 and look for a used spray tank that is more in line with a cost of \$13,500.

Golf Professional: Mr. Negoshian discussed upcoming tournaments. Initially there wasn't much interest in the opening day scramble but now he has 64 players. He noted that he is still working on sign-ups for the couple's tournament. There was some discussion about the condition of the course. The Committee felt the course was in good shape but Mr. Negoshian noted that there is some wetness on 3 and 4. He mentioned running some drainage and that Mr. Hightower is aware of this issue. Mr. Arnold said that he will follow up with Mr. Hightower tomorrow. Mr. Arnold will also contact Mr. Johnson about finishing the cart paths - especially near 5 and 8 – since there was some concern about safety.

Old Business: There was no old business brought before the Committee.

New Business: Mr. Mitchell suggested adding a reminder on the tee signs for golfers to replace their divots. Mr. Guerard mentioned that replacing divots is noted on the Golf Etiquette sheet

that was emailed to all members and that it is also printed on the scorecards. There was some discussion and Mr. Negoshian said that Mr. Hightower will send out his crew to repair.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Mr. Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and Mr. Willwerth seconded. VOTED: 3-0-0. The next CCOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Thomas, Administrative Assistant

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John Arnold, Chairman