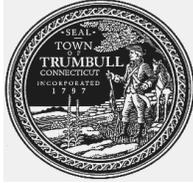


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RULES & RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 3, 2012

Chairman Jane Deyoe called the Rules & Research Committee meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Jane Deyoe, Chairman  
Tony Scinto  
Thomas Whitmoyer

Ann Marie Evangelista  
Fred Palmieri, Jr.  
Vicki Tesoro, Alternate (Not Voting)

ABSENT: David Pia, Alternate and Michael London, Vice-Chairman.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst and Carl A. Massaro, Jr. Town Council Chairman

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The Chair welcomed back the returning members, new members and alternate members.

1. RESOLUTION TC24-2: Postponed to later in the meeting due to Mr. Stapleton's absence.
2. RESOLUTION TC24-3: Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. Scinto.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the reappointment by the First Selectman of Joyce Michaels of 67 Jog Hill Road as a member of the Golf Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2, 2014.

Ms. Evangelista moved, seconded by Mr. Scinto to amend RESOLUTION TC24-3 to read as, "BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the appointment by the First Selectman of Joyce Michaels of 67 Jog Hill Road as a member of the Golf Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2, 2014." Striking the word *reappointment* and replacing it with *appointment*.

VOTE: Motion to amend Carried 5-0.

Ms. Michaels of 67 Jog Hill Road was present and indicated for the record that she has been a resident of Trumbull for 47 years her party affiliation as republican. Ms. Michaels has been the past president of the 9-Hole Ladies League twice; currently she is the membership chairman of the 9-Hole League. She has attended the Golf Commission meetings and is familiar with how they run. Ms. Michaels would like to serve on the commission based on her 20 year experience of playing the course and to represent ladies, especially senior ladies who play the course. She would lend the commission a perspective of women feel about the course. Ms. Michaels is a retired Jane Ryan School teacher, who feels strongly about Trumbull, feels the golf course is an asset and a wonderful facility.

In response to Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Michaels explained that the Golf Commission's responsibility is to run the golf course, the funds taken in need to cover the operational costs completely. The commission oversees that the course is run properly and is responsible for the hiring of the main people in charge of the course. The Commission represents the Town as well as the townspeople. The restaurant enterprise is a long standing contract; it has been there for 23 years. The commission is responsible if there were to be problems with the restaurant. The commission would then bring those issues to management to be resolved. There are 9 members on the commission presently.

In response to the Chair, Ms. Michaels stated that there is one woman on the commission presently, there will be two including herself if she is appointed.  
VOTE: Motion Carried as amended 5-0.

The Chair extended her gratitude to Ms. Michaels for volunteering.

1. Continued from earlier in the meeting.  
RESOLUTION TC24-2: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Evangelista.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the reappointment by the First Selectman of James Stapleton of 6 Winding Way as an alternate member of the Ethics Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 3, 2013.

Mr. James Stapleton of 6 Winding Way was present and indicated for the record that he has been a resident for 6 years, was appointed one year ago to the Ethics Commission by the First Selectman. Mr. Stapleton is a practicing lawyer for last 54 years and had served as counsel to the federal courts on the Grievance Committee. The commission's subject matter is something that interests him and would like to help.

In response to a question from Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Stapleton explained that if there is a complaint under the terms of the local Charter about the ethical conduct of a city official as a commission they take action on the matter and make recommendations; fortunately there has not been a lot of business.

First Selectman Herbst added that Mr. Stapleton is also a former Superior Court Judge. VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0.

3. RESOLUTION TC24-4: Moved by Mr. Whitmoyer, seconded by Mr. Scinto.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the appointment by the First Selectman of Richard L. Delibro of 9 Blackstone Road as a member of the Golf Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2. 2014

Motion made by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer to amend RESOLUTION TC24-4 to read as:

“BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the appointment by the First Selectman of Richard L. DeLibro of 9 Blackstone Road as a member of the Golf Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2. 2014.” Capitalizing the *L* in DeLibro.

VOTE: Motion to amend Carried 5-0

Mr. Richard L. DeLibro of 9 Blackstone Road was present and indicated for the record his party affiliation as unaffiliated. Mr. DeLibro has been a resident of Trumbull since 1976, has been playing golf since 1988, primarily at Tashua Knolls and has come to really enjoy the golf course and its quality. Mr. DeLibro has had guests come in from out of town who can not believe the pool and the grounds. It is a great facility and would like to be part of maintaining it.

In response to Mr. Whitmoyer, Mr. DeLibro stated that he had become interested in the commission and asked if there was an opening and expressed that he would like to serve on the commission.

VOTE: Motion Carried as amended 5-0.

4. RESOLUTION TC24-5: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Palmieri.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the appointment by the First Selectman of Joseph Deluca of 40 Palisade Avenue as a member of the Golf Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2. 2014.

Motion made by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer to amend RESOLUTION TC24-5 to read as:

“BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the appointment by the First Selectman of Joseph DeLuca of 40 Palisade Avenue as a member of the Golf Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2. 2014.” Capitalizing the *L* in DeLuca.

VOTE: Motion to amend Carried 5-0.

Mr. Joseph DeLuca of Palisade Avenue was present and indicated his party affiliation as unaffiliated for the record. Mr. DeLuca is an ex-employee of Tashua Knolls, he had worked at the golf course as a Ranger and Starter for 3 years until his schedule would no longer allow, which broke his heart. He had been asked by the First Selectman's office and some of the commissioners to volunteer. Not being able to work at the course, this is the next best thing, and will to being able to help keep the course as beautiful as it is now. The Commission hires and maintains the level of the Starters and the Rangers which he has expertise in. Mr. DeLuca has worked in Fairfield's Smith Richardson's Course as a Ranger and Starter as well. He had been introduced to the Golf Pro at Tashua Knolls and believes he can mesh ways with to make the golf course smoother and even more efficient in order to be able to better the course. The only interest he has is to make the golf course better.  
VOTE: Motion as amended Carried 5-0.

5. RESOLUTION TC24-6: Moved by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment of Michael Charland of 24 Plum Tree Lane as a member of the Pension Board be and the same for term extending to the first Monday in December of 2015.

Mr. Michael Charland of 24 Plum Tree Lane was present and indicated that he has been a member of the Pension Board since 2006 or 2007 and chairman for the last three years. Mr. Charland got involved because he in the finance profession, eighteen years in GE World and E-Trade, has a brokerage license, was CFO of several small companies and currently is a CEO of a start up company in Windsor, CT. He had joined the Pension Board as a way to give back to the Town. There had been an extensive study of the pension when he had originally joined the board, they do an Annual Report to the Town on how the pension is managed and all of the contracts have gone out to bid as of 2008, the first time in the history of the Pension Board. There has been progress made working with several of the last administrations, including the current administration to get the pension back on track. They have a great board of people who are well represented. Mr. Charland stated his party affiliation as democrat. The Pension Board meets 4-5 times a year typically, last year they met 5-6 times due to the RFQ process for the advisors, the year before they met many more times because they were doing an audit, the first audit of the pension. The Annual Report will come out in February and will then be issued to the Town Council per the Charter. VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0.

There being no further business to discuss the Rules & Research Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk