

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2017
DENNIS PINES GOLF COURSE
4:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Oman, Members Harper, Kidwell, Scibeck, Alternate DeCarolis, Selectmen Terrio

STAFF: Director Cummings, Office Manager Fabiano-Stowe

ABSENT: Member Mikkila

1. HIGHLANDS RESTAURANT LEASE

Mr. Cummings stated the Highlands Restaurant Lease is going out for bid, and the Department is seeking input from the Committee on the requirements for the lessee with regards to opening. The draft RFP has been given to the committee members which outlines the proposed minimum hours of operation. Also, Mr. Cummings noted the minimum annual payment has been raised to \$7,500.00, as the Town will now include basic cable and Wi-Fi along with the additional space from the renovation.

Mr. Cummings explained the minimum hours that is suggested, and noted there could be a stipulation to lessen the hours to be open upon further request by the lessee. Mr. Cummings stated the change in hours is an attempt to lessen the burden of labor and food costs for the lessee.

Mr. Cummings explained this lease will be for three years with only a one year option, as the Massachusetts Procurement Laws have changed.

Mr. DeCarolis asked about the square footage of the restaurant and kitchen.

Joe Walker, Member, was present and asked how the new function of the restaurant would interface with the golfers/membership when an outside function may be happening. Mr. Cummings stated he would like to wait for that to actually become a problem before he even addresses it, but, noted there is language in the RFP/Contract that protects the interests of both the membership and guests.

Selectmen Terrio asked when it was going out for bid. Mr. Cummings stated hopefully this week.

Mr. DeCarolis asked what the members are not supportive of the restaurant operation as a whole.

A discussion regarding the three year term took place.

MOTION

Mr. Scibeck moved to recommend the RFP for the Highlands Restaurant Lease commencing 2018 as proposed.

Mr. DeCarolis seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

2. DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Cummings explained as of the end of October, the Golf Department is ahead of the previous year by approximately \$9400.00. Mr. Cummings further stated that the increase goes along with thirty-one days and sixteen inches of rain between July and September.

Mr. Cummings addressed the Back 9 Play option, stating in fairness to the maintenance staff, that no back 9 play will be available Monday through Thursday at this time, since the grass is still growing and only one golf course is open. Mr. Cummings stated all back 9 play will cease on December 4th.

A discussion of the Highlands Front 9 Renovation project took place. Mr. Cummings stated the project should be completed by the first week in December.

Mr. Oman gave an update on the Clubhouse Renovation, stating it was slowly moving along. The foundation walls have been poured, but, there were some issues with the structural engineer. The inside of the building has been demolished and a construction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (11/14/17). The contractor still expects to have the job completed by the end of February.

Mr. Cummings stated the Department has reached out to the MGA about re-rating the course, and anticipates getting scorecards. We have not heard back from them at this time.

Mr. Scibeck handed Mr. Cummings a sample scorecard that he thought might be helpful.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bill Harris, member, was present and stated there is a light in the parking lot that is not functioning.

Ms. Fabiano-Stowe stated that the MGA will slowly be phasing out the handicap printers at each location, and explained the MGA would like for people to be utilizing the MGA app or website to update the handicaps. At this time, the courses will provide the computer and printers for entry, but, at some point, the club will no longer be able to get supplies to keep them operational.

Ms. Fabiano-Stowe mentioned that the Black Friday sale is beginning on November 19, 2017, and everything in the Pro Shop is on sale (some exclusions may apply).

4. MINUTES

MOTION

Mr. Harper moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Golf Advisory Committee Meeting.
Ms. Kidwell seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

5. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Harper asked about the Veteran's Housing Project/Tournament. Mr. Scibeck stated it was on hold at this time.

6. NEXT MEETING

Ms. Fabiano-Stowe stated the next meeting would be scheduled for December 11, 2017.

MOTION:

Mr. Scibeck moved to adjourn.
Ms. Kidwell seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.