

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
RIDGEFIELD GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING AND NOT A VERBATIM RECORDING.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Mr. Tyrrell
Vice Chairperson: Ms. Gerhard
Secretary: Mr. Fazi
Committee Members: Ms. Breekland and Mr. Kolb

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Director: Mr. Sergiovanni
Superintendent: Mr. Steger

STAFF ABSENT:

None

AGENDA:

1. REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON COURSE OPERATIONS FROM:
FRANK SERGIOVANNI, DIRECTOR
TONY STEGER, SUPERINTENDENT
3. MEN'S CLUB PRESENTATION
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

ITEM# 1: REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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ITEM # 2: REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON COURSE OPERATIONS.

Mr. Sergiovanni

1. There are no financials this month.
2. March 9th will be the opening date for the Permit Office.
3. Painting has started upstairs.
4. There was an ice dam water leak in the Men's Locker Room.

Mr. Steger

1. Equipment Repairs are 65% completed.
2. During an Inspection, the State DEP Inspector recommended moving the Heating Oil Tank in the Maintenance area. This has been completed.
3. The same DEP inspection recommended that Water Taps be installed to facilitate Drinking Water Inspections. This work has been scheduled.
4. A new roof is needed on the Pump House.
5. Cleaning the tree trimmings is still on the "To Do" List.
6. The extensive snow fall this winter has prevented the Town from bringing in fill for the right side of the 14th fairway. This may still be accomplished based on how long the ground stays frozen and the availability of the Town Crew to bring the fill in.

ITEM # 3 MEN'S CLUB PRESENTATION

Mr. Mark Mischenko of the Ridgefield Men's Golf Club, "RGC", along with Mr. Gordon Casagrande, Mr. Steve Carboni, Mr. Philip Reunert, and Mr. Christohper Radford who are also members of the RGC came to the meeting to discuss with the Committee "Flag Pin Placements" for the upcoming season.

Mr. Mischenko explained the group represented approximately 350 members who play approximately 6000 rounds of golf each season at the Golf Course. He indicated throughout the season there have been a number of unfair Pin Placements on various greens. He indicated the Club wanted to begin dialogue with the Committee to see if unfair Pin Placements could be eliminated.

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Discussion took place.

Mr. Sergiovanni suggested a "Black Out" Sheet showing locations on all greens where Flag Pins should not be placed. Mr. Steger suggested Mr. Sergiovanni create such a sheet for Mr. Steger's crew. Mr. Sergiovanni agreed to do this. Mr. Steger indicated once he had the "Black Out" Sheet he would do his best to insure fair Flag Pin Placements this coming season. He also indicated this would be a good starting point to resolve this issue and that the group should get back to him mid-season if some additional adjustments are needed to be made.

ITEM # 4 OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Sergiovanni indicated that letters with a post card size rendering of the plaque thanking the supporters of the New Flag Pole had been sent out.
2. Mr. Fazi indicated Doctor Henry Seemann had contacted him by phone and requested Mr. Fazi relay to the Committee Dr. Seemann's suggestion of possibly creating a Patio of such size that would enable a tent to be erected to better accommodate the needs of groups and outings at the Golf Course. Mr. Tyrrell suggested that each member of the Committee, when renewing their Resident Permit, review possible locations that might accommodate this type of construction. A discussion would then take place at the first meeting in April.
3. A continued extensive discussion on a Rate Increase took place. The prior recommendation was to increase the Junior/Senior rates that were not increased when resident rates were last increased. Additional information on all rates will be provided to the Committee by Mr. Sergiovanni prior to the next meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON A RATE INCREASE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AT WHICH TIME A FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE COMMITTEE.

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ITEM # 5 NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Steger indicated that he and Mr. Fazi had in the past discussed the possibility of locating a Cell Tower somewhere on the Golf Course that might add to the Golf Course revenues. Mr. Fazi indicated he had begun to gather information and then stopped investigating when word came out that the Town had a Cell Tower location picked out for the Ridgebury area. Mr. Sergiovanni indicated he believed any revenue from such a venture would revert to the Town and would not show up as Golf Course Revenue. Mr. Tyrrell indicated he would investigate further.

ITEM # 6 PUBLIC COMMENT

In addition to the RGC members earlier identified were Mr. Greg Smith, a new member this year of the RGC and Ms. Ann Doty were in attendance.

Mr. Radford commented, and all in the Public agreed, on the great job Mr. Steger and his crew did in keeping the Golf Course in great condition.

Mr. Reunert asked about a nine hole rate. Mr. Sergiovanni indicated a nine hole rate would not be appropriate at this time.

There being no further Public Comment

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNAMIOUSLY ADOPTED TO TEMPORARLY ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:45 PM SO THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW, WITH AN EMPLOYEE, HIS EVALUATION.

The regular meeting re-convened at 8:58 pm at which time, there being no further business

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND UNAMIOUSLY ADOPTED TO ADJORN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:05 PM.