

The Golf Course Committee met on Monday June 10, 1974 at the Town Hall.

Members present Ray Phelan, Gino Torcellini, Fred Orrico, Mrs. Lodi Kysor,
Peter Yanity, David Canfield & Reed Shields,

also Jim Kaczinski, John Longden and Vincent Pelliccione

Members absent Vincent Paccadolmi

Ray Phelan reported on a telephone conversation with Tom Fazio. D'Agostino would rather make a cash settlement rather than finish work. Proposes the following;

\$1,000 for each tee (total of three)	\$3,000.00
\$500 for suction pump	500.00
\$150. for caps & cutting of pipes	150.00
\$1,500 for completion of work on 15th hole	1,500.00
\$1,000 for completion of work on 12th hole	1,000.00
Total	\$6,150.00

Discussion followed on who would be responsible for actual man-power. It was agreed that there was a considerable amount of money involved. Labor, Flexible line (Dolphin) which is a strainer & float (cost of \$389). Mr. Phelan said that for caps and cutting of pipes that the quoted price of \$150 definitely would not be sufficient, also that the figures quoted as a whole were not enough. Ray went on to say that D'Agostino and Fazio had made many promises to telephone or meet with him and none of these were fulfilled and that he considered it all in poor taste. Fred Orrico said that we should call in bond and sit back and ignore the situation completely and let the bonding company work at the situation.

David Canfield introduced Mr. Vincent Pelliccione who distributed his proposed plans for our permanent building. Fred Orrico mentioned the plumbing in our present building and that since it was already there why do we need all the extras? Mr. Pelliccione began by stating that the present building as is would not be suitable for our needs. The heating system could be used temporarily but overall the wiring will be inadequate for our future needs. A hot water system will be required (Fred said we already have a boiler). Also, our future plans should include an air-conditioner. Mr. Pelliccione went on to say that 212 ft. have to be knocked out of the building. The plumbing facilities have to be centralized and 20 ft. of plumbing to be removed at an approx. cost of \$1,700. Ceiling must come out as it is too low. Suggested bottom of rafters as the ceiling and use the exposed beams. He pointed out that we should bear in mind that this is to be a public building. Fred Orrico asked if the old siding could be left on and re-build over? Mr. Pelliccione said that this was possible but that since it all had to be fixed up anyway, appearance wise it would be better to start from scratch.

David Canfield spoke of proposed deck and Fred Orrico mentioned that this area should be waterproof. Mr. Pelliccione said that porch flooring could be used. Ray asked for an approx. total cost overall, 1,400 sq. ft. overall total would be \$30 per sq. ft. Mr. Pelliccione continued by saying that we should not consider the present building a total loss but that renovation of any building costs more than a new one and that there was so much to consider. Discussion followed on basement requirements and it was mentioned that the State Code Rules that there must be a minimum height of 7ft. 6in. for basements. Ray Phelan said that the plans presented for advisement would be checked into by the sub-committee. Ray thanked Mr. Pelliccione for his help in this matter.

Gino Torcellini said that he would like to see Master Plan and later pick out alternate plans. Fred Orrico said that the basement was very important and Gino stated that right now our main problem is not heat but we should definitely concentrate on getting the foundation completed. Mr. Pelliccione spoke of a need for a septic system. Mr. Torcellini said that he liked the plans that were presented but went on to say that our financial position right now was not good and thought that we would have to do the work in stages instead of all at once.

Mr. Phelan requested comments by the committee on the proposed figures from Tom Fazio and Gino Torcellini made a MOTION that we do not accept this proposal. Fred Orrico seconded the MOTION. Gino Torcellino went on to say that the proposed figure was much too low and that we should not accept anything less than double that amount. Mr. Phelan mentioned that the original quote by D'Agostino was \$1,000 less than the proposed figure but that he had mentioned about the fill and he consented to add the additional \$1,000. Ray went on to say that there were valves missing on the irrigation system. Jim Kaczinski said that a copy of the irrigation system map was borrowed by Mr. Fazio and it should be returned. Mr. Phelan asked the secretary to write a letter to Mr. Fazio to return our map.

Ray Phelan spoke on the problem with the 15th hole and said that to date we have no solution. Subsequently we do not have an 18 hole golf course. Gino Torcellini recommended that a registered letter be sent to the architect stating that we have not accepted his offer. Mr. Torcellini made the MOTION and Ray Phelan seconded it. The MOTION was passed unanimously. Reed Shields asked if we were interested in making a settlement and Fred Orrico said there was no point as we had definitely not got our money's worth.

Jim Kaczinski reported that Smith Turf had finally showed up and that the irrigation system was working. He has had problems with the diesel overheating. Jim went on to say that the diesel engine overheats because the vents are inadequate. Discussion on adequate drinking water on premises and Jim said there were water thermoses on the course. Ray suggested getting paper cup dispensers and Gino promised to obtain paper cups. Mrs. Kysor mentioned that even though we already had seven igloos on the course, they should be elevated since people could not see them on the ground. Jim went on to say that he had cut the grass down to 1 in. as per Mr. Fazio's instructions and Ray thought that this was a definite improvement. Ray brought up the subject of our opening ceremonies and mentioned that John Longden had an idea of presenting Mr. Dlhhy with an appropriate color print of Dlhhy Ridge Golf Course at the opening ceremonies. General discussion followed on current activity at the golf course and Ray said that there seemed to be an uptrend in players on the course. He estimated about 50 players on Saturday and 75 on Sunday. Saturday was the first tournament by the Ridgefield Golf Club.

General discussion followed on the pro's and con's of Andy Pataki. Ray Phelan spoke on publicity being needed and asked Mrs. Kysor and David Canfield to assist with the overall publicity. Possibilities include Miniature Maps, also a Lady's Day once a week (nine holes) rates \$3.00. Peter Yanity mentioned that \$1.50 was too expensive for a pull-cart and there have been complaints on this. Ray mentioned that a "family time" on the course might be advantageous. Possibly 4.00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Fred Orrico said he thought that 6.00 p.m. might be too early for closing time. Reed Shields mentioned that school sponsored teams should get a break and a discussion followed on what the local golf courses do for school children. Gino Torcellini mentioned that the publicity in the past had not been the best.

Fred Orrico suggested advertisements in local newspapers every week. Gino Torcellini recommended writing a letter to Selectmans office pertaining to bi-weekly pay for Andy Pataki. Mr. Phelan asked the secretary to take care of this matter. A discussion followed on length of season being seven months. Gino reported that he had ordered the tickets and that they should arrive any day. He is also checking into obtaining benches.

The financial report was reported by Gino Torcellini. Balance on hand \$48,825.44. Mr. Torcellini continued by saying the payroll was \$13,210.22. He also said that we could not use the additional incoming monies coming in for golf course purposes. Ray gave a progress report and said that since the first nine holes were played most often it would promote play by keeping the grass down there. He noted a big improvement on the front 9. Machinery-wise, Ray said we were in pretty good shape and that the next purchase was to be a syckle-bar. Another employee is to be hired to assist Jim Kaczinski. Discussion on wage-scales followed. Ray said that we should pay more than the minimum wage to good, reliable help.

Mr. Phelan said he was trying to get a loader from the town as an auxiliary piece of equipment. At this time Ray spoke of depreciation to Jim Kaczinski's automobile. Suggestions were made that an allowance of \$400 - \$600 per year be allotted for damages to his car. A MOTION was made by Fred Orrico that we pay Jim Kaczinski \$100 effective immediately for repair to his automobile and also to offset his gasoline expenses. The MOTION was seconded by Mrs. Kysor. Ray Phelan asked Jim to submit a bill for his repairs and mileage. Gino Torcellini thought that since Jim would be ruining his own personal automobile that perhaps we should consider the possibility of purchasing a small truck for his use.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY JUNE 17, 1974 AT THE TOWN HALL.

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Bills presented by Gino Torcellini

Taylor Rental	\$83.00
Ridgefield News Store	17.75
Ridgefield Supply Co.	66.25
National Auto Parts	43.80
Murrays Auto Parts	164.40
Jean Avampato (Secretary)	100.00
Foley	515.00
D.F. Bedient Co.	41.32
Alfco Rokeby Co.	87.80
The Powerhouse	3,565.06
Crown Inc.	285.76
Sanitation Control Inc.	165.00
Designs Unlimited (Well Drilling)	2,736.00
Kaly Singer	39.75
Giambartolomei & Sons	2,340.00
Bacchiochi Inc.	<u>1,450.00</u>
Total	\$11,700.89