

## **MGC Executive Committee Meeting with Keenan Flanagan at Rockland Golf Club on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**

Not being experts on golf course irrigation systems, members of the Executive Committee met at the Rockland Golf Course to ask a series of questions including the following:

- (1) When did Rockland Golf Club install your irrigation system? What was the major reason the system was installed?
- (2) What was the cost of your system? How did RGC pay for the system?
- (3) What company did you purchase the equipment (sprinklers and pumps) from? Why did you select this company?
- (4) Who installed the system? Why did you select this company? Did you experience any unexpected costs during the installation? How long did it take to install the system? What months of the year was the system installed?
- (5) Does your system allow you to water tees, greens and fairway separately?
- (6) When does RGC open and close for the season? What date this year did you first use the system to water the fairways? Realizing every year is different - over the months of June, July and August what would typically be the average number of days you would use the system to water the greens?, the tees? and the fairways?
- (7) How many employees do you have on your payroll to maintain the RGC course?
- (8) How many of these employees operate the irrigation system controls? What type of training is required? Where are the system controls located?
- (9) What additional costs have you incurred because of the installation of your irrigation system?
- (10) Have you had any major repairs needed in your system?
- (11) What do you anticipate will be your first major expense as a result of installing your system?
- (12) What is the source of the water in the quarry from which you draw water?
- (13) How many gallons of water do you normally draw daily during the height of the summer season?
- (14) Is your system also hooked up to use Rockland city water? Have you ever used Rockland City Water?
- (15) What is involved in starting up and closing down your system? How much time is required for these operations?

- (16) Have there been any surprises as a result of installing your system?
- (17) What happens when you have an unexpected leak in the system? How do you know you have a leak in system? What do you do to shut off the system?
- (18) How many sprinkler heads do you typically replace each year? Why do they need to be replaced? How much inventory of spare parts do you maintain for the system?
- (19) When your system was installed did you encounter ledge? How did you handle?
- (20) If you were starting all over again in installing a system, what would you do differently?
- (21) What would be the current activity at RGC today if you did not have an irrigation system?
- (22) Do you receive any complaints from employees or golfers as a result of having an irrigation system?
- (23) What advice can you provide to MGC as we consider investing in an irrigation system?