

**Golf Commission Meeting
January 6, 2010
Minutes**

Members Present: Don Espach, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Sue Casey; Ron Dray; Dave Galla; Bruce Gerstman; Jim Steidlemayer

Members Absent: George Furkiotis; Tony Johnson

Don Espach called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Budget Approval:

Mr. Espach began the meeting by presenting the Commission with a State of Tashua Golf Summary, which shows an overall favorable situation. Revenues and profits are both up which, barring poor weather or other unforeseen circumstance, could bring our retained earnings to approximately \$400,000 by year-end 2010. We are projected to have record-breaking numbers of rounds on both the Knolls and Glen courses in fiscal year 2009/2010. Potential threats are an increase of approximately \$50,000 in debt payments in fiscal year 2011/2012, poor weather and unexpected damage to the golf course. This summary was presented to First Selectman Herbst and Treasurer Ponzio at a meeting with Mr. Espach, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Dray.

Mr. Espach also presented the Commission with a memo from Mr. Herbst regarding budget preparation. The memo stated “all departments will be asked to reduce their current operating budgets by 2% or develop alternate sources of revenue equating to 2%.”

A proposed budget was then presented to the Commission, which represented a 2% reduction from the 2009/2010 budget. The following budget accounts were reduced from the previously presented budget in order to meet this requirement.

1. Svcs-Professional – reduced by \$10,000. Mr. Brown withdrew for consideration his performance bonus for both the 2009 and 2010 golf seasons
2. Salaries FT and Contingency – reduced to reflect Mr. Nagashima withdrawing for consideration his raise for 2010 as well.
3. Materials Program – reduced by \$10,000 sand to be used in bunker improvement.
4. Equipment Repair – reduced by \$2,000 in work to be done on the maintenance barn.

5. Water – reduced by \$10,000 to more precisely reflect the amount of water anticipated to be used given similar circumstances as experienced over the last 12 months.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget.

Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter was made at 6:55 PM by Mr. Evans; seconded by Mr. Steidlemayer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:05 PM was made by Mr. Evans; seconded by Mr. Steidlemayer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Galla to accept the budget as proposed with the understanding that there may be adjustments in the salary, utilities, and general fund accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM was made by Mr. Gerstman; seconded by Ms. Casey. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk