

WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB OPERATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 12, 2016

Location: Meeting Room, WCC

Convened: 7:03 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

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

Other Attendees: Jack Negoshian, Mike Hightower, Jessica Thomas.

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

Minutes: Mr. Willwerth made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016 and Mr. Hall seconded. VOTED: 4-0-0.

Budget/Membership: The budget was reviewed along with monies left in outstanding articles. It was noted that greens fees are up about \$8,000 over this time last year.

Membership Report: There were two medical refund requests. The first was for junior member, Tucker Morin, who has a shoulder injury. A doctor's note was provided. The Committee agreed to issue a full refund. Voted: 4-0-0. The second refund request was from Pat Angell who fractured a disc in her back and is out for the season. Mr. Hall made a motion to refund the prorated amount of Ms. Angell's membership as of July 1<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Welch seconded. Voted: 4-0-0. It was noted that Pat Angell's husband, Bob Angell, is staying on as a member so the membership needs to be downgraded from a couple to a single adult.

Golf Professional: Mr. Negoshian informed the Committee about upcoming tournaments. He has the final rounds of the Men's Club championship, along with the Ladies Club Championship, this weekend. He also mentioned that he has a Junior Member tournament coming up this Thursday with 20 players already signed up. Mr. Negoshian reviewed the remaining tournaments for July and the beginning of August. There was a discussion about parking and the lot being full at night. Mr. Negoshian agreed that parking was usually busier after 5 pm, but felt it wasn't a problem since most golfers come to play early morning and mid-day. He mentioned that those golfers coming at night would do so anyway in order to take advantage of the reduced rate. Mr. Arnold asked Mr. Negoshian if he heard back from Patty Russell who appeared before the Committee in June regarding hosting some outdoor events for joint marketing purposes. Mr. Negoshian said that he has not heard from Ms. Russell. He mentioned that the vacuum cleaner for the Clubhouse is broken. The Committee approved Mr. Negoshian purchasing a new vacuum.

Greens Superintendent: Mr. Arnold reported on the netting and fence that was damaged over the winter. He said that he spoke with Arrow Fence who was concerned with putting up the netting since the posts are so high. Arrow Fence did not think it would hold so they did not want to perform the work. There was a discussion about using guide wires tied in to the retaining wall to reinforce the fencing. Mr. Hightower offered to look for netting and find someone else to install it.

Mr. Hightower mentioned that he has new pricing for spray tanks. The option he felt would work best is to have a Workman fully outfitted with a spray tank. The cost would be approximately

\$44,000 and is similar to what we have now. Mr. Hightower added that he would prefer to have a fully enclosed cab so they are protected from pesticides when spraying. He'd also like a boom kit in order to maintain consistent distance to the ground for more uniform spraying. Mr. Hightower said that if we added the cab and boom to the Workman that the cost would be closer to \$50,000. He noted that the Workman is four-wheel drive and shouldn't tip or get stuck out on the course. Mr. Hightower pointed out that it would cost about \$24,000 just to outfit the Workman we have now and he felt this new machine should last about 20 to 25 years. Mr. Arnold asked Mr. Hightower to hold on to the quotes since they may need to put an article in the warrant for the October Special Town Meeting.

Old Business: Mr. Arnold mentioned that E.L. Harvey called last week since they received a complaint about the dumpster. He also said that Town Manager, Jim Malloy, called and suggested relocating the dumpsters closer to the 7<sup>th</sup> green and fencing them off. Mr. Arnold preferred that we not move the dumpster or install an enclosure. There was a discussion about our dumpster versus the one the restaurant uses. Mr. Arnold informed E.L. Harvey that if they receive any more complaints about the smell that they should have that person call the Board of Health.

Mr. Arnold informed the Committee that he also received a complaint about the water being warm in the coolers on the course and asked if ice is being added. There was a discussion about the procedure the maintenance crew follows for getting the course ready each day and servicing the coolers. Since picking up, filling, and dispersing the coolers on a daily basis can be time consuming, there was a suggestion about getting a second set of coolers that can be filled and put out at the same time as the coolers on the course are being gathered. It was noted that there are five coolers on the course. The Committee was in agreement that a second set of coolers would help. Mr. Willwerth also suggested putting the coolers out earlier on hot days. Mr. Arnold said that he will coordinate with Mr. Hightower about purchasing a second set of coolers and placing them out on the course earlier in the day.

New Business: Mr. Negoshian asked about having snacks and hot dogs available in the Meeting Room for golfers to purchase. There was a discussion about installing a kitchenette and having a hot dog steamer and coolers filled with sandwiches. It was noted that one of the difficulties with food is figuring out how many people will come in to purchase those items on a daily basis. Mr. Hightower inquired about a liquor license for the Meeting Room. The Committee felt that the goal of the clubhouse was to create camaraderie so there was a suggestion about having the Owner of the Civic Kitchen approach the Board of Selectmen to see about extending the restaurant's liquor license down in to the meeting room. Mr. Hightower offered to approach the Owner of the Civic Kitchen and have him come up with a proposal for the CCOC to make sure we are all in agreement.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Mr. Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and Ms. Welch seconded. It was noted that the next CCOC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Thomas, Administrative Assistant

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John Arnold, Chairman