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Golf Course Advisory Committee Meeting March 13, 2025

In Attendance: Councilor Nathan Fennessy; Councilor Jennifer Kretovic (Chair); Linda Mattlage; Gary Darby; Bob Whatmough; Jim Tanner; Mack Bean; Charlie Randall; Phil Davis; Pat Lanman; and Brian LeBrun.

Excused: Chris Mulleavey, Fran Hunt, and Roger Jobin.

1) **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the February 20 meeting were not voted on and will be considered for approval at the April meeting.

2) **Pro Shop Update:**

- Phil noted that there are three weeks remaining of the simulator league.
- Spring pro-shop inventory orders are arriving.
- Staff is getting the driving range ready. There may be a soft opening of the range this weekend due to the warm weather that is anticipated.
- A Taylor Made fitting day is scheduled for this Saturday, which is sold out.
- The course is applying to the PGA again this year for a Diversity & Equity grant.
- Phil will be working with the Parks & Recreation Department to offer golf lessons/activities at the Citywide Community Center during April school vacation week.
- Outings are being scheduled.
- New restaurant vendor is doing a great job.
- Memberships are on track with last year. Phil noted he is seeing an uptick in Monday through Friday Senior memberships.
- Councilor Kretovic requested that Phil periodically provide an update on resident memberships.

3) **Course Update:**

- The course is transitioning from winter operations.
- Ski trail grooming is completed for this year.
- Staff have been walking the course and picking up debris.
- The snow and ice on the course are melting slowly and naturally.

4) **New Business:**

- Jim Tanner commented on Marcy Charrette's recent communication in which she points out that Beaver Meadow is not, in fact, the oldest golf course in NH, as has been stated by the City. Jim expressed his opinion that this is by no means a "conspiracy". He indicated that he knows of at least three courses in the state that claim to be the oldest; and that he knows of several in his hometown that claim the same.
- Jim Tanner indicated that he has seen three different mission statements for Beaver Meadow. He suggested that staff work on narrowing it down and coming up with one new mission statement.

- Jim Tanner noted that he has received several complaints from 5-day members that the course is closed too often on weekdays for outings. Phil indicated that, generally, outings are held in the mornings, and the course opens in the afternoon. Phil said he understands the members' frustrations, and said it's a balancing act managing use by members, greens fee users, and outings.

5) 5 Minutes of Public Input:

- Craig Savage, a committee applicant, was in attendance and indicated that he is looking forward to joining the committee should his appointment be approved by City Council.

6) Adjournment:

- A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 AM with a unanimous voice vote.