



**Strawberry Valley Golf Committee
Monday, July 20, 2009
Town Hall, Abington, MA**

Committee Members:

Present: Mark Chirokas, Chairman, Steve Wakelin, Donald Hart & Frank Lane

Reminder - Next meeting starts at 6pm

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Chair, Mark Chirokas
- April, May & June meeting minutes were tabled for August meeting.

Mr. Lane suggested that the town own the golf course phone number to keep it consistent regardless of who manages the course. The phone bill could be forwarded to the management company monthly.

Mr. Lane feels videoing the course and running it on the cable station might elicit some interest in playing there.

Town Appreciation Day:

Committee suggestions to promote day:

1. Advertise on cable TV
2. Put on AHS billboard sign
3. Distribute flyers in schools

Mr. Chirokas mentioned he'd like to explore the shotgun start that Mr. Lanzetta recommended in more detail and Mr. Hart feels Mr. Lanzetta is in the business and knows what works. Mr. Hart suggested that the committee ask Mr. Lanzetta to explain the shotgun start format in more detail and just how it would affect the flow of golfers.

Capital Plan:

Mr. Hart recommended the Capital Plan discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Chirokas asked the committee to look over the plan and note any thoughts to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Lane asked about the pump house upgrade and mentioned the fairways stayed green two years ago when the weather was hot and sunny all summer.

Mr. Chirokas feels the committee needs real numbers and he doesn't want to rush the irrigation project.

Mr. Wakelin suggested Mr. Chirokas rework the capital plan with updated suggestions from the committee.

Mr. Hart motioned to table the discussion until Mr. Chirokas talks to CALM golf about some of the projects on the plan. Mr. Wakelin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Lane asked Mr. Chirokas to add the land acquisition to the plan.

Mr. Wakelin would like to see a copy of the Strawberry Valley Golf Course financial statement showing the transfer of funds from the enterprise account to the Park and Recreation Department account along with the monthly rental deposits from the course and the house. Mr. Chirokas said he'd ask Mr. Warren and Mr. Salmonte for these reports. Mr. Lane motioned to request a monthly financial statement, Mr. Hart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Hart asked for a copy of the original charter.

Mr. Lane asked what the committee has to do to find out if the land adjacent to the course is still available. Mr. Wakelin volunteered to visit Trufant Real Estate to inquire about the land.

Mr. Lane commented the course never looked so good and Mr. Wakelin remarked that the clubhouse is also looking good.

Mr. Hart motioned to start the next meeting at 6:00pm, Mr. Wakelin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Wakelin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm, Mr. Hart seconded the motion, and all were in favor

Assessment of Meeting:

Mr. Chirokas – suggest to Mr. Warren the town own the phone number.

Mr. Chirokas – ask Mr. Lanzetta to explain the shotgun format and put on the agenda

Mr. Chirokas – get a copy of the financial statements and a copy of the charter

Mr. Wakelin – visit Trufant regarding land for sale

- Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary Pat LaBrecque

Next meeting:

Wednesday August 5, 2009 @ 6:00pm
Strawberry Valley Golf Course