

## **Golf Course Committee Meeting**

**September 5, 2018 4:30 PM**

Attendance: Pat Mackay, Connie Snyder, Chuck Hooven, Herb Snider, Dave Downey, Cheryl Schuyler  
Absent: John Russell

Audience: Lynn LeRoux, Gary Jessmer, Bob Latray

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Pat Mackay. Agenda included.

1. Minutes from August Meeting: reviewed with motion to accept by Dave Downey and Second By Connie Snyder. All approved
2. Old Business: Cart Storage Electrics: John Russell met with Brett Blackmer electrician and John sent email with Cost: \$300 to add 5 circuits, and \$2500 for 200 amp service Suggest carts 20 amp per cart.(see attached email).

Shop on 100 amp total. Pat discussed cost, felt it would not cost that much or if we needed that much. Committee felt that a quote would be needed from Brett - so this quote could be presented to both town boards - then would need to be budgeted.

Unsure if golf course has money for this at this time - financials are not available.

Meet with State Police: re: road travel - Pat discussed with Connie talking to state police - this discussion has not occurred and no issues that committee is aware. Committee felt no discussion with state police should NOT occur.

Adjustments of funds for Plugger and Frier - Financials still being reviewed by accountants.

- 3, Financial review for August and YTD - Financials are not available.
4. Cross country skiing letter - See attached - Discussion about letter and tabled by committee.
5. Last day of course and clubhouse operation Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - 1 week longer for grounds crew - #6 mens tee - water issue - needs a check valve - leaks when water is on, #3 ladies - no water. May need to take to board if longer is needed.

Discussion about leaving power on to cart building since golfers continue to golf and if power off - power carts will not work - No budget for that - power on until Oct 13<sup>th</sup> then off.

Club House off Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, if construction after that may need contractors to use generators or discuss electric with Town Boards.

6. Tree Removal post operation: Roger Folsom has agreed to do some tree removal after course closure at no charge. Will drop trees, 3 live pines behind #3 that need to be removed, some are dead and some are dying. Will take to Folsom Mill who will pay for the trees. Roger will trim first row of trees on #14 and then the brush will be sprayed with chemical to kill growth. Herb stated there are other trees that are

down on 3 that could go also. Question about chipping debris - chipper from town?.

7. Cart Path repairs post operation - Roger can also get stone from Mitchell stone and put up on driving range. Town of Fine would need to be asked to provide a man and truck to assist with spreading stone on trails to finish trails. Already been budgeted.
8. Top Dressing this month - Pat needs to request a man from the town to assist with mixing the top dressing, discussion about top dressing and currently sand and peat moss. Town has brought sand for top dressing - Pat wanted to thank Town for that. Discussion about current practice - Pat states Sand, Peat moss mixed in mixer with help from Town and then grounds crew spreads on greens.

Gary raised discussion about research and recommendations that he has been given about using just sand and no peat moss. Old practice was 30% peat moss in sand, and we are currently using 15% and Peat moss is already bought. Steve our chemical guy recommended no peat moss, Jacobsen guy also recommended sand only. Gary stated peat is very acidic. Discussion about lime - not used, and calcium which is cheaper but would not use either unless it is needed, and Pat states peat helps to hold moisture. Gary recommended testing on all the greens to assess needs. Committee asked about cost of testing and Gary was not sure. Pat thought tests would run about \$12 each and could be done by a company in Canton. Gary states that our pesticide guy offered to do the testing also.

Committee recommends testing be done, but that results would not be back for a while. Another discussion after results of testing are completed.

Discussion about top dressing completed with Motion by Connie Snyder and Second by Herb Snyder for No peat moss this year. All approved. Gary will call Steve to do testing on all the greens.

9. Streetscape contract award - Contracts have been accepted - award waiting on paperwork to finalize.
10. Covered deck installation - Bids to be opened Friday - GYMO. Roger will be in contact on Friday then will report to Friends of the Golf Course Committee. Hoping to get decision before Town Board Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup>. That committee has paid \$1000 engineering cost and has approx \$22,000.
11. Audience participation: Lynn LeRoux Tournaments - Ranger School Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> - 20 non members, 33 lunch, gift certificates bought for prizes - Total Profit \$578.50. Wilderness Foundation Tournament - August 4<sup>th</sup> - 28 greens fees, Lots of foods - Profit with carts - \$1083

Lynn: concerns: Current practice of charging for your own cart to be used by someone else - \$5 if you use someone else's cart. Getting a lot of flack and push back and out right refusal to pay. Concerns as to either need to stop practice or figure out some way to enforce. Needs suggestions and recommendations. Discussion - Draft a letter for all trail fee users and have them sign in the spring when they pay their trail fees acknowledging their knowledge of the practice of the \$5 fee if someone uses your cart. Chuck has concerns as to how you police this. Discussion about raising trail fee cost, this penalizes others who do not loan out their cart, unsure as to how to police or how to enforce. Dave volunteered to draft a letter to help enforce rule and provide knowledge to members who pay trail fees.

Pat motion to draft letter and second by Cheryl. All approved.

Bob discussed plan to fix #3 and #6 - Gary states greens are being repaired as time permits.

12. Committee input - Meeting with Anne Hynes re: cart storage in Arena, Letter read to committee from Anne with concerns and previous issues with carts being stored in Arena. Committee agreed more concerns and trouble than it was worth. Arena is not an option for more cart storage at this time. If more cart storage is needed other options would need to be investigated and budgeted - addition to current building or addition to arena are a couple options discussed.
13. Budget preparation for 2019 - minimum wage increasing to \$11.10 - wage increase for all employees. Financials are not available so budget discussion tabled until financials are available.
14. Executive session - 1745