

THE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING -- August 27, 1973

The regular Meeting of the Golf Course Committee was held at Town Hall. Chairman Don Brooks called the Meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

Members present: Don Brooks, Vincent Paccadolmi, Ray Phelan, Reed Shields and Gino Torcellini

Absent: David Canfield, Paul McDevitt, Fred Orrico and Supt. Fischer

Note: After the Secretary left the previous Meeting, the following Motion was made by Judge Shields, Seconded by Paul McDevitt and passed:

"THAT as a matter of record, the Golf Committee requests that the Board of Selectmen have signed the contract with D'Agostino for the construction of the Golf Course." (7-30-73 Meeting)

Chairman Brooks opened the Meeting by presenting the THREE PROBLEMS facing the Committee: BUILDING, LAOR and EQUIPMENT.

BUILDING: There is missing a roof support arch which is holding up the completion of the building's construction. It is absolutely imperative that equipment and materials be properly housed at the soonest time to stop vandalism and weathering.

LAOR: Superintendent Fischer has been on crutches as a result of an accident but has been at work in spite of it. Burke and Cole left for college. Pierpoli and Wright are our only full time boys. The Brooks boy has been watering and efforts are being made to get two part-time high school students.

EQUIPMENT: There have been constant problems with the pump (not starting, it takes three men to start it, etc.) but the biggest is that the aluminum pipe gets holes or splits and it is then impossible to keep the prime--we should have a cast pipe. D'Agostino says the specs say aluminum pipe, however.

Don Brooks had been under the impression that Gino Torcellini had ordered a Ford Tractor from WESCO and was awaiting its availability--now it will take two months to get one. At the present both of the existing machines are broken down and in desperation Mr. Fischer bought a 'demonstrator' from Massey Ferguson with less than 100 hours. It has a 1-year's warranty and better tires than the one bid on; it will arrive tomorrow.

The gang mowers are constantly breaking down; wheels bending. We just picked up six wheels at \$20/ea.

Judge Shields contacted Mr. Asketh about the water supply but he is not well. The water analysis of the 15th & and swamp was made and it is water which is suitable for irrigation of lawns.

Don Brooks discussed with Ray Phelan ways to channel runoff from 15th back into the lake but there is no way other than pumping--Mr. Phelan wondered whether a natural reservoir could be made eventually by damming up one end of that 6' ditch. The low area between 14 & 15 could be made deeper possibly storing 200,000 gallons. Ray Phelan investigated a gasoline driven piston pump which could be rented for \$6/day and used to pump the silt out of the pond similar to the way it is done in Florida. Mr. Phelan will get a work-up on this idea for the next meeting.

Chairman Brooks asked Judge Shields whether the obtaining of a new Town Counsel would affect our case pending with Gracey and was told that Judge Dowling will continue and see it through.

Ray Phelan expressed the feeling that a letter should be sent to D'Agostino from the Committee informing him that unless certain specified reseeding is done by a certain date, the Committee will hire someone else to perform the work and deduct his charge from D'Agostino's bill. Don Brooks will talk to Fazio immediately and this will be done.

Discussion re pathway from 16 to 17--six feet should be wide enough; an elevated bridge will have to be constructed.

David Canfield will be formally asked to pursue investigation of some kind of shelter for a club house.

Gino Torcellini presented a complete and up-to-date breakdown of all that has been spent to date and will provide a copy of this to the Chairman, as well as an up-to-date version at each future meeting. Mr. Torcellini asked that all bills be sent to the Town Hall c/o Dlyh-Ridge, and also asked if it wasn't time to trim the sand traps.

A large assortment of bills were perused and Motion made and duly seconded & passed to approve their payment subject to Larry Fischer's approval. Approval was passed to pay the Conn. Foundations bill of about \$2800 as soon as Fred Orrico can be contacted to get the bill into the Town Hall; the work was satisfactorily completed.

The next MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY September 12, 1973, 8:30, Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 p.m.

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some workers -
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