

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015
DENNIS HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE
4:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Oman, Members Fenton, Mikkila, Fiske, Harper and Richard

STAFF: Director Cummings, Office Manager Fabiano-Stowe

1. Director/Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cummings explained there will be probably be a deficit of \$50-\$55,000.00 at the end of the Fiscal year. Closing the Pines early hurt greens fees and cart revenue, and of course the weather did not help.

Mr. Cummings stated there is a request from the Woman's Golf Association of Massachusetts to host the Eleanor W. Allen Bowles fourball tournament, as they ask each club to host a major event every five years. Mr. Cummings gave a recent history. Mr. Cummings stated since we are already hosting the USGA Qualifier next year, the only available time would be in April of 2016.

Mr. Harper asked why we wouldn't want to host this event. Mr. Cummings stated it would result in revenue loss as the course would need to be closed for close to six hours. Mr. Oman updated Mr. Harper on the USGA Qualifier.

2. Rob McNeil- Northeast Golf Design, Front 9 Renovation

Mr. Oman introduced Mr. McNeil, stating that the Town was very pleased and happy with the end result of the Back 9 renovation at the Pines.

Mr. McNeil gave a presentation on the proposed front 9 renovations for the Pines, citing them as a little more complex than the back 9. Mr. McNeil stated they are still moving forward with the forward tees, and bunker renovations.

Jim Horvath, Member, and Joe Walker, member, were both present to ask specific questions regarding the renovations. Ms. Richard asked about the ladies tees.

Mr. Harper stated, philosophically, the course is becoming more playable for than the less than average golfer and did not want to take away from the degree of difficulty for the very good golfer.

Mr. McNeil stated that October 2015 is anticipated start date for the project and the proposed budget is \$350,000.00.

Mr. Oman stated, even though there is more work to be done, the work should still be done within the 60 day timeline.

MOTION

Mr. Fenton moved to recommend the plans move forward as outlined this evening for the Dennis Pines Front 9 renovation.

Ms. Mikkila seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

3. Public Input

Mr. Walker made a comment regarding carts and people taking them on the course wherever they want. Mr. Walker stated he believes the situation needs to be addressed.

Mr. Cummings stated it is difficult to police it, but it can definitely be brought to the attention of all staff.

Ms. Richard stated there are not enough rakes in the bunkers. Mr. Cummings stated he will address it.

Ms. Mikkila asked if the port-a-john on the 9th hole at the Pines could be moved elsewhere. Discussion of the location took place.

Mr. Jack Hudson, member, stated there are two drains broken on the 16th tee at the Pines. Mr. Cummings stated he would address the problem with staff. Mr. Oman stated the periscope at the Pines needs to have the mirror tilted down and that the bell for walkers does not work. Mr. Cummings stated he would address all of these concerns.

4. Minutes- April 13, 2015

Mr. Fenton moved to approve the minutes as printed.

Ms. Fiske seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

Mr. Oman stated the next meeting would be June 15th, if necessary.

Motion:

Mr. Fenton moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Mikkila seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.