Meeting Minutes

Town of East Haddam
Black Birch Golf Course Feasibility Study Committee
Special Meeting

Date: May 19, 2026
Location: Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Room #2

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, & Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Ponanski at 7:00 PM in Meeting Room #2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Committee Members Present:
Alan Ponanski (Chair), Mike Morris, Jef Wolter, Dan Zimmerman, Donald Lorusso, Steve Longobardi.

Members Absent:
Jeff Miller (Secretary)

Additional Attendees:
John Hale, Owner/Manager of Rolling Meadows C.C., Ellington, CT

2. Approval of Agenda

The Meeting Agenda prepared by Chairman Ponanski was reviewed by the Committee and a motion to approve was made by Wolter, second by Morris and approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

None.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

5. New Business

No new business was discussed.

6. Executive Session

The Committee went into Executive Session at 7:10 pm on a motion by Ponanski, second by Longobardi, and a unanimous vote. The purpose was to discuss confidential financial information, cost estimates, asking prices, property valuations, and details of contractual relationships with John Hale, who is the principal owner of several golf courses in CT, including Rolling Meadows C.C. and formerly managed Black Birch G.C.

Chairman Ponanski returned to Regular Session at 8:30 pm stating that no motions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion by Wolter, second by Morris, and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Miller
Secretary, Black Birch Golf Course Feasibility Study Committee