

Town of Ridgefield – Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

Town Hall – Floor 3

January 8, 2025

6:30 PM

Unapproved

Present: Mr. Tyrrell, Mr. Colamaria, Dr. Mindich, Mr. Ippoliti, Mr. Gherardi, Mr. Desrosier (alt)

Absent: Mr. Mischenko, Ms. Potter

Public: None

Staff Present: Golf Director and General Manager, Mr. Sergiovanni

6:30 - Meeting called to order.

Minutes from 12/18/2024 were approved. Motion made by Mr. Gherardi and seconded by Mr. Desrosier. All were in favor.

Public Comment

N/A

Update from Mr. Sergiovanni

Course:

Bridge on hole #10: The new bridge was delivered and installed last week. We were a bit unlucky as recent rains made the path to the worksite very wet, but the delivery could not be delayed. With some extra effort and assistance from the Superintendent, the bridge was installed successfully. Material will be installed throughout the winter ramping up and down on either side of the bridge. The old bridge has been removed and that area will be dressed up. The new walking bridge on the right side on the fairway will be installed prior to the start of the season.

The crews continue to work on tree maintenance and equipment repairs.

A capital budget request in the amount of \$350,000 for tee box renovations has been submitted to the Finance Director and First Selectman. We are hopeful it will be approved by the Board of Selectpersons and forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Golf carts: The lease has been signed. The increase costs, some attributable to higher interest rates, are part of the budget submitted to the Finance Director and First Selectman. At this time, we have not gone forward with the two way communication between the carts and the pro shop because the lack of consistent cellular service does not support the cost of \$900 per month. Nonetheless, Club Car is going to give us a one month free trial to verify the cellular service, we will probably due the trial in May and have our cart users test the system.

Financials:

The first half of the fiscal year has us ahead of our revenue goal. It was the best first half ever. The Board of Finance will most likely increase our revenue goal for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Sergiovanni submitted a proposed rate schedule for next year with rate increase of about 10%. There was no rate increase in the current year and we are continuing with a program of increasing rates every other year.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

None

7:15 pm - A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Colamaria and seconded by Mr. Desrosier. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. The Committee then attended the Board of Selectpersons meeting.