Golf Course Commission Meeting

Minutes

Date: Monday, April 27th, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Long Hill Room - Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order - 7:30 p.m. by Joe Gaudiano

2. Review and approval of prior minutes - Motion made by Mary Ellen Patzuk, seconded by Shelly Dowling - Voted and approved by all.

3.. Audience Participation - none

4. Director of Golf Properties/Green Committee - Joe Imperio/Shelly Dowling

Report attached

5. Director of Golf - Bobby Brown (absent)

6. House Committee - Tony Ciccaglione

Report attached

7. Concessionaire - Domenick Faustini (absent)

8. Finance - Jay Cunningham (absent)

9. Personnel – Shelly Dowling

10. Customer Service - Regina Evans reported that the 50th celebration of Tashua Knolls Golf tournament was canceled at this time due to not enough sign/up.

11. Golfer Engagement - Maryellen Patzuk - no report

12. Correspondence - We received a thank you letter from Trumbull Schools Fathers Club for their tournament

13. Old Business - none

14. New Business - none

15. Adjournment - Motion made by Pete Caligiure and seconded by Tony Ciccaglione to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously at 8:22 p.m.

Greens Committee Meeting Summary

Date: April 20, 2026
Time: 10:40 AM
Location: Clubhouse Conference Room
Prepared by: Shelly Dowling

1. Course Maintenance and Irrigation

- **Pump house valve** replaced; **the irrigation system** fully pressurized. The **Glen** will be pressurized next week.
- Minor issues remain: a few **leaking irrigation heads** and **2–3 cracked pipes**, expected to be repaired by week's end.
- **The bathrooms** are being pressurized and cleaned for reopening.
- **Winter-damaged turf** is germinating; areas are being **spiked, seeded, and sodded** (notably near hole 11).

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2. Grounds and Landscaping

- **Weed and crabgrass control** halfway complete; two more rough applications planned.
- Area between **holes 7 and 16**: prepped, seeded, roped off; **rock wall restacked** with a walkway gap for players.
- Work continues near **hole 16 pond edge** and other **bare rough spots**; aeration and seeding to proceed around greens and tee banks.
- **Pond fountains** to be reinstalled pending **permit approval** for algae treatment.

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3. Aesthetics and Tree Planning

- Discussion on adding a **maple or oak tree near 16** to restore visual symmetry.
- General consensus: course appearance strong; minor open areas may need additional trees for balance.

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4. Bunkers and Budget

- **Sand replacement delayed** due to budget constraints.
- Proposal: **reallocate funds** from clubhouse consultant budget (~$60,000) to purchase sand and cover overtime costs.
- To be raised at **Finance Committee meeting (early May)**.

5. Greens and Playability

- Current **mowing height**: 0.140 in; plan to reduce gradually to 0.125 for faster greens.
- **Rolling frequency** to increase for consistency.
- **Growth regulators** to be added once turf fully recovers.
- Discussion of **venting vs. aerating** greens to improve airflow and soil health.

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6. Operations and Supplies

- Need for **marking paint** (red and white) for tournaments; inventory check planned.
- Estimated use: 4–5 markings per year.
- **New flagsticks** and **practice-green stencils** to be installed before upcoming events.

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7. Events and Community

- **Town tournament canceled**; potential **fall scramble event** under consideration.
- Discussion on **chipping restrictions** on the putting green; possible redesign to allow limited chipping safely.
- **Father's Cup** and **State Girls' Tournament** scheduled for June.

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8. Action Items

Task	Responsible	Deadline
Finalize irrigation repairs and pressurization	Grounds Team	End of week
Complete weed/crabgrass treatments	Grounds Crew	April 24
Submit sand-purchase proposal to Finance Committee	Joe & Committee Chair	Early May
Inventory marking paint and flagsticks	Bobby & Shelly	April 25
Prepare greens for June tournaments	Grounds Team	June 1
Review putting-green redesign options	Committee & Joe	Summer 26

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9. Next Meeting

- **Finance Committee:** Early May 2026
- **Greens Committee:** TBD (after Finance review)
