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January 15, 1973 Meeting of the Golf Course Committee

An informal meeting of the Committee was held in the absence of a quorum. There were present only Acting Chairman Ray Phelan, Vincent Paccadolmi and Gino Torcellini, in addition to Superintendent Larry Fischer.

Mr. Phelan opened the meeting with question about two bills, Agway and D'Agostino. Both will be investigated before payment. Mr. D'Agostino's answer to Don Brook's recent letter requesting a complete breakdown of all work remaining to be done by him was read aloud and discussed. That letter left a lot unsaid and the consensus was to get a better breakdown--"other work to be done" must be understood before any further payment is made. Ray Phelan will talk to Don Brooks about this matter.

Members were read the correspondence between Don Brooks and the Selectmen regarding expired terms of Gino Torcellini and David Canfield--the question being whether or not those terms expired on January First.

Regarding the Superintendents' Meeting which Larry Fischer attended: Gino Torcellini questioned whether the matter of his expenditures being covered was voted and the Secretary determined that at the December 11th meeting, this had been done. Mr. Fischer will submit his expense claim and a report in detail at the next meeting as there was not enough time to prepare same for this meeting. Generally, he commented that the manufacturers had little to show, all being behind in production of new equipment. The educational sessions were most certainly worthwhile, however.

Larry Fischer's "winter projects" were discussed, as was the idea that everyone is not to be 'giving him orders' and that any work which needs his attention should funnel through one man. Ray Phelan and Gino Torcellini expressed the strong opinion that there is certain work which must be done at the opportune moment and not wait until someone gets around to contacting Mr. Fischer. "He should not wait to do small ordinary things until he gets approval from anyone on the committee; he should use the right moment to go ahead. We have lost precious time; some things should have been done and were not," said one member, and Ray Phelan said "You should take the bull by the horns and get some of these things done now!"

In a report on last Saturday's work day, Ray Phelan described the work accomplished with the two brush cutters from the Town Garage. The area between the second and third holes was cleaned up, and the material was piled--done in four hours. Frank Birch and Ray Phelan got 16 & 17 path cut all the way across. Investigating

that area carefully, indications are that we don't have a big problem there; that area may be clay or sand base with only a foot of water cover. Mr. Phelan hasn't received the information from N.Y. that he is waiting for, but it occurred to him that maybe steel or mesh mat type could be used there--possibly out of surplus. We have about 100 yds. across that has to be spanned; maybe a corduroy road which the water could flow under. At the Saturday workday, only about 15 people showed up, Don Brooks and Mr. Phelan being the only committee members, and it is hoped that more will attend this coming Saturday when another such day is planned.

Larry Fischer is asked to obtain from Fred Orrico 2 or 3 lengths of concrete reinforcement rod to find out what bottom that wet area has.

Members present agree that gravel must be put on road as soon as possible and that it will have to be a foot thick--it is \$3.35/yd. in Brookfield.

There is no further information about the maintenance building.

Ray Phelan reported that Don Brooks says that equipment should be ordered by May 1st, and some even sooner and we must have some place to put that equipment.

Gino Torcellini reported that the Finance Report remains the same.

Don Brooks will be at the Selectmen's Meeting on Thursday.

Paul McDevitt has been appointed to establish policies for the collecting of fees.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:10, in agreement to meet again on the second Monday of February which is February 12, 1973.