

Moth, turtle project obstables

The local planning and appeals boards have approved a golf course in South Plymouth, Mass., but state officials may nix it.

The presence of the endangered eastern spotted turtle and the rare barren's buck moth on the 200-acre site of a proposed 18-hole golf course is causing the holdup.

Developer Richard Ridder of Whitman, Mass., must submit extensive environmental impact reports to show how construction and maintenance of the course would affect the habitat, ground water and area ponds on

the land.

Massachusetts Environmental Affairs Secretary John DeVillars said Ridder must prove the project "can accommodate the healthy proliferation of the plants and animals unique to this area."

The project, including 13 houses and a clubhouse, would be in the vast Plymouth pine barrens.

Ridder proposed the course after Plymouth's planning board opposed a 100-home subdivision in the isolated region. The new plan gained planning and appeals board approvals last year. But the state then stepped in.

'Model Club Rules' deals with laws facing private clubs nationwide

"Model Club Rules," a compendium of more than 70 suggested rules for private clubs, has been published by the National Club Association, according to NCA President George Squibb.

Written by Fred L. Somers Jr., an NCA director and past president, "Model Club Rules" was compiled with help from more than 50 private club officials in the United States.

"The rules have been crafted with the intent of helping a club preserve its right to privacy, notwithstanding an ordinance such

as New York City Local Law 63," Somers said.

Model Club Rules treats subjects ranging from alcohol to gratuities, reciprocity and valuables.

Model Club Rules is a checklist for the club management team that wants to address all important questions clearly so as to avoid misunderstanding on the part of members and their guest, according to NCA Executive Vice President Gerard F. Hurley.

Issued to all regular NCA members, Model Club Rules is the latest addition to NCA's Club Direc-

tor Reference Series, a collection of extended studies and guides designed especially for private club officers, directors, managers and owners.

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Residents fly to session to be heard

The developer of two resorts on Hawaii's Lanai island flew 30 residents to Maui to ask the Maui County Planning Commission not to further delay development of the second resort and golf course.

Commissioners wondered if the residents, 90 percent of whom rely on the company to earn a living, were forced into the flight by developer Castle & Cooke Inc. But they said they were not forced.

The commission decided the 154-acre expansion of Lodge at Koele does not require an environmental report. The expansion would enlarge the resort to 632 acres and allow a larger golf course and more land around houses.

The commissioners did, however, require an environmental report on plans to more than double the acreage of the Manele Bay Hotel project from 395 to 868 acres to allow a new 18-hole course.

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ment recreation projects, Jung said. The committee's "no" vote infuriated Fasi, Jung said.

"This opportunity to create, for our people, the best recreational infrastructure in the world, may never present itself again," wrote the mayor in a letter to Council Chairman Arnold Morgado just prior to the committee's vote.

The council has until July 15 to act on Jurigi's offer. But it may never reach the full council for a vote if the five-member Budget and Finance Committee fails to recommend its passage.

Two Human Services Committee members who voted against Jurigi's offer also serve on the Budget and Finance Committee. Coupling their votes with that of Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John DeSoto, who has announced his opposition to the plan, already gives opponents enough votes to defeat the measure.

"But it's not over. The mayor plans a full-court press on the public and the council," said Jung.

The budget committee was scheduled to act on the proposal June 26.

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