

**Golf Course Commission Meeting
June 26, 2023
Minutes**

Members Present: Nate Moyer (Vice-Chairman); Pete Caligiure; Shelly Dowling; Owen Evans; Regina Evans; Dave Galla

Also Attending: Bobby Brown, Director of Golf Operations; Andy Fries, Director Golf Course Properties

Members Absent: Joe Gaudiano; Tony Ciccaglione;

Mr. Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM

Audience Participation:

- None

Director Golf Course Properties/Green Committee (Andy Fries):

- See report attached
- There is some black algae in a few spots. The areas are being treated and should not represent a big problem.
- The condition of the ponds was discussed. The ponds have not been treated in a few years and solutions will be investigated.
- The amount of sand in the bunkers was also discussed. Over 100 tons of sand last year and 20 tons of sand to date this year have been added to the bunkers. Due to the fact that we do not have liners in our bunkers, rocks will always be a problem and rise to the surface.

Director of Golf Operations (Bobby Brown):

- See report attached

House Committee (Pete Caligiure):

- See report attached

Concessionaire (Domenick Faustini):

- No report given

Finance (Dave Galla):

- See attached report
- Mr. Galla introduced a motion to purchase four new utility vehicles for the maintenance department. Two older vehicles recently suffered blown engines and cannot be repaired.

A motion was made by Mr. Galla; seconded by Mr. Evans to approve a transfer of up to \$60,000 from retained earnings to capital for the purchase of four maintenance department utility vehicles. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

- Mr. Galla reported that with the exception of a new truck, none of the maintenance equipment ordered last July will be received in calendar year 2023. Due to the nature of the Town's fiscal year accounting, those Purchase Orders will have to be closed and re-opened for the new fiscal year starting July 1.

A motion was made by Mrs. Evans; seconded by Mrs. Dowling to the closing and re-opening of all Purchase Orders for equipment previously ordered, but not received in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

Personnel (Shelly Dowling):

- Three applicants for the full-time Greenskeeper position are being interviewed.

Correspondence

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Mr. Moyer informed the Commission that Mr. Brian Galioto has resigned from the Commission. He was thanked by all for his work.
- Mr. Moyer also thanked the staff at Tashua for diligently working through difficult conditions and upset customers during the recent prolonged electrical, phone and internet issues.
- Mrs. Plumeau informed the Commission that the Butterfly Emerging Project will continue due to popular demand. Donations this year will benefit the Town's Trumbull Nature and Arts Center

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Galioto at 8:25 PM; seconded by Mrs. Dowling to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk

**Golf Course Commission
Green Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2023**

Members Present: Shelly Dowling (Chair); Owen Evans, Nate Moyer (via phone); Andy Fries; Bobby Brown

Members Absent: None

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon

Topics Discussed:

- The crew has been landscaping the areas around the Miklus Center and the lightning shelter on #17. They have also been using the Ventrac to push back on some of the areas that have been encroaching on the course.
- Small aerification has been done on the Glen.
- Sand has been added to the Glen Bunkers.
- The outside tree company has completed three days of contracted work. Additional work will be performed under the new fiscal year.
- Seeding is occurring on spots that did not take in early spring.
- The rainy, humid weather is resulting in the grass growing faster.
- The irrigation system experienced a power surge when the electricity was compromised on Tashua Knolls Lane. The cost for repairs as \$900.
- The 10-year plan will be distributed at the June Commission meeting for final approval in July.
- The paving plan will be spec'd out for the next fiscal year.
- The job posting for full-time Greensmen has closed and three individuals are being interviewed.
- May Weather Report: Another abnormally dry month in May with only 2.82" of rain with almost 2" of this falling in one rain event.. This combined with a dry April have us at substantial deficit so far this year. Temperatures were slightly below normal with many cool mornings

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Plumeau
Administrative Assistant

June Commission Meeting 2023
Director of Golf Report

June 26, 2023

Tashua Golf Operations

*Demand for play remains strong.

*Tee time availability is becoming tougher on Saturday and Sundays, More complaints are coming in every week.

*Saturday, June 10th - One of the 3 power lines coming into shop blew. UI responded and had to cut power at 3pm. They had temporary power restored by 5:15pm for a Gralor Wedding. When re-energized, our internet modem blew. Town IT responded by 7am Sunday and could do nothing. Spectrum came by noon on Monday. Town came back and had internet restored by 8pm Monday pm.

Programs:

*Lessons and interest in learning the game are strong

*8 weeks of summer camp are underway. Team Tashua PGA Junior team began their season. This program is for boys and girls ages 9-13.

*Our LPGA girls golf program is full for June & July. We feature girls 11-12 and 13-17.

*High School State Championship was a success. We had 15 teams and a total of 76 players. Berlin High School won the States.

*Trumbull Girls golf won the FCIAC conference title. First time in school history

*Men's Club Member-Member had 126 players for their first major event. Chris Houghton was crowned the Senior Club Champion for 2023.

Upcoming Events for July

*July 10th – Westport Police cancelled and moved to October

*July 13th – Ladies 9 Hole Invitational

*July 17th & 18th - CSGA Women's Amateur

*July 20th – Ladies 18 hole Invitational 8am Shotgun

*July 22nd & 23rd – Men's Club Two-Day Member/Member

*July 31st – Special Olympics 9am

**TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COMMISSION
SPECIAL PROJECTS/HOUSE COMMITTEE
Commission Meeting Monday, June 26th, 2023**

Topics For discussion

- 0 Purchase orders set for On course bathrooms for New Doors 7/14/23 and Full interior painting. Target 6/30/23
- 0 Shallow Sump pump for the basement as a back up for water intrusion. NOT Feasible.
- 0 Scoreboard updates with New Gravel/Edging and Railing. Thanks to the Men's Club. Target 6/30/23
- 0 New exterior Clubhouse Painting started on 6/20/23. Color Gray to match cart barn. 7 day project based on weather.
- 0 New or Like in Kind Clubhouse Study has been completed. Expecting conceptual plan and cost 8/1/23.
- 0 Upgrade Cart Barn Bathrooms. New Doors are complete. Will have one single key for all bathrooms.
- 0 Monitoring Pumping in the Septic Systems. Two Pumps now replaced. No Major issues YTD.
- 0 Upgrade Cart Barn Bathrooms. Purchase orders set. New Flooring repairs and glaze. Completion 6/30/23.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Ciccaglione -- Head of House Committee



Tashua Knolls Golf Course
Finance and Budget
June Meeting - 2023

Income

April Revenue -

- Total rounds
 - Knolls – up 15% YOY and 33% over 5-year average
 - Glenn – up 14% YOY and 34% over 5-year average
- Income
 - Knolls – up 11% YOY and 44% over 5-year average
 - Glenn – up 32% YOY and 45% over 5-year average

- Cart Rounds up 12% YOY and 36% over 5-year average
- Total income up 14% YOY and 31% over 5-year average

Rounds	2022	5-yr. Avg.	2023
Knolls Rounds	6,380	5,511	7,317
Glenn Rounds	2,746	2,336	3,139
Cart Rounds	6,114	5,166	7,037

Income	2022	5-yr. Avg.	2023
Knolls Income	\$292,340.00	\$225,663.30	\$324,983.00
Glenn Income	\$ 62,027.00	\$ 56,258.00	\$ 81,577.00
Total Income	\$383,688.00	\$332,707.92	\$436,616.00

Expenses

Expense reports not available at the time of report submission.

Miscellaneous Finance

- End of Fiscal year approaching
- Purchase order transfer
- Retained Earnings FY 2022-2023