

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY  
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012  
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**Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.**

Chairman Larson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Larson, Anthony Marino, Michael Perrone and Greg Solocius

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chris Vastola

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Caisse, Assistant Golf Superintendent, Craig Kealey, Golf Pro Consultant

**ALSO ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- September 24, 2012 Regular Meeting and October 10, 2012 Special Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Michael Perrone, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2012 Regular Meeting and October 10, 2012 Special Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were none.

**PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

There were none.

**GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kealey was present and came forward to report that he met with Sandy Marino regarding what his needs were for the microphones and paging system. He said that he thought about it and they are done with everything this year regarding outings. He also asked if it would be wiser if they wait until next year to install this.

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He noted that there is a Men's turkey shoot in two weeks.

Mr. Perrone inquired who asked for the microphones, at which time Chairman Larson noted that the commission decided on it and they approved the funds at the last meeting.

After a brief discussion the commission decided that they should install it now and they don't have to wait until next year.

Mr. Kealey noted that they slowed down considerably in October. He also said this is the first rain month. He noted that they had a nice run this weekend. Also, he advised the commission that the Men's and Women's association are dwindling fast. He also noted that most of the golfing population is aging without enough young people coming through. He also said that the Men's and Women's association is the base of their business and he thinks it would be smart to help them. He noted that the commission has done a lot regarding the season passes; they gave them a \$75.00 discount last year.

Chairman Larson said that the commission members feel the same way and they wouldn't forget. He noted that there will be discussions regarding rates over the winter months. He also said if the economy turns around next year maybe it will help.

Mr. Marino commented maybe over the winter they could invite the Men's and Women's association to see what ideas they have.

Chairman Larson said that's a good idea and they will invite them in November.

Chairman Larson inquired if they did anything with the message board. Mr. Perrone said he was working with the secretary and she found one. Mr. Perrone suggested that they purchase a board that they could write on.

**GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Caisse was present and came forward to report that they got hit with a lot of rain; 4 to 6 inches. He noted that the whole course was cored. He questioned if they could cut the trees on the 4th tee, at which time Chairman

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Larson indicated that they cannot totally eliminate them but there is nothing preventing them from modifying.

Mr. Caisse informed the commission members that they will remove the two trees in the middle. He also suggested that they would like to sod there.

Mr. Kealey inquired if they were going to sod this year or next year, at which time Mr. Caisse said they are not sure right now because they are very busy with the leaves.

Chairman Larson noted that they could expand there. Mr. Caisse said down the bottom they were thinking about a few things. He noted that the main thing is that they need to get water there.

Mr. Perrone said it is a great idea sodding and he was wondering if that was budgeted.

Mr. Caisse said they talked about this before. He also noted that Mr. Vastola has budgeted for sand, sod and loam.

Chairman Larson noted that there is money in the budget. He also suggested that Mr. Perrone could be present when they speak with the Mayor and Mrs. Bruce during budget time so if there are any changes he would like done he can ask.

Mr. Caisse noted that they don't know what projects they will be doing until they have time. He also inquired about the bids for the pump, and inquired if they could have Mr. Tiso come and pull out the pump and put it back, at which time Chairman Mr. Larson said it is ok.

Chairman Larson inquired if the boat is still parked at the course at which time Mr. Caisse replied yes. Chairman Larson explained to the commission that they are liable for any accidents. He also noted that he will be calling the gentlemen to have it removed.

Mr. Caisse noted that they will be detining on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the leaves are keeping them busy.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they did a good job around the club house.

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Mr. Caisse said they have a good worker and it would be a shame if they lost that kid. He noted that he is a hard worker and he is not afraid of doing anything.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*Review of Line Items.*

Mr. Perrone said he knows that they had Mrs. Bruce at the previous meeting. He said he is looking at the GL account and he said he doesn't understand all of those numbers; what he is questioning is "revenue control and expenditure control" he feels that it is money going in and out.

Chairman Larson said he cannot explain it any better. He noted that he could speak with Mrs. Bruce.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Carts

Mr. Kealey advised the commission members that the plan was that the gentleman was going to come on his day off to install the cart covers and windshields which were free. He also pointed out that he has to come when they are not playing golf, so they agreed to push it back. He also said he hopes to do this in the next three to four weeks.

- Expansion Project

Chairman Larson noted that he doesn't have anything new to report. He said there is no word on it yet maybe in the spring they will hear something.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS**

There were none.

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**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

Rates  
Men & Women's association  
Paging System  
Cart Windshield and covers

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon **MOTION** by Michael Perrone, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman Robert Larson  
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

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**Dolores Distiso  
COMMISSION SECRETARY**