

MINUTES
MAY 10, 2016 MEETING,
OF THE COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CCMC),
HELD AT THE SOUTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB (SSCC).

Members Present: Jack Bailey, Rod Gaskell, Scott Peterson and William Friend.

Others Attending: James McGrail, SSCC's Director of Operations and Thomas Belyea, the Hingham's Advisory Committee liaison to the CCMC, were both present for the entire meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, at 9:05 AM. The members in attendance constituted a quorum. This quorum remained present throughout the meeting.

As the first order of business, the Committee reviewed, corrected and unanimously approved the minutes of the April 14, 2016, CCMC meeting, instructing the Secretary/Clerk to make any other necessary modifications he deems necessary and appropriate, before forwarding the approved minutes to the Town for posting.

Following the Committee's approval of the prior meeting's minutes, Jay McGrail updated the Committee on the status of the previously approved pool-monitoring program, including the crack monitoring work currently being done by Apex Engineering. Explaining that the crack monitoring efforts are necessary so that Apex Engineering can issue the agreed upon assurance letter, allowing the pool to open for the upcoming season. Jay McGrail added that the engineering firm would continue to monitor the building for movement, using the crack monitors placed on the structure supporting the pool.

Jay McGrail then advised the Committee of recent informal discussions concerning the long-term viability of the current swimming pool and ideas being considered for its replacement with an indoor/outdoor pool. He noted that these discussions are still in the very early stages and considerable work must be done before any proposals can be made or pursued.

Jay McGrail then presented a financial report, reviewing revenues and expenses for the month of April and the year to date results through the May 8, 2016 weekend, comparing the results achieved to the financial results for the same periods in the prior year and the current year's budget projections. He noted that while revenues were generally good through March, April revenue was impacted by considerable rain on the weekends and was not a good month. He also reported on golf memberships, which appeared to be ahead of plan, noting that he was expecting to receive further membership sign-ups when the weather improved.

Jay McGrail then advised the Committee of complaints he has been receiving from a golf-course abutter, explaining that the new owner of property (adjacent to the 15th hole) is concerned about golf balls landing in his back yard. Jay McGrail explained that prior owners of this property had not advised him of this problem. But, he had taken several steps, including the relocation of the tee-box area, for the 15th hole, to respond to the complaints of the new owner. Unfortunately, the relocation of the tee-box for this hole has met with considerable resistance from the golfers and he will be considering better long-term solutions, if and when funds are available to do so.

During the Committee's discussion of new matters, Jay McGrail and William Friend reported that they had been working with Hingham's Historical Commission on a grant application they intended to make to the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Jay McGrail explained that the requested funds, if granted, would be used to restore the utility building (green-house located behind the 9th green) that was damaged by winter storms. Adding, that any funds received would first be used to restore the boiler that currently does not work and that plans were to then install handicap accessible bathrooms and a patio to serve the golfers.

William Friend and Jay McGrail concluded the meeting with a discussion concerning the future composition of the CCMC, noting that the Board of Selectmen had been requested to renew Scott Peterson's term, which expires June 30, 2016. Alternatives were then discussed with regard to William Friend's term, which expires June 30, 2017.

Thereafter, on motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
By William K. Friend
Chairman and Secretary

