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OCTOBER GREENS UPDATE

1. LABOR UPDATE

Recent labor search turned to be very successful. We acquired 4 new employees to help us finish out the remainder of the golf season and work on fall projects. All of these employees plan to return and stay part of the turf care team into the 2022 season, potentially leading to less turnover next year! Great news for West Shore! Layoffs for some seasonal employees will begin in November.

2. GOLF COURSE UPDATE

- A. Native Area grow “ups” have begun. It is important to remember that these grasses may not grow as high as we like and first and may just become very dense, we will continue to assess these areas as the native areas continue to mature.
- B. With the very nice fall we have had so far, the leaves are just now beginning to turn and drop from the trees. Leaf clean-up will be a priority in the next month before the first snow fall and mowing and course set up repetitions may be reduced to ensure this can happen before the crew is laid off.
- C. Two weeks ago, we completed several agronomic practices to continue to make our golf course the best it can be! We deep tine aerified the greens, again aerified them with our normal machine, then sand top-dressed them all on Monday. In addition, during the week the fairways and tees were aggressively double vertical mowed to reduce the amount of thatch in the short cut playing surfaces. Again, these practices are crucial to maintaining quality turf.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Native Seeding planned for hill to the right of 1 & 18, and the hill to the right of 12. These are to be killed and re-seeded with the desired grasses for our native areas here at West Shore!
- B. Construction of the putting green expansion will begin this week. During construction feel free to use the putting green where there is still grass. The general rule of thumb should be if there is not grass, I shouldn't be walking here. Please help me police this all this fall to help ensure there are as little setbacks as possible.

