

## GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE CORRECTED MINUTES

5 p.m. - TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

GUS CANTY RECREATION CENTER

790 MAIN STREET, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

Present:

Keith Schwegel, Chair, Barbara Dixon, Margaret Ekholm, Richard Boles, Chuck Eastman, Chris Inoue

Also Present: Joe Olenick, Peter Johnson-Staub, Falmouth Country Club's Billy Casper Golf representatives Ryan Phelps, Matthew Burgess, Ry Mutti

1. Welcome: Keith Schwegel opened the meeting at 5:00.

2. Chairman's Report: Keith Schwegel noted that the last meeting of the committee was on 10/30/17. The town government wishes the committee to meet twice a year. The Board of Selectmen would like a joint meeting with the Golf Committee.

3. Approve Minutes: Minutes of 10/30/17 not available.

4. Nominate/Elect Officers:

Chuck Eastman nominated Keith Schwegel for chair and Richard Boles for vice-chair. Barbara Dixon seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

5. Committee Mission:

Mr. Schwegel noted that the mission of the committee was to advise the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager on annual activities and long-term goals of Golf Facilities Operations at Falmouth Country Club.

6. Golf Course Activity Report:

Ryan Phelps and Matthew Burgess reported on the financial performance, maintenance, membership, events, marketing, course and clubhouse improvements and player development efforts. Billy Casper continues to offer many programs and incentives to resident golfers. A safety concern about the area between the 9<sup>th</sup> tee box and the driving range will be looked into. The irrigation system has yielded benefits. On the Cape and nationwide, golf courses are struggling.

7. FY20 Capital Improvements Report:

Peter Johnson-Staub reported that the town has made two \$50,000 payments to Falmouth Country Club in the past two years as per the agreement.

A discussion occurred about the Falmouth Country Club buying used equipment. Peter Johnson-Staub thought that this idea made sense. The Falmouth Country Club would prefer that capital funds be provided for all five years as one payment in the first year to better use the funds. Peter Johnson-Staub was unsure if this was possible because of cash flow concerns for the town. Ryan Phelps will have a capital improvement needs list ready in a week or two.

8. Discussion of Renewal of Golf Course Management Agreement:

Billy Casper Golf stated it was interested in exercising its option to renew for 5 years.

Peter Johnson-Staub stated he would recommend extending the agreement.

8. Report to Selectmen:

Keith Schwegel will work with Peter Johnson-Staub to create a report to the Board of Selectmen and town meeting.

9. Public Comment:

A suggestion was made to hold a public meeting at the Falmouth Country Club. This will be scheduled prior to the committee report to the Board of Selectmen.

10. Adjourn:

At 6:00 the committee adjourned by consensus.

Relevant Documents:

Billy Casper Golf report