

SUMMARY OF MEETING - May 23, 1972

The Meeting of the Golf Course Committee was called to order at 8:40 p.m., in the Town Hall.

Members present: Dave Canfield, Don Brooks, Fred Orrico, Ray Phelan, Judge Reed Shields and Architect Tom Fazio

Members absent: Paul McDevitt and Vince Paccadolmi

Don Brooks asked that this meeting be limited to discussion of matters directly concerning the bidding, (which bids were received and opened on the previous afternoon) and questions for Mr. Tom Fazio.

Copies of a breakdown of the bids of four Contractors (Sitecon Ind.Inc., D'Agostino, Neilsen Construction and Moore Golf, Inc.) were circulated to Members, and much discussion followed as Members tried to figure out how the Contractors came up with the varied amounts shown.

Sitecon and Neilsen bids were too high to consider although it was felt that Neilsen does quality work and is a reputable Contractor.

That left D'Agostino and Moore Golf to discuss and analyze. Areas where short cuts might be made (i.e., eliminating one lake, etc.) were mentioned and thought out in relation to each bidder's figure and how much might be saved. Moore Golf's letter indicated that if his company were to receive the contract for the irrigation system as well, a deduction of \$5000 could be made in the total. There was concern that D'Agostino's figure on grading might be 'wishful thinking' but Members decided that the figures shown might be sort of hit and miss and that they might not reflect exactly what would be spent on each area of construction. It was decided that before a decision could be made as to which Company of the two under consideration would be the best, further communication with both would be necessary. Don Brooks spoke to Harry Ackoff of NGA who knew nothing bad about D'Agostino, and the latter had expressed interest in the contract for some time, all contacts being pleasant. D'Agostino could start on June 1st, submit a bill on July 1st, and after inspection of the work and determination that a certain part had been accomplished, he would be paid to that point. It was suggested that no decision be allowed to leak to the paper because then it would be harder to talk to the contractor about changes if he felt certain of being accepted. It was further discussed that D'Agostino is non-union and Fred Orrico was convinced that non-union is 'a must'--it will be determined whether Moore is definitely union when he is contacted by phone tomorrow by Mr. Fazio.

The question of the Irrigation System was talked out with Mr. Fazio who said that he knew how much it should cost (pipe, sprinklers, etc. \$31,450--pump \$18,000 and \$36,000 for installation) which is about \$85,000 to \$95,000 tops, and that all three of the Contractors made inflated bids. This would have to be discussed tomorrow with the two being considered. Of course, it would be less expensive installing irrigation during golf course construction than it would be placing same into a completed course--also, a Contractor might prefer to have both contracts and coordinate his work (that is, Irrigation System and Course Construction). Mr. Torcellini brought up the fact that we never did receive any bids from Irrigation companies.

There were several comments on the two companies--D'Agostino says they have built eleven golf courses, Moore "about one hundred" which Members seemed to doubt. Mr. Morganti (who did not submit a bid) thought that D'Agostino might be more satisfactory because they are "non-union."

At this point, 9:40 p.m., the meeting was temporarily adjourned while Tom Fazio telephoned D'Agostino on the phone and questioned him. When the meeting was called to order again at 10:25, Mr. Fazio told Members that he asked D'Agostino if he could 'live with' the following: like the possibility of eliminating putting green \$7000, 5 sand-traps at \$400 each and one lake, \$5000, and some topsoil--D'Agostino said that a lot of the figures were "overlapping" and that he felt that he could live with some adjustments and deductions. Mr. Fazio told D'Agostino that the Irrigation System was a \$90,000-job, and asked him to look over those figures and that they would speak about them further tomorrow over the phone, Mr. Fazio trusting to receive a lower bid from D'Agostino.

Neither of the two men with whom we had been in contact from Moore Golf could be reached by phone, but word was left and it is hoped that Tom Fazio will have an opportunity to cover all of the questions tomorrow.

It is tentatively planned to meet at 7:30 tomorrow prior to the Selectmen's meeting, in the hope of deciding which Contractor will be the most satisfactory, and then recommending same, in writing, at the Selectmen's meeting.

Miscellaneous: Gino Torcellini said he was at the Site with Al Radko and at the swampy area of the 17th hole, Mr. Radko used a boring device which led him to believe that the ground was much better than we originally thought (less swampy.)

Regarding tree-clearing, the only areas not yet done are 15 & 18. We are working on getting a continuance of the burning permit and Judge Shields and Fred Orrico will follow up on that matter. Mr. Fazio walked the site today and will do so tomorrow as well for purpose of flagging to determine how tree-clearing should be done. Stumps will be buried but not in fairways. The 14th not cut properly and needs serious adjustment. Some material is being saved for use in building the 17th walkway.

There is a large Bill from Fazio, but this and other matters of finance, regarding hiring of a Superintendent and other business will be discussed at the next Special Meeting to be held next Tuesday, May 30th at 8:30 p.m. There is a Planning & Zoning Cmsn. Meeting on the same night at which time they will consider final approval on excavation and fill, and possibly one or two Members will attend that Meeting.

There being no further business at this time, the Meeting was Adjourned at 11:00 p.m., until the following night at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

CORRECTION PLEASE:

In the SUMMARY OF MEETING - May 23, 1972
your secretary neglected to name Golf Course
Committee Member Gino Torcellini as having
been in attendance.