

Property: Newton Commonwealth Golf Course

Newton Conservators Conservation Restriction Monitoring-2022

BACKGROUND:

1. **NAME OF PROPERTY** Newton Commonwealth Golf Course

Address of Property 212 Kenrick St, Newton, MA 02458

Newton- Assessor Data Base # 72039 0017

2. **Current Property Owner and Address—if City of Newton, Department Responsible for Property**

Newton Parks & Recreation Commission: (617) 796-1500;

"Robin McLaughlin" <rmclaughlin@newtonma.gov>

Telephone # (617) 630-1971, **Email:** newtoncommonwealthgc@gmail.com

Is there any knowledge of the property being transferred, leased or sold? Not aware of any plans.

3. **Date of Inspection** Nov. 17, 2022

4. **Monitor/s** Larry Smith, David Backer

5. **Name of Owner or Representative Present During Inspection**

If Owner Not Present, was Owner Contacted Prior to Visit Yes ___ No X

Method of Contact or Attempt emailed Pro Shop prior to inspection; confirmed by Manager, Albie Bargoot (albie.bargoot@gmail.com)

INSPECTION VISIT:

6. **Briefly Describe the Nature and Methods of the Site Visit**

Walked perimeter and interior of golf course, noting conditions/changes from previous year, and taking photos.

7. **Current land use: also list and describe any changes in land use since last inspection, if none, so state**

Grounds are in similar state as in previous year.

Dirt, chip, and leaf piles placed by woods in central area. [waypoint 1]

Firewood stack near central storage area appears larger. [waypoint 2]

Gravel piles maintained along cart path near 3rd tee. [waypoint 3]

8. List any man-made alterations since the last monitoring visit, (i.e. construction, dredging, clearing of fields, trail work, tree work, invasive plant removals, etc.) and note location(s) on the route map and attach maps, photographs, and illustrations as helpful.

The main culvert seems to be in the same state as observed in previous years.

No proposed addition to the maintenance building, as noted in previous years.

9. List any natural alterations since the last monitoring visit, (i.e., flooding, fire, insect infestations, tree damage, invasive plants, etc.). Note the location(s) on the route map and attach maps, photographs, and illustrations as helpful.

Invasive Bittersweet still along fence near the 12th tee, and fairway. [waypoint 4]

Normal fallen branches and leaf accumulation.

10. List areas in need of discussion or review (depositing/dumping, wetland alteration, excavation, residential structures, tree or shrub removal, agricultural structures, damage to the property, etc.).

Golf course may be running out of space in the central debris composting area, and has created more piles in the central wooded area and along the perimeter woods. [waypoint 5] [waypoint 6]

- culvert repair still needed, as previously noted. [waypoint 7]

11. Monitor comments: list any other observations or comments, information requests, etc. Also note any rare or unusual plant or animal life or sign thereof seen.

- the central pond appears healthy, with many cattails. [waypoint 8]

- native plants and pollinators could be added, especially along the perimeter of the course.

12. Are there any items that monitors should be aware of pertaining to future visits, including land owner contact or access to the property?

- copy of final CR report should go to David Stowe

13. Are the terms of the Conservation Restriction being upheld? If not, explain?

- terms are generally being upheld within reasonable expectations

14. Do the owner(s)/representative(s) seem familiar with the terms of the Conservation Restriction?

- no first-hand communication with owners/representatives for this report

15. Is any follow up needed? If so, why?

- communication with Conservation Commission about debris piles, tree cutting

16. List attachments to this report (route map, photos, notes, etc.). Be sure provide a route map of the path walked and locations where on-site photos or other observations were made. Sign and date all materials.

of ___ Ground photographs 8 Maps 1 Illustrations ___ Aerial photographs

___ Other, explain: (see below)

Name of Monitor/s (please print):

Larry Smith, David Backer

Signature of Monitor/s:

Larry M. Smith

David A. Backer

Date: Nov. 22, 2022

Waypoint	Photo ID#	Photo File	LocationDescription	Direction	Subject Description
0		wyptmap20-small.png	Aerial view, golf course*		annotated map w/ waypoints
1		1-DirtPiles.png	central storage area		dirt, chip, and leaf piles in woods
2		2-WoodPiles.png	path near central storage area		firewood stack near central storage area
3		3-GravelPiles.png	cart path near third tee		gravel piles along cart path
4		4-bittersweet.png	perimeter fence along southern boundary		bittersweet along 12th fairway, south border
5		5-DebrisPiles.png	path by central storage area		Additional debris piles
6		6-DumpArea.png	central storage area		central debris dump filling up
7		7-Culvert.png	path crossing over culvert		culvert in need of repair
8		8-Ponds.png	central pond		cattails around pond area

NOTE: All photo captions are BELOW photos



Aerial View, golf course, with Waypoints shown



1 - dirt, chip, and leaf piles in woods



2 - Fire wood stacks near central storage area



3 - Gravel piles along cart path



4 - Bittersweet along 12th fairway, south border



5 - Additional debris piles near central storage location



6 - Central debris dump filling up



7 – culvert disrepair



8 - Ponds with cattails