

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
DENNIS HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE
4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Oman, Members Scibeck, Harper, Richard, Mikkila, Alternate Kidwell

STAFF: Director Cummings, Office Manager Fabiano-Stowe, Operations Manager Stead

AGENDA

Mr. Oman opened the meeting and introduced Beth Kidwell as the new alternate to the Committee.

Mr. Oman explained the role of the alternate.

1. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Mr. Stead explained the Tournament Schedule to the members.

Selectman Bergeron was present and asked about the Veteran's Tournament. Mr. Stead stated he believed the tournament was on the tee sheet for May 12th, and explained the he was only presenting the Members tournaments scheduled for this year.

Mr. Oman asked if the Haberl tournament was with handicap or gross. Mr. Stead stated it was gross.

Mr. Oman stated he assumed the Haberl Tournament is a Men/Women's division, to which Mr. Stead stated yes. Ms. Kidwell asked if any women played in it last year. Mr. Stead stated no many, so it has been restructured so that it is flighted.

MOTION:

Ms. Richard moved to recommend the tournament schedule as presented.

Mr. Scibeck seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

2. DIR/SUPT REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the revenue is down approximately \$55,000.00 for the fiscal year and gathered the members like to play at the Highlands in the fall rather than the Pines. The closing of the Highlands in the fall has made a big difference.

Mr. Cummings stated the fees were accepted by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Cummings explained this would be the last year for the Membership Freeze.

Mr. Cummings explained the Veteran's Tournament has been placed on the tee sheet for May 12th as a shotgun here at the Highlands. Mr. Cummings noted with the ability to block that off, a committee could plan on getting pretty aggressive with solicitation for the tournament.

Mr. Scibeck stated he would like to set up a meeting with Selectman Bergeron and Mr. Cummings. Mr. Bergeron explained the housing project is under appeal, but, there are negotiations happening. The judge that is hearing the appeal wants to fast forward due to potential homelessness.

Mr. Cummings stated he would be seeking to solicit the waiving of fees from the Board of Selectmen, noting there may be issues. Mr. Bergeron stated the Board would look favorably to make the housing project move forward.

Mr. Cummings stated a condensed version of our website will be up shortly, as we are in the process of updating the site, making it more user-friendly. Also, Mr. Cummings stated the department was developing an app for iPhone and Android with GPS, ability to make tee times, and possibly linking the app to order food with the restaurants.

Mr. Cummings stated there has been a meeting with the architect regarding the clubhouse renovation and there should be another one to go over the final changes prior to coming to the Golf Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen. Then the architect can go out to bid for construction.

The Lost Dog Pub has received the award for the restaurant at the Pines. Mr. Cummings stated the department is looking at putting a few extra pieces of equipment in the kitchen. Mr. Cummings also noted a lift should be installed soon at the Pines.

Ms. Mikkila asked about the target greens on the range. Mrs. Cummings stated they have been completed.

Mr. Scibeck stated Mr. Cummings did a great job the past season, especially given the minimal staff.

Mr. Harper asked if the department was still short-handed. Mr. Cummings stated he is moving forward with a supplemental request for three full-time positions at no extra cost to the town. Mr. Cummings explained the supplemental request. Mr. Cummings also noted he is extremely concerned with the way the department is staffed right now, as we have hit a real crossroads with completing the tasks and the lack of help.

Ms. Kidwell asked if there was any consideration to the geese problem at the Pines. Mr. Cummings explained the ongoing situation and the lack of remedies, stating the only company that has dogs is expensive and not always available. Mr. Cummings explained other options, but noted they may not be

viable, including euthanizing, controlled hunts, and dogs. With a lack of staff, many of these solutions are difficult.

Mr. Oman stated the Golf Department is not a seasonal operation. Mr. Bergeron explained why the Board of Selectmen considers the operation seasonal. Mr. Oman stated there is work being done on the courses year round, and, the courses are open, weather permitting, all year.

Mr. Harper asked if the Golf Department was still contributing a significant amount of money to the general fund. Mr. Bergeron stated he was unsure, as he has not seen the figures yet that incorporate administrative costs.

Mr. Harper stated he is concerned that the Golf Department is not getting the money it needs to get the work done. Mr. Harper stated perhaps the Committee could be more involved in the budget process. Mr. Bergeron stated Committees could speak up for their people at the budget meetings.

3. Public Input

There was no public input.

4. Minutes-October 18, 2016

Ms. Mikkila moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 Golf Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Richard seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

5. Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

6. Next Meeting

Mr. Oman stated the next meeting if needed would be on February 13, 2017.

MOTION:

Ms. Mikkila moved to adjourn the Golf Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. Scibeck seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.