

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting of the above-referenced subcommittee held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

**Present were:** Councilors Leon Rivers, Mark Jacobs, Donna Banks and Joseph Merritt. Also present were: Jon Colman, Bill Starkie, Mark Mansur, Ciaran Carr and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

**Absent were:** Jerry Long, Brad Klein and Ryan Phelps

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to approve the minutes from March 25, 2013.

**Status of Property**

Mr. Ciaran Carr presented the Wintonbury Hills Status Report – March 2013 Review. Overall, March was a very poor month for weather after the official opening of the course on March 28, 2013. During that 3 day timeframe, the course received approximately \$12,000 in revenues. Currently, Wintonbury Hills is behind \$60,000 year-to-date and \$9,000 as budgeted. Thus far, the month of April has exceeded in pass sales.

There has been some significant savings in Labor and Maintenance.

**Maintenance/Course Updates**

Mr. Mark Mansur, Superintendent stated that the course is off to a decent start for the season. The maintenance crew has begun pre-emergent sprays/fertilizers, edging and replacement of sand in bunkers will begin in the next few weeks.

Currently, Mr. Mansur reported that he has filled 4 part-time seasonal positions. Most of these individuals are high school or college students.

Councilor Rivers and Jacobs inquired about hiring individuals of different ethnic backgrounds. It was reported that numerous announcements and advertisements were submitted for inquiries, however due to the seasonal schedule and field area, not many candidates either are experienced or meet the criteria for hire.

Councilor Rivers and Jacobs suggested to Management to explore hiring high school students from the Agriculture-Vocational and Culinary programs at Bloomfield High School. Mr. Mansur will post an informational bulletin for any interested candidates that would like to work at the golf course for the summer.

Mr. Mansur also discussed a proposal quote in the amount of \$2200 as a Capital Improvement request to clear storm damaged trees on Hole #5, Hole #7 and remove hangers on Holes # 13 & 15. (Please see the price quote attached).

### **Status of Food and Beverage Service**

Mr. Carr updated the committee on the “themed nights” highlighting the Tap Inn Restaurant. The Mexican theme night held on April 20, 2013 was a great success. The next events planned are Italian Seafood and Cigar, Brandy and Steak nights. The goal is to plan each event once a month, if not two depending on interested patrons.

### **Report of Usage/Revenue/Expenditures**

Mr. Phelps reviewed the March 2013 Status Review with committee members. The operating cash balance has improved to \$74,000.

### **Other Business**

#### *Putting/Chipping Green Improvements*

Golf Management has expressed concerns regarding the overall safety and aesthetics (ball markers) on the practice green as well as playing out of the bunkers.

There was a discussion regarding strategies to handle this issue. It was recommended by the committee to continue to educate golfers with signage to eliminate the desire to putt out of the bunkers.

Councilor Jacobs stated that he is aesthetically against changing bunkers. He also expressed concerns regarding golfers who drive off of the cart path and damage the grass areas.

The committee recommended and authorized Mr. Mansur to inquire about curbing for difficult areas with the town’s Public Works Department. The area of concern is approximately 220 square feet.

#### *Equipment Replacements*

Mr. Carr reported that the new ice machine and refrigerator has been installed successfully. The new hot water heater is scheduled to be installed within the week.

A new sign for the Tap Inn Restaurant has been approved through the Town, Plan and Zoning Commission. The signs dimensions cannot be more than 16 square feet on each side. There were suggestions by the committee to place the sign on the road to be interchangeable for each season.

**It was moved by Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to approve and recommend Option 3 (\$3180.00) of the invoice submitted by ArtFx Signs (see attached) to the full Council for final approval. The company requires a \$500 deposit prior to the completion of the design phase.**

There was also discussion regarding the placement of signage on Tunxis and Brown streets indicating where the golf course and restaurant are located.

### **Adjournment**

**It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Jacobs and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.**