

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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: Greg Solocius, Robert Larson, Anthony Marino, Michael Perrone and Chris Vastola (arrived at 6:45 pm).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: David Caisse and Craig Kealey, Golf Pro Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon **MOTION** by Michael Perrone, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to approve the .April 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Larson informed the commission that he has two requests one from Michael Sautter and the other one from James Dolan for their refunds for their 2012 season passes (see attached). He also indicated that they have a refund policy and after April 1st they prorate the refunds.

Also, Chairman Larson indicated that he wrote a letter to Mayor Dunn, Chairman Valletta, and Mrs. Bruce regarding Mr. Kealey's contract for approval.

He informed the commission that Mr. DiNunzio is applying to the State for his restaurant license and he needed a copy of the annual analysis report of our water system.

Mr. Solocius informed the commission that he has the signed contract from the restaurant for the cleaning of the facility, at which time Chairman Larson noted that it has to go to Town Attorney Brian Tynan for his review. Also, Mr. Perrone was wondering if they could attach it to his lease.

Chairman Larson said he doesn't think that is good idea.

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After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Anthony Marino, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to approve the refunds based on their refund policy. (Michael Sautter \$480.60 and James Dolan \$234.32).

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 they got their power washer fixed and they washed the fleet of carts. He also mentioned that he had the golf team come to the golf course; they volunteered to do some work around the golf course. He said that he wanted to thank the commission for the privileges that the golf team gets.

He also mentioned that Paul Schwab called him today with whom they have been dealing for 12 years regarding the carts. He said that Mr. Schwab said their carts right now are worth \$1,300.00 a piece and two years they will be worth of \$1,000.00 to \$1,100.00 and they are nine years old. Mr. Schwab proposed to him a 4 year lease at \$100,000.00 after buying their carts. Mr. Kealey said his opinion is that they are a used cart business.

He mentioned that they are in the same pattern with the rain. The Men's and Women's' association is down in money and play and they are still making money.

Mr. Marino asked Mr. Kealey if he is going to see the golf team again and he inquired if they could write a letter to the golf team to acknowledge their efforts and our appreciation.

GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Caisse was present and came forward to report that the 1st tee is done. He also noted that they opened the 9th tee and the 15th tee. He also mentioned that they are going to try something different with the greens next year.

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Mr. Perrone questioned how many times they cut the greens, at which time Mr. Caisse said they cut them 5 times a week.

Mr. Caisse said that Fred is working on the right side of fifth plugging, seeding and it is coming in now. He also has been working the on the seventh. He also noted that nothing has been done with the cart path. Mr. Perrone said he spoke with Mr. Kalinowski about that and they probably won't see him because he is busy with the road construction.

Chairman Larson inquired if Mr. Kealey could give him a count on the carts with and without rain jackets.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Vastola said he has written out some purchase orders for mulch, sand, lime and additional fertilizer. He noted that they had a bill for \$937.00 for the power washer and they do have monies in the line item. He also noted that they used \$5,900.00 for the cart repairs. He also noted that he has nothing out of the ordinary.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marketing

The commission members had a lengthily discussion regarding marketing opinions and they settled on the following:

Upon **MOTION** by Anthony Marino, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to run \$19.95 specials for the weeks of June 18th, 25th and July 2nd and to run current ads with the restaurant for Thursday and Saturday starting on the 14th, 21st, and 28th for a total advertising expense of \$120.00.

Mr. Perrone said while they are discussing marketing he wanted to know if they could talk about the website. Mr. Vastola indicated that they cannot do anything until next year at which time Mr. Perrone noted that the proposal that they have is very reasonable (see attached).

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Chairman Larson said he had a proposal too but he cannot remember what it was.

Mr. Marino suggested that they should discuss this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Larson noted that Darlene Tynan is the coordinator for Grants and other things for the town. He informed the commission that she has filed an application for a federal grant for their expansion project for open space. He noted that the numbers are not available as of yet but they are substantial and he doesn't know what it will end up at but when he knows he will inform the commission members. He informed the commission that the state will not provide them one dime for the driving range. But if they want to place a pavilion with a large area open behind the building which they will pay for the clearing of that area. He also noted that is not approved but it's in the works.

He indicated that they placed the money in next year's budget, so they need to get the information for what they want to do. He said he is going to call some contracts to get some primary quotes.

Mr. Marino inquired if they received the \$25,000.00 for the expansion project at which time Chairman Larson said yes.

Chairman Larson mentioned that he received some phone calls regarding lights being left on in the men's and women's lockers. He informed the commission that he would like to purchase automatic switches for them. He noted that the costs for automatic switches are between \$75.00 to \$125.00.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Anthony Marino, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**