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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Golf Course Committee

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Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Attention: Joseph McLinden, First Selectman

Dear Joe,

The Golf Course Committee recommends the Contract for the construction of the D'Almy-Ridge Golf Course be awarded to the A. R. D'Agostino Company, Deansboro, New York.

From the four bids submitted, the only other receiving serious consideration was the Moore Golf Company of Culpeper, Virginia.

The Committee and our Architect George-Tom Fazio, investigated as thoroughly as possible these two Companies. We found the D'Agostino firm qualified in every respect and its recommendations numerous.

A summary of our findings favoring D'Agostino follows:

The National Golf Foundation reported the Company to be as reputable as any in the field in this area of the country. The First Selectman's office in Fairfield, where D'Agostino completed a new golf course in the last year, issued glowing reports of the Company's work and reported visiting and talking with two other new municipal golf course operations well satisfied with D'Agostino's work. Perhaps just as important, the Green's Superintendent at Fairfield was quite satisfied with the job. (Usually it's hard to make those people happy with anything, and they seldom think a new golf course was built correctly!)

Dunn and Bradstreet reports D'Agostino's credit excellent, and the Company adequately financed.

In the discussion with the Fazios, D'Agostino has agreed to the revisions we want in the specifications and he has been advised there are "no extras" in this job, except as those called for by the Town of Ridgefield. He has agreed to that stipulation and Fairfield reported he was not an "extra-seeking" contractor.

D'Agostino is non-union and his men work longer than the normal eight-hour day. This is perhaps responsible for the reputation he has earned for doing his jobs on time. That is an important consideration.

Not the least important to Ridgefield is the fact that the Architects, after the same extensive consideration our Committee has given the bidders, recommends D'Agostino. This could also work in our favor.

Our Committee failed to find any fault voiced against D'Agostino. This was not true in the case of the other bidder, and rather than list their liabilities which we found against them, it should suffice to say this recommendation is unanimous within our Committee, which Members are: David Canfield, Paul McDevitt, Fred Orrico, Vincent Paccadolmi, Ray Phelan, Judge Shields, Gino Torcellini and myself.

The D'Agostino Company is prepared to move its equipment here next week to begin Construction, and notification to him of our acceptance of his bid should be made this weekend if your Board approves our recommendation.

With our thanks for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Brooks

Don Brooks, Chairman
Golf Course Committee

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