

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
GOLF COMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced committee held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in-person in Meeting Room 131/132 at Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, 330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Attendance: Bradley Klein, Lynette Easmon, John Gunning, Jonathan Colman

Absent: Robert Berman

OTHERS

Also present: David Melesko, Dennis Petruzzelli, Christopher Strand, Steve Howard, Alex McGann

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Wintonbury Hills Golf Course - Activities, Status of Property and Financial Report

Course & Management Review

Alex McGann, Regional Director of Operation provided an overview of the Status of Property and Financial Report. Total cash and short-term investments remain healthy at just under \$1,300,000. Total revenue for the year ending 2024 is up \$162,000 from the prior year with total rounds played at 2,672, an increase of 2,129 from the prior year. The driving range showed rapid growth in 2024. The course closed for the winter on December 1, 2024, and weather providing it will reopen on March 14, 2025.

It was also announced that WHGC was recognized through Golf Pass as a Top 50 public golf course, #40 overall, and the only public golf course recognized in CT. This acknowledgment was voted on by the users of the golf course.

Status of Property

Mr. Petruzzelli provided an update on the condition of the course. The course has been winterized and shut down for the winter. Maintenance equipment is being broken down and reconditioned. Two projects the maintenance team would like to get accomplished (weather providing) during the winter months are installing irrigation on the rear tee of hole #7 and drainage to a perennial wet spot on #7 fairway. Tree root pruning is also a planned project, but this will be determined on timing. Other plans include fine tuning management programs, labor, budget preparation, and supply ordering schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Donation

After discussion a motion was made by Jon Colman, seconded by Lynette Easmon with all in favor to not support memorial donation on property unless recommended by the Town Council.

Management Contract

Chairperson Klein laid out three scenarios – 1.) Proceed with current contract with negotiation, 2.) Revise current scope and terms, or 3.) Develop new scope of work and prepare RFP for public bid.

It was requested for all committee members to review 2019 RFP No. 1094 for Management Services for the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course document prior to the February 26, 2025, meeting for continued discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Goals and Objectives

Upon request, the WHGC team stated they would work on the 2025 goals and objectives and present them at the next meeting.

Traprock Ridge Presentation and Town Council Presentation

Chairperson Klein provided an update on these two presentations and encouraged committee members to attend. The Traprock Ridge presentation will focus on the golf course, maintenance practices, and environs of the golf course, while the Town Council presentation will focus on the WHGC as a whole and the successes of the course.

OTHER BUSINESS

none

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed and approved

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm