

The Golf Course Committee met on Monday June 17, 1974 at the Town Hall.

Members present; Ray Phelan, Vincent Paccadolmi, Fred Orrico, Peter Yanity
Reed Shields, David Canfield and Gino Torcellini

also; Jim Kaczenski and John Longden

Members absent; Mrs. Lodi Kysor

Ray Phelan opened the meeting by stating that non-members should not be obligated to stay at meetings after they have made their reports. Jim Kaczenski presented bills incurred for the week and said there had not been too many problems lately. Vincent Paccadolmi asked Jim if he needed rough cutters and said he had one five-gang 3/4" adjustment for a price of \$100. Jim said he would look at it. David Canfield asked how the new syckle bars were working and Jim said they were fine. He reported that the pond had filled up because of the heavy rain, and it looked as if things were starting to shape up. Ray asked Dave about the problem with window on trailer and he said he had made contact with Crown Trailer Co. Gino Torcellini said the benches would arrive shortly and discussed problem of obtaining water dispensers. Reed Shields remarked that there were still complaints about the lack of drinking water on course. Ray said it was important that there be water there at all times. Gino said since it was taking so long to obtain the dispensers perhaps we should get them locally. David said he would contact Hat City Paper Co. in Danbury tomorrow so that we could get them right away. Jim said he would bring in cinder blocks to elevate the igloos. Ray went on to state that he had noticed turbulence in water and there had been complaints on vandalism.

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On Saturday morning, Fred Orrico, Ray Phelan and David Canfield had met with Mr. Fazio at the course and talked on the problems with the 15th hole. Ray said they had covered all problems extensively and had spoken at length about a settlement price. Ray said the figure that was arrived at was \$15,000 total. This was to be broken down as follows;

Work on tees.	\$3,000.00
Work on 15th hole.	\$3,500.00
Work on 12th hole.	1,500.00
Pump	1,000.00
Sodding	500.00
Work on 14th, 13th & 16th holes.	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00
Total.	\$15,000.00

Reed Shields questioned these figures and asked if we would be able to play the 15th as a par four? Ray stated that Mr. Fazio had said "We cannot hold D'Agostino responsible for the 15th". Ray continued by discussing the original plans for the location of clubhouse which was originally on top of hill between 14th & 15th. He went on to say that we had not been given an actual solution to the 15th hole and now the problem is mostly time. Also that there are two separate responsibilities between the architect and contractor and we are trying to differentiate. He continued by stating that \$15,000 seemed like a reasonable settlement with the contractor. A lengthy discussion followed by all on the various responsibilities involved. Reed Shields was most emphatic that you cannot release one without the other.

Ray Phelan mentioned that Tom Fazio remarked that where D'Agostino's responsibilities lie was to dig pond, tree's and swamp surface. Their was a certain amount of topsoil required and that we would have to prove otherwise. No topsoil had been put on the 15th ... only peat moss from the swamp and that was where D'Agostino failed. David Canfield said he did not think Fazio had an overall solution on exactly where to spend the money involved and suggested that we travel the route of trying all the inexpensive ways of resolving the problems and also stated that the results would not show up for 2 or 3 years.

Reed Shields said that a Satisfactory Solution should be presented to us before any settlement. All agreed that it was best to try and settle out of court. D'Agostino had said that he would settle, but as far as the irrigation system was concerned "it's done". Discussion followed on location of As-Built map?

At this time Reed Shields made a MOTION that without prejudice we dispose to settle with D'Agostino for a credit of \$15,000 and that resolution of irrigation system problems not to be credited ... if they exist. Included in the MOTION that we get a written commitment from the architect that no fee is to be paid until we are completed satisfied with the 15th hole. David Canfield seconded the MOTION and it was passed. Reed continued by saying he envisioned a letter from Fazio stating everything in writing making peace with the contractor as well as with the architect. Ray Phelan stated that he would tell Tom Fazio that the sum of \$15,000 is acceptable as long as gate-valve is cleared up. There was a vote on Reed Shield's motion and all were in favor. Dave asked Ray if you could move back the 15th and make it a par 5? Committee referred to maps at this time. Ray Phelan stated that the matter of the \$15,000 settlement needed a quorum. David Canfield reminded everyone that we are nto a commission and everything had to be reviewed with thà Selectman. Ray said he had been in numerous conversations with Louis Fossi on the discussions with Fazio and D'Agostino and Mr. Fossi had asked him to keep in touch concerning all these matters prior to making any decisions.

Subject of publicity was mentioned and Dave reported that he had been in conference with Mrs. Kysor last week pertaining to publicity. Brochures are being made up and being submitted to local merchants showing total rate structure. Discussion on the posting of maps in local area. Dave said this would include the newspapers. He had spoken to members of Ridgefield Golf Club and they agreed that more publicity was necessary and offered their help. Ray spoke of a Ladies Day perhaps on Monday or Tuesday at a price of \$3.00, 9 holes and that this should be advertised in the local newspapers. David said that the overall publicity should be part of Andy Pataki's responsibility.

A MOTION was made that Tuesday be designated as Ladies Day ... fee \$3.00 for 9 holes. This MOTION was made by Fred Orrico and seconded by Reed Shields. Ray stated that we should have a family time at the golf course at a reduced rate on Saturday and Sunday after 3.00 p.m. and this was incorporated in the former MOTION. It was mentioned that a regular complaint at the course that the price of the hand-carts was too high. (\$1.50 for rental). Ray spoke on the foundation and Dave said that test holes were dug for septic system behind the clubhouse. A price for foundation was approximated at between \$6,000 and \$7,000. David Canfield wanted to know how far we could go money-wise and that the foundation and septic system had to be done immediately. Discussion on bathrom facilities and Fred said that temporarily we could utilize the facilities that are there already. Ray spoke of purchasing a truck and Fred had obtained one price. He said that perhaps we should compare some prices before making a definite decision. Brief discussion on pay scales followed and final discussion for the evening was that there should be more supervision on the golf course. The meeting adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

NOTE: The next meeting will be on Monday June 24, 1974 at the Town Hall

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