

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING

The October 30, 1973 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, David Canfield, Vincent Paccadolmi,
Ray Phelan and Gino Torcellini

Members absent: Paul McDevitt, Fred Orrico, Reed Shields

(Mr. Brooks requested copy of September Meeting minutes)

The course must have a reel grinder.

Chairman Brooks reported that Tom Fazio was at the site about two weeks ago and was amazed at how well the site looked. The 15th hole was re-graded--four days of work was completed and pond lowered 3'; it was completely dry. Many stumps were cut. It was recommended that we get limestone and it is up to contractor to spread it. 15 has been taken care of well; for 6" we would need 6000 tons of fill, so we will just have to live with it as is. Gino Torcellini expressed concern about someone falling into the soft area and it was decided that a fence must be erected soon. Regarding D'Agostino's money, Tom Fazio said that we should return the bond, retaining 20% only of what we owe him total, that being sufficient to pay for anything needing to be done in the Spring. A lot of mulching has been done; 11 and 13 have been repaired and look good; a new tee is being built on 12. Three other tees need reseeding. The only real problem is 17 and the holes up on the hill, but we are getting grass on 17 new. Judge Shields felt that more should be held as a "final payment", that the contractor should receive no more than actually stated in the contract. Don Brooks replied that he has actually finished all the work and is now only coming back to patch here and there. Finally, it was stated that "the Selectmen have the bond itself; we have never had it in our possession; right now we are holding 10% exactly." Judge Shields said that we should have an affidavit from the contractor stating that he has paid everyone who he contracted. Reed Shields made the following MOTION: "THAT we return the bond and an additional \$20,000, retaining \$21,657 and that prior to paying the bond and \$20,000 that we receive from D'Agostino an affidavit of no lien." Seconded by Gino Torcellini and passed unanimously.

Maintenance report: Everything has been fertilized and all of the greens aerated; tees have been started, 11 done and then a breakdown. Top-dressing done on 16, 15, 14, 13, 12 and 6. Mowing has been cut back to once a week. Two culverts are in on 13. They have been hauling fill back. The aerating has done a wonderful job. (All the fertilizer has been used.)

A suggestion was made that the vandals who have been apprehended be put to work picking rocks on 13.

Now there are only three men working at the site; last week was Paul's last.

The telephone has been installed. One key is in the pump house.

Mike Jakus will talk to his boss and get back to Fred Orrico. Mr. Orrico had Mr. Cahill from C.L. & P. to the site. Don Brooks still wants to use the Town generator for the winter, but we do need power in the other area.

Gino Torcellini was asked to see about getting the parking lot finished. It would be 'nice' to get it done with Town equipment! This seems to be a time when they are not very busy, as soon as the leaf-collecting is done.

A big work day is planned for November 17th and letters will be sent by the secretary to individuals and to organizations solicitating their volunteer help.

Regarding the bridge, Ray Phelan said that we will have to work from the 16th out, the terrain being such that we don't have to build a bridge until we get to the stream. We can cover most of the distance with old telephone poles (George Hallis from the telephone company has been most cooperative); we would put the poles in so that there is a barrier from which to fill--preferably to fill with sandy soil. (Bethal Sand & Gravel said that they have sand at \$1/yd.). It is strictly a matter of fill, not drainage; there is no real amount of flow--on till of fill, wood chips, which we might get from Knapp Brothers. This would get us 70% across. There will be some places where we will have to put telephone poles 2 high, criss-crossing a few lengths, pieces 4'-6' to build a base.

A man named Bill Wilson with Ridgefield Construction has offered the use of his truck and any other equipment that might be of assistance to us (weekends). This would solve a real problem because we have no equipment of his kind.

It appears that this work should be started about November 15; meanwhile we could start dragging the 20 or so poles that are there now over to the area.

Don Brooks and David Canfield played Richter Park and their entire back 9 was in no better shape than our 13 is now.

Part of a letter from Harry Ekhooff (in answer to ours) was read aloud; the gist of it being that charging a straight greens fee basis is most profitable. As soon as the growing season ends, we must make decisions on 1) operating, 2) budget, 3) fees, 4) getting together with the new Town Government.

Regarding the Clubhouse, David Canfield has a man at I.B.M. getting info on clubhouse facilities. Until the new administration is in office, there is no point in attempting to formulate definite plans.

Pro -- Vincent Paccadolmi reported on the many resumes he is getting but until he has more information to give the applicants, his hands are tied.

BILLS APPROVED on Motion by Reed Shields, Seconded by David Canfield:

Connecticut Foundations (remainder of bill)

	\$948.00	Bedients	\$ 63.77
A.J. Durkin	2.39	Harry Harris	107.22
Platt Lumber Co.	2614.00	Casey Fuel	60.05
Halstead Distrib. Corp.	146.70	Montenari Fuel	4.50
Nutmeg Plumbing	7.20	Chandler Gould	20.00
Powerhouse	51.81	Larry Fischer used this amount	
Powerhouse	8.02	from his petty cash	47.81
Larry Fischer personal		Larry Fischer phone	35.23
funds	25.36		

Meeting adjourned 10:55 p.m. Next Meeting scheduled November 19, 1973.