

SUMMARY OF MEETING - October 16, 1972

The October 16, 1972 Meeting of the Golf Course Committee was held in the Town Hall. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Brooks at 8:40 p.m.

Members present: Don Brooks, David Canfield, Fred Orrico, Vincent Paccadolmi, Ray Phelan, Gino Torcellini and Supt. Larry Fischer

Members absent: Paul McDevitt and Judge Reed Shields

Larry Fischer was asked to give an 'updating' on the progress of the seeding which was as follows:

Greens: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 17  
They over-seeded all but 10, 11 and 17 (there had been a terribly heavy rain)

Tees: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 17

Fairways: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 17 (2 and 9 were overseeded)

This week 6 will be ready, and hopefully they will be ready for 2.

Tees 3 and 7 should be finished this week. 7 and 4 fairways should be done.

The pond has been dug--behind 11th tee to drain water and it is working out. They are on 12 now and started digging a small pond to drain water; it is off to the left of tee (on 11)--apparently there will be no charge for this. 6 and 7 will drain into this pond also. Gino Torcellini brings up the problem which can occur during summer when the water clouds and the use of chemicals is necessary.

The Chairman then passed around color slides which he took during various phases of construction--also a new map which has just been drawn and which he hopes to have painted and posted at the Ridgefield News Store.

Fred Orrico reported on the availability of eight or ten old dormitory-type buildings, estimated to be about 30' x 50', each having sinks and two toilets, and which "are yours any time you want them." They are all jacked up off the ground and could be put on slab, or on piers which would be less costly; they have a good floor. Discussion followed as to whether a local contractor, or a professional mover, would be best to bring the buildings to the site--someone suggested that we get a price from Venner. The problem of exactly where on the site to place the buildings was the subject of discussion. Regarding the exchange of one acre of Finch's land for two acres of 'our' land was considered, Don Brooks feeling that our two are useless to us, and his one is very valuable--Ray Phelan was against giving two for one.

A Town employee is going to 'do' the road this weekend and we will need to buy gravel. We need a driveway permit for the road off Ridgebury Road--we will require more culvert (about 24'). We have 60' right-of-way from the stone wall.

Some trees must be taken down and some stumps removed--the Lippolt property was suggested as a place to take the stumps.



The parking lot should be adjacent to the 9th green; the road will be brought to the hedge, and the building will have a nice view there.

Larry Fischer will get together with Gino Torcellini or Vince Paccadolmi to walk the area and determine exactly where the parking lot should be-- it must be on 1+acre.

The Chairman requested that Dave Canfield head-up a new Committee:

"Volunteer Work Crews" for the winter--the idea being to gather names of people who would be willing to spend some time working at the site, clearing, etc. (such areas as: between 6 & 7, between 2 & 3, and to the right of 11.)

Larry Fischer said that Knapp never got in touch with him in spite of many attempts to make contact--there is certain work which must get done immediately and Mr. Fischer will get some bids.

Vincent Paccadolmi reported that he has answered 22 letters from applicants for the job of Pro.

Ray Phelan reported on his "walk" around the site with several members of the P & Z (Chairman Mike Venus, Mrs. Miche, Mrs. Meffley, Dan McKeon). Mr. Phelan felt that everyone was pleased and impressed with the Course... impressed also with the orderly condition which Mr. Fischer maintains. Mr. Phelan discussed several of the questions which were brought up and their answers.

Don Brooks contacted Harry Eckoff and was told that Mr. Eckoff will not be able to meet with us due to his heavy schedule, but that he will be in New York briefly in a few weeks, and Mr. Brooks will try to see him there.

Motion was made by Ray Phelan, and Seconded by David Canfield:

"THAT the Contract Invoice and Invoice for "extras" from Nemo D'Agostino be approved for payment." VOTED Unanimously

Motion was made by Fred Orrice and Seconded by Vincent Paccadolmi:

"THAT the following Invoices be approved for payment:

- 1. Delta Wire & Steel.....\$2009.65
- 2. Gerstenmaier (clearing)..... 1074.
- 3. Agway (lime & fertilizer)..... 1471.
- 4. Don Brooks personal phone bill  
for calls made for Golf Course...
- 5. Larry Fischer (measuring tape)... 8.51 "

VOTED Unanimously

Chairman Brooks mentioned that no contact has been made by Gracey.

All equipment we buy should go through regular Town Purchase Order.

Fred Orrico will call Mike Jakus re markers which we have purchased (the site was to have been thoroughly marked) and which are not there.

Mrs. Sharp will send Fred Orrico a copy of the letter from Mr. McLinden on that subject.

Larry Fischer will accompany Fred Orrico to inspect the buildings tomorrow.

Chairman Don Brooks will attempt to present to the Board of Finance a breakdown of our expenditures thus far, and projection figures for their October 24th Meeting.

There being no further immediate business, on Motion duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.