

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY  
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 6:35 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Solocius, Robert Larson, Chris Vastola, Anthony Marino and Michael Perrone (arrived at 6:40pm).

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Caisse,

**ALSO ABSENT:** Craig Kealey, Golf Pro Consultant

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon **MOTION** by Anthony Marino, seconded by Chris Vastola, it was unanimously voted to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2012.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Mr. Kealey was not present.

**GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Caisse was present and came forward to report that he has not yet obtain the two quotes for a new pump that the commission is waiting for. He hopes that he will have them for the next meeting. He also noted that the pond is dropping. He also noted that they cored the tees and started some

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of the fairways; he indicated that they only cut the tees once a week but in the past they use to cut them three times a week He also said they didn't cut the fairway last week. He informed the commission that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> hole is a slow process and they over seeded them. He said hopefully next year they will learn from their mistakes and they won't go through this again. He also noted that Fred has a weeding agent that they just got. They hope this stuff will work. He also noted that they will be lowering the greens mower down each week. They probably will lower it to 125.

Mr. Vastola inquired if they had any mesh for the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole at which time Mr. Caisse said that is a good idea. He also noted that they will purchase some.

Mr. Vastola added his compliments to the 14th.

Mr. Caisse added that Mr. Kalinowski stopped up and he said he will start in a couple of weeks on the paving. Chairman Larson asked if he mentioned anything about the 6<sup>th</sup> hole that washed out, at which time Mr. Caisse said he will mention that to him.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*Review of Line Items.*

Mr. Vastola said he has nothing.

Mr. Perrone said it looks good, and that we are managing their expenses.

The commission members had a brief discussion regarding the cash report Fund 31 at which time Chairman Larson said he could have Mrs. Bruce come and explain to the commission the process.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Larson said he e-mailed the commission members the history of Farmingbury (see attached), at which time Mr. Perrone said it is a great start and that's what they want to place on the website. He also noted that he will be meeting with Darrin after the meeting tonight. Mr. Vastola said what's important is placing the rates and the specials on the website.

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Chairman Larson said the only other thing he would like to discuss is the luncheon special and asked if there been any change of thought. He noted that they have continued with this and it has been successful. His opinion is that 80% of people are walking in the door wanting to play golf and they are being told there is a \$20.00 special with lunch.

Mr. Perrone said he didn't finish the spread sheet yet but Mondays round averaged 51, Tuesday rounds are 33, Wednesday are 35, Friday is still the big day. He said he looks at the true data.

Chairman Larson said the true data is not true data. He said if you stand behind the counter the people who come in want to play golf and are being offered the special. He noted that a real test would be to have a coupon so they could track it.

Mr. Perrone said he was going to get the number of rounds last year from Mr. Kealey but he didn't get them.

Chairman Larson pointed out that we changed our rates, our marketing approach and increased advertising. He thinks Farmingbury Hills and the restaurant benefit from the process and wants to finish the year out with the Monday special.

At which time Mr. Vastola offered a motion to continue through the season with the Mondays specials as were are now and we reexamine this over the winter so next year they can track it.

Mr. Perrone said he agrees with the motion. He wants to continue it. Mr. Kealey mentioned to him that last year in the fall that they had a special running until the end of the golf season.

Chairman Larson said once their play goes down then they offer that special. He also mentions that he would like to see the website formalized.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to continue with the Monday special through this golfing season and review during the winter.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- PA system

Mr. Marino informed the commission members that he received two quotes for the PA system: one is for the deck and the restaurant and the cost for that is \$1,100.00. The other one is for indoor and outdoor with 6 speakers and the cost for that is \$1,191.00. He also noted that he checked with the Pro. He noted that Mr. Kealey wanted an indoor system. Also, they talked about a portable one and Mr. Kealey said he didn't like that. He also mentioned that they should speak with Sandy's regarding what they need for the system.

Chairman Larson said they will place that on the next agenda.

Mr. Perrone inquired if they were moving on with the course expansion at which time Chairman Larson said he has been in contact with some contractors regarding a pavilion and they are still waiting to see if they will be receiving a grant.

**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 Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman Robert Larson  
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

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**Dolores Distiso  
COMMISSION SECRETARY**