

April 6, 2013
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Contact:
Mark J. O'Neil, Sr.
860-510-0657
moneil@essexgolfgroup.com

Petersham Country Club Purchased By Harvard

Petersham, MA: One of the oldest golf courses in Massachusetts, Petersham Country Club, was purchased by Harvard today. Country Club leaders retained the services of The Essex Golf Group to find a new owner for the financially struggling club.

Petersham Country Club was designed and built by world-renowned golf course architect Donald Ross and first welcomed golfers on July 4, 1924. The Club prospered throughout the twentieth century, but like many courses and clubs in New England, the current slump in the economy and changing member demographics lead to financial hardships.

The Club is contiguous to a large tract of land owned by Harvard called Harvard Forest. Harvard Forest has not yet determined a long-term plan for the property but a spokesperson stated that they “will continue the strong tradition of conserving open space and maintaining public access in concert with our research and educational mission.” It is not known whether Harvard Forest will maintain the existing golf course.

William Page, a longtime member and Treasurer of the Club stated “it was a shame that the Club had to be sold. There are many great memories for a lot of people that center around activities at the Club. Petersham Country Club became the hub of social life for many area residents. The closing of the Club will be a tremendous loss for our community.”

The Board of Directors of Petersham Country Club retained the services of the **Essex Golf Group** to market the club to potential buyers. Essex Golf handles the marketing and brokerage of golf course properties throughout New England and the east coast. The company’s “*Interim Management Service*” provides clients with the security and confidence that their assets are being managed professionally and cost effectively during the transition process.

For more information on the Essex Golf Group, contact Mark O'Neil, Sr. at 860-510-0657 or via e-mail at [moneil@essexgolfgroup](mailto:moneil@essexgolfgroup.com), or by visiting www.essexgolfgroup.com.

~End~