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#### Public Meeting Notice

## GOLF COURSE LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE KICKOFF MEETING

January 26, 2022

2:00pm-3:00pm

*This meeting will be virtual on Zoom with registration instructions posted on the Golf Course and Recreation websites.*

Dear Neighbors,

We invite you to participate in our public design review process for the creation of a Landscape Master Plan for the Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course. A Golf Course Landscape Master Plan Design Review Committee was formed at the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. The Kickoff Meeting will be the first in a series of meetings where neighbors and members of the public can provide comment and listen to the presenters all in the effort to provide the best possible collaboration. A tentative agenda is below. We look forward to the prospect that you will be able to join the meeting virtually. A highlight of the goals of this master plan process are as follows:

Improvements will include:

- Creation of comprehensive plan to address functionality, playability, aesthetic appeal and consistency of architectural design of the 18 hole golf course and practice areas.

**Functionality will be a top priority in this plan.**

- The plan focusing on providing consistent playing conditions throughout the variety of weather impacts.
- Drainage, wetlands improvements, overall irrigation overhaul, agronomical practices, and accessibility should be incorporated into any improvements/changes proposed.
- The plan will take into account the footprint of the 18 hole golf course and efforts should be to minimize its footprint on the property to create more recreational or environmental sustainable areas.

The Robert T. Lynch Golf Course was designed by Wayne Stiles and John Van Kleek in 1933. A goal of this Landscape Master Plan will be to restore the golf course using time period aesthetics and architecture to create consistency in all features throughout the golf course.

**Due to the high traffic rate of the golf course, the following are expectations the Master Plan will address:**

- Adequate teeing areas and design on all 18 holes
- Variety of tee options for different abilities
- Reduce the distance between holes traveled for the walking golfer
- Tree management plan focused on yearly selective tree removal, pruning, and planting
- Bunker design that matches the original architectural intent and consistency throughout the golf course
- Creek and wetlands management plan that allow for proper drainage of the golf course to accommodate heavy rains and neighborhood storm water.
- Greens will be researched for the restoration of architectural/landscape contours, green speed consistencies, and playability throughout the golf course.

At this Kickoff Meeting, our proposed agenda of topics that will be covered in this meeting is:

- Future Meeting Dates
- Overview of goals for the Master Plan
- Overview of the process to develop the plan
- Golf Course Architect introduction
- Golf course historical perspective
- Review of proposed resident and golfer survey
- Public Comment

For additional information, please contact Justin Lawson 617-879-5683.

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