



## South Hadley Municipal Golf Commission

**Date:** February 13, 2018

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** South Hadley Recreation Department – Town Hall

**Commission Attendance:** Mark Du Bois, Mike Wozniak, Chris Collins, Len Finkowski

**Staff/Other:** Andy Rogers, Mike Fontaine, Bruce Forcier

**Excused:** Jeff Millard, Joan Hopkins, Kyle Steinbock

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order – Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm
2. Approval of minutes; January 9, 2018 - Approved
3. Old business:
  - a. RFP:
    - i. Update on process – The Select Board is looking at an RFP looking at three potential options for potential bidders to consider:
      1. Contracting
      2. Leasing
      3. Licensing
    - ii. Commission members discussed information to send to Allen DePuy, Colliers Golf Course Advisory Services
      - Pre-bid meeting attendance by any potential bidder should be mandatory
      - What will the minimal qualifications be for potential bidders?  
Bonded?
      - References – how will bidders (potential bidders) be vetted?
      - Will bids be accepted in pieces? Golf/restaurant/maintenance or as a package?
      - Will a sub-contractor be allowed to run a part of the business (chosen by the winning bidder) once a bid has been approved?
      - Maintenance of the course should be very specific to meet current maintenance standards.
      - The commission believes the greatest opportunity potentially exists with the operation of the restaurant.



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- The commission feels the course has not reached its full potential due, in part, to the physical space available at the course to allow for larger functions.
  - The committee would like to see potential improvements in the following areas:
    - Cart paths
    - Bunkers
    - Irrigation
- b. Annual Pass Credit Request – The request to credit a pass from last year was not possible.
  - c. Staff 2018 season – Returning staff have been asked to complete a new application.
  - d. Valley View – The restaurant will be open and ready once the leagues are up and running.
4. New business
- a. Outing/League Update for 2018 season –
    - i. Leagues – there will be an additional league on Monday. Tuesday looks solid again. Wednesday is solid again. Two of the four leagues on Thursday have moved on. This will allow more 18 hole rounds on Thursday. Friday night league is likely returning. The morning leagues will continue as before.
    - ii. There has been no communication that any of the annual outings from last year will be leaving us.
  - b. PGA Junior League – Struggling a bit with this. Not having a PGA professional right now is a bit challenging. Andy feels we will make this work in some way to support junior play this year. This is a priority for James and Andy.
5. Golf course superintendents report – Between the heavy thaw and the rain, some of the cart paths and some of the traps are in extremely poor condition. This is the time of year when it is imperative that we keep folks off the greens and other wet areas with all of the rain and frost coming out of the ground. Mike is currently talking with some tree companies to do some clean-up from some winter damage. It is all up to Mother Nature at this point...
6. Open Forum – N/A
  7. Next meeting date: March 13, 2018
  8. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 8:20