

SUMMARY OF MEETING - March 13, 1972

Meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Members present: Don Brooks, Dave Canfield, Paul McDevitt, Ray Phelan, Judge Reed Shields, and Gino Torcellini -- Members absent: Fred Orrico and Vince Paccadolmi.

Ray Phelan made his report on tree clearing, explaining that he had some difficulty in reaching either Harry Davis of North Haven, Connecticut or Dave Thompson in this regard. It was generally decided that tree clearing should be done on a separate contract from the Golf Course Contract, and done promptly. Based on the new design, Dave Thompson has figured out that there are a total of not more than 40 acres (brush & trees.) Stumps must be saved to fill in swamp area. Mr. Thompson has been asked to attend the P & Z Hearing tomorrow night.

Ray Phelan said that it is imperative that we get some sort of sample of the depth across the swamp; there is probably some high area and we must not go ahead with any planning without knowing the structure of this swamp. He explained that this area is, in fact, a "bog" and not a true swamp at all, being made up of peat. Mr. Thompson has suggested railroad ties be used, and telephone poles (which are creosote soaked) rather than attempting to fill in other ways. In this connection, Fred Orrico was consulted re getting a drag line by Friday. Dave Thompson had described this area as a great 'tapioca pudding'-- material taken from it and placed nearby would ooze back slowly and, therefore, it is good that ponds are being moved.

It was suggested that four or five potential Contractors be contacted in addition to A. R. D'Agostino of Deansboro, New York. Don Brooks said that Fazio hopes engineers will get through in a week; Fazio wants to get together with specifications in hand and with the potential Contractors on the site. Trees should come out first, then in 3 or 4 weeks, the meeting.

Mr. Brooks spoke to Fazio on the phone last Saturday and feels that they are doing an outstanding job for us; they have worked diligently and have been through five designs getting the right one.

Don Brooks said that he has two applications in hand for the position of Superintendent, reading aloud a letter from Al Radko, dated 2/8/72, in which he highly recommends a former Superintendent of Pine Hollow on the Island. Discussion followed regarding when such a man should be hired and the consensus was that waiting too long is a mistake and extreme disadvantage and losing a good man would be an error as well. He would probably be paid full wage from the start, if hired early, but would help with the construction. Mike Fetchet, a Long Island Pro phoned interested in the Pro's job; he will contact Mr. Brooks again in the Fall.

Regarding the Architect's Contract, time is of the essence, however, the Board of Finance requires certain changes on same before it can be validated by the Selectman, as outlined in 2/18/72 letter from Mr. McLinden. There was some discussion concerning number of visits by Architect to be specified in the Contract, and the following possible clauses were suggested:

"...such other times as Chairman of the Golf Course Commission may require."
or "...it is understood that the additional visits should be between 20 & 30."

(Our Architect made 86 visits to the site of a Golf Course being built in New Jersey and it seems likely that he will visit our Course as frequently as is necessary--after all, his reputation is on the line.)

Regarding seeding, Architect will inspect four weeks after seeding and then receive final payment. He doesn't guarantee seeding, of course, but in the event of a washout, he would have to be consulted.

Regarding payment of the Architect's invoice, first the Contract must be redrafted using appropriate language and verified by Selectmen.

Discussion followed re floating of municipal bond issue, and interest rates, which hopefully will not go above the present 4 3/4%. Question as to whether to float whole amount at once--YES. First bonds would come due in about two years, so that we could get two seasons of play. 1/20 comes due each year for 20 years. Question arose as to whether Referendum gave us the legal right to float bond issue; should we do this prior to putting our contract out to bid? Judge Shields said that we must keep in mind our commitment to Krause. Canfield said that interim financing is a lot of trouble; he also wondered if, according to Connecticut State Law, general obligation bond has to be put out to general bidding--PROBABLY, to avoid criticism.

Terms of Committee Members were decided as follows and letter will be sent to First Selectman informing him of same:

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| Dave Canfield.....1 year | Paul McDevitt.....2 years |
| Gino Torcellini ...1 year | Don Brooks2 years |
| Judge Shields.....3 years | Ray Phelan.....4 years |
| Vince Paccadolmi...3 years | Fred Orrico4 years |

Members looked over the map of the Golf Course; noting pond location change, 10th hole & 18th hole reversed, and discussed where Maintenance Area should be and best location for Club House at future date. There was discussion re Flood Control Area. Fazio tries to stay out of that 600' contour and is keeping 70' from Mopus Brook.

Aero Services prepared and have mailed to us a map scaled to 1" per 50'.

Brief discussion regarding naming either Course itself, or some area of the Golf Course "DLHY PARK".

Dave Thompson is said to be doubtful as to whether pond can remain filled in dry season but there is a tremendous amount of water in the bog; maybe it would be pumped up--the Number One question to be brought up at P & Z is whether that 10' pond can be put in the Flood Control Area where it could easily be kept full.

Letter dated 2/23 read aloud from Mrs. Van Kaufman, Secretary, Flood and Erosion Control Board, wherein she requests that swamp be left in tact; letter was answered by a phone call from Mr. Brooks.

Don Brooks said that he would like Radko and Thompson to get together with the drawings and plans at the Site.

Gino Torcellini defined procedure for getting bills paid; one or two Members of Golf Course Commission approve bill and then give it to Gino. Also, all invoices must be made out to "Town of Ridgefield, Golf Course Commission."

Regarding Henrici's \$1000 invoice--only work done by him was the staking of the field; as far as Don Brooks knows, no map has been received though it is possible that Mr. McLinden has received one. The Power Company will probably need same. It must be determined whether map was to have been included in the \$1000 charge before the bill is paid.

Ray Phelan will see if State or Feds are interested in finding out depth of bog; he will also get bids from GRACY in Southbury for tree removal, and Harry Davis as well.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Orlene Shays, Secy