

The Golf Course Committee Meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday Oct.21, at 8.30 p.m.

Members present Ray Phelan, Gino Torcellini, David Canfield, Mrs. Lodi Kysor, Fred Orrico, Reed Shields, Vincent Paccadolmi.

also: Louis Fossi, Mrs. Lillian Moorehead, Jim Kaczenski, John Longden

Members absent Peter Yanity

Chairman Ray Phelan called the meeting to order at 8.30 p.m.. Brief discussion on the way that minutes of meeting are presented. Mr. Phelan preferred to have the minutes recorded exactly as spoken. The minutes from Sept. 9th were approved. Hourly rates for workers at the golf course was discussed ... specific referral was made to the minutes of July 8 which stated that the average hourly rate for part-time help was \$2.25 per hour with no specific age-bracket mentioned. Ray Phelan made a MOTION clarifying that portion of July 8 minutes that it read as follows; "\$2.50 per hour rate for age 18 and over and \$2.00 per hour rate for under age 18. David Canfield seconded the motion and it was approved.

A discussion followed on last weeks work session. A rough figure for projected income for next year was \$97,500 based on 20,000 paid rounds. \$10,000 in memberships. Mr. Phelan said that the first year of any new golf course is usually disastrous. Reed Shields agreed and went on to say that it takes about three years to get established. Ray Phelan went over projected budget from John Longden (enclosed) total budget figure \$108,000. Projected Income & Expenditures \$11,000 apart with interest. John Longden submitted the following list to the committee for approval;

1. Agenda 1974 Finances
2. Budget 1975
3. Necessary Expenditures 1974
4. List of Rounds & Dollars for 1974 season
5. Paid Rounds (excluding Season Passes) Comparison list 1972 - 1974 between Simsbury & Richter Park Golf Courses & list of tickets sold at Dihy Ridge 1974 & projected income for 1975.
6. Alternatives of Daily & Paid Rounds Months of April thru Mid-November 1974 - 1975.
7. 1975 Budget
8. Salary Schedule
9. Capital Improvements
10. Clubhouse Operational Budget, 1975

Gino Torcellini said he would like to look over projected figures before making a decision. Brief discussion on work to be completed during winter months and Mr. Phelan thought we should concern ourselves with our present situation before making decisions for next year.

Jim Kaczinski said there would be plenty of work in the clubhouse during the winter months. Gino Torcellini said that we should take a good, hard look at operational expenses. Jim Kaczinski had ordered no new supplies for next year yet. An amount of \$1,188.00 was quoted as repair of pump-shaft. Ray Phelan said that this was outrageous but did not know what recourse we have since most of this high bill was labor. Fred Orrico said we should take credit for the shaft. Discussion on purchase of anti-freeze. Ray spoke on bonding and obligation by the architect. Mrs. Kysor spoke on missing gate valves and Ray said that until we have approval by the architect on the functioning of the golf course, we do not have an operating golf-course. Finances were once again discussed and Ray said all expenditures are approved by the committee as a whole.

David Canfield thought that next year we should be able to make all our operating expenses. Brief discussion on various expenses at Richter Park & Simsbury golf courses. Reed Shields mentioned subject of our clubhouse and said that we should get money back on it. Mrs. Moorehouse said that our financial needs have to be broken down and Mr. Phelan suggested having a special meeting to take care of this. Gino Torcellini emphasized that our small bills must be paid immediately and all agreed that this would be taken care of. Mr. Canfield thought that we should approach the financial situation realistically ... break it all down and show what we had for actual operating loss this year.

Mr. Phelan mentioned the figure of \$20,000 to carry us through December 31, 1974. Mr. Shields thought we should concern ourselves with expenses through mid - 1975 and that the real season should be from July to July. Mrs. Moorehead went over figures that John Longden had presented. Fred Orrico thought it would take approx. \$30,000 to get the clubhouse in shape and John Longden said that items like the 14th & 15th hole must have money spent on them in order to get play. Mrs. Moorehead said it seemed that we were talking about approx. \$50,000. Gino thought that the Town of Ridgefield should have the benefit of memberships. Ray Phelan spoke on income from golf-carts as being quite substantial. Gino agreed and said we have to keep cart revenue. At this time Gino Torcellini made a MOTION that there be no more incurring of bills (except incidentals) without conferring with a member of the committee (this would include even repairing of equipment). Mrs. Kysor seconded the motion and it was accepted.

Ray Phelan said this motion would only be temporary since next year we will be within our budget. Jim Kaczinski mentioned ordering merchandise for \$1,000 already since at this time of year it is on sale. Mr. Shields said that the Town Council be required to have Mr. Teaman remove his fencing on our property at the golf course which is at least 10 feet intruding on our property. Reed continued by saying that our line is a stone wall.

David Canfield summarized our approach to the Board of Finance to read as follows;

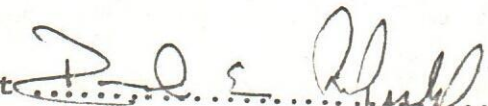
"That the golf course committee make a detailed report to the Board of Selectman and Finance Commission detailing Capital and Operating expenses from inception to October 31, 1974. In addition, the committee would request additional appropriation to cover;"

- (a) Anticipated operating deficit between now and the end of the town fiscal year on June 30, 1975.
- (b) A sum sufficient to recapture capital and interest expenses incurred since commencement of operations at Dlh Ridge in May, 1974.
- (c) An additional sum sufficient to complete the clubhouse facility and septic system in an amount to be determined by the committee.

Mr. Canfield then made a MOTION that this be the way it should be phrased and Fred Orrico seconded the motion. All agreed and the motion was approved.

At this time First Selectman Louis Fossi arrived at the meeting and was briefed as to what had been discussed. The secretary read Mr. Canfield's motion to him

Motion to adjourn was made and the meeting closed at 11.30 p.m.

Attest 

David E. Canfield (Secretary)