



South Hadley Municipal Golf Commission

Meeting Minutes 02/08/2016

Board Members present: George Francis, Bill Foley, Len Finkowski, Jim Brough, Kyle Steinbock, Marc Dubois

Board Members absent: Jeff Millard

Staff Present: Mike Fontaine

Visitor: Selectboard member Bruce Forcier, Town Administrator Mike Sullivan

Bill Foley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

George Francis made a motion to accept the minutes from the 01/11/16 Golf Commission Meeting. Jim Brough seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Announcements / Open Forum:

Mr. Sullivan read a letter regarding an ongoing criminal investigation into missing deposits from the Ledges, totaling \$6,308.

He further stated the operating model at the ledges will change. The Recreation Director will take over the oversight of the Ledges, a PGA Golf Pro will be hired to run the golf side, and kitchen will operate to cater to the golfers. A lengthy discussion on the new operating model, the staffing process, and the Valley View Grille took place.

Michael Parker of the Connecticut PGA is working with the Town Administrator to help with the hiring of the new PGA Golf Pro. The Golf Commission Chair will be invited to participate in the interview process. Per Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Parker said we should be able to attract a good slate of candidates at the salary (\$50K - \$54K) the town will be offering. There was a discussion regarding other available income potential for the golf pro, like giving lessons. Generally speaking, a salaried municipal employee cannot earn other monies while working on town time.

Golf Course Managers Report:

Doug is no longer with the Ledges, so there is no report available.

Golf Course Superintendents report: Mike reported there were some issues with one of the maintenance building doors, and that he has been working to mitigate some drainage issues.

New Business:

A short discussion regarding the golf rates for the upcoming season took place. Marc Dubois made a motion to recommend to the Selectboard that we keep the rates for the upcoming season the same as last season. The motion was seconded by Len Finkowski. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

At 8:42 Mr. Brough made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Finkowski. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
George Francis