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GOLF COMMITTEE

July 9th 2019 5:30 PM

Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course

MINUTES: APPROVED

Roll Call:	RICHARD ALIBERTI	Present
	GEOFFREY CONVERSE	Present
	JOHN COOKSON	Present
	RON MATROS	Present
	KEITH HOCHSTEIN	Present

ALSO PRESENT: BRUCE MCINTYRE, CHRIS WHITE, JOHN FLORES, MARK ELLS, JIM CROCKER

Interim Chair Hochstein reads statement in accordance with MGL Ch. 30.A.S.20 regarding public taping at meetings- No one responds as taping the meeting

Public Comments;

- Brian Conway asked how the costs for going organic are going to be addressed
- Suzanne Conley asked about what organic products are going to be used on the course
- Bob Weafer mentioned that most courses go 60 / 40 not 100% organic
- Tom Vages suggested more military discounting
- Mike Pajolek talked about the kinds of products that the course are not allowed to use anymore and some of the results we are going to see, i.e. crabgrass, weeds, bugs, and dead grass

Act on the Minutes of the **June 11**, 2019 Meeting

Motion duly made by Richard Aliberti to approve the minutes of the June 11th meeting.

Seconded by Geoff Converse

Vote: 3 for 2 against

Election of Officers- Interim Chair Keith discusses the process going forward.

MOTION Made to keep Keith Hochstein as Chair for the full term made by Richard Aliberti

SECONDED BY Ron Matros VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Election of vice chair on hold until August when hopefully the vacant committee spots are filled

Discussion on Organic Directives

Keith welcomes the Town Manager Mark Ells to the meeting along with John Flores and asks them to say a few words on the organic directives set forth by the town.

John Flores- ultimately we want to protect our water supply in the Town of Barnstable and we want to do everything we can to make it happen. We do understand it's a difficult move but we are here to help.

Mark Ells- sorry to have cause such a stir but we have been using all organic around the Town of Barnstable and in DPW now for a long time and we do feel it is in our best interest to practice the same procedures at the golf course to protect our water supply. Hyannis is directly over some of the main water sources and after the county issues we have had we are paying closer attention to it. Bruce and Chris are working on a plan to make this happen and we are here to help and support the golf courses any way we can. Mark asked Bruce to say a few words.

Bruce McIntyre- We have had many conversations and are looking into all the ways we can proceed per the town directives. Many products that are Organic and OMRI listed we are trying and at the same time putting together a plan going forward. This will take time as we test these products we have not used in the past and see how they work. We will not get the same results as we did in the past and there will be issues. We are seeding more, top dressing more and trying everything we can to keep the course in playable conditions. One of the leaders in the industry Dr. Frank Rossi has been to both facilities multiple times and I helping us with this process a tremendous amount.

Wendell Gates asked about the costs associated with the new plan – Bruce- We will know more about cost once we know what the plan is.

Jim Crocker said a few words, giving his full support to Bruce and Chris and said they are two of the best and they will get it done.

John Cookson asked how long Mark Ells will be here tonight.

Ron Matros- this is all ok but we were never notified or asked at the committee level and he feels the communication could have been better.

Joh Cookson explained that with his finance background it seems the golf courses are in a downward spiral and he is concerned that the expenses are going up so much faster than the revenues. Also now with the new directives how are we going to be impacted and is the Town of Barnstable going to help at all.

Mark Ells explained that we have talked about finances and the courses do have our support and we will do what we can.

John Flores- please do not hesitate to call us on the council anytime.

Geoff Converse asked about selling Hyannis, Mark Ells- the course was bought to protect the ground water

Tom Vages made a few suggested about talking to other courses.

Bruce- we do communicate with other course all the time in many ways

Director of Golf Report – McIntyre

Bruce went of the FY 19 numbers. FY 19 was a good year and we do consider it a success, once the town does all the reconciliations we should be contributing to our surplus once again. We are meeting with Dr. Rossi on Thursday to discuss the issues at the course and the methods we can use going forward. Bruce thanks the entire golf staff for all the hard work they do and working through some of the changes that have been given to them. New plans are going into place and in many cases guys are coming in super early to spray or we have to close the tee sheet for a few hours in the morning. It has been a tough transition so far.

Director of Golf Maintenance Report – White

-First I do not want to repeat everything Bruce said but we are trying out all these new thing and way to do thing and I t is taking a toll on us. We have been thrown into a fire and are doing the best we can. One new thing we are doing is using a very fine sand to top-dress more which we typically do not do this time of year and will cost us more money this season. We are also looking into new equipment to help which will cost more money that we do not have. Also instead of moving the greens 7 days a week we will be rolling them 3 days and mowing them 4 days a week. Also we will be spraying much more so please check the shop or website for closers and delays as they come.

MOTION TO ADJOURN duly made BY Richard Aliberti SECONDED John Cookson

Adjourn 7:11 PM
Respectfully submitted
Wayne R. Malcolm

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

** Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 on demand or at
<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/GolfCommittee> **