

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013
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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, Greg Solocius, Chris Vastola, Michael Perrone and Anthony Marino

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Kealey, Golf Pro and Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 8, 2013 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular 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 to report that he has one issue with the golf carts. He noted that so far in the first 3 weeks they had 24 carts that needed repairs. He added that he has five more carts down. He pointed out that they have the six men scramble coming up this weekend and he is concerned about the way things are going with the carts. He added that he made some calls to see what they could do and whether or not the commission could approve him getting more carts. He noted that from his point of view he is going to

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need 5 more golf carts for this week because of the way they are breaking down.

He informed the commission members that he is looking to rent some carts for now. He advised the commission members that he called Mickie Hawks and he said he will rent them carts for \$110.00 per cart. He added that he said it has to be at least a minimum of 10 carts.

He then added that he called Paul Schwab with Club Cart who has been serving us for years and he said he would rent them 4 carts without any problem. He noted that he would charge them \$125.00 per cart for 4 months; May, June, July and August and offer them September free of charge.

Mr. Kealey said if they decided to purchase a new fleet they would receive bids from Easy-Go and a new player, New England Golf Carts, which represent Yamaha golf carts.

He noted that he got in touch with Paul Schwab from Club Car. He said if they wanted to start a new lease for a new fleet of carts they will offer \$1,550.00 a cart which totals \$55,800.00. If they were able to do it and take that amount of money and apply that amount of money to their lease which would be for 36 new carts on a five year lease it would be \$14,500.00. The 36 new carts won't be available until June. He added if they wait until August he would give them another \$200.00 for each cart and they will be 2014 carts. He added that they offer a 5 year free service just like before. He noted that he would give them 10 carts now until they get a new lease. He added that they need carts now.

Mr. Vastola said he agrees and they are going to exceed their budget for the maintenance for this year. He added that he was at the course and he noticed that 10 carts were down. He said in his opinion he thinks they did well for 2 years. He added that maybe they should think about exploring other avenues.

Chairman Larson said he agrees and they have to work out something. He inquired if there is a problem with the repair guy not coming at which time Mr. Kealey said he has been coming every week.

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The commission members and the Pro had a lengthy discussion regarding the issue with the golf carts. Chairman Larson said he will have to speak with Mrs. Bruce, the financial officer, to see what their options are.

- Special

Chairman Larson stated that they spoke about the Monday specials and the commission could not come to an agreement.

After a brief discussion the following motion was offered:

A motion was offered by Chris Vastola to keep their prices as is, as voted in December. Chairman Larson said there is a motion on the floor and he is looking for a second, at which time no seconded was offered.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they have a rate set already at \$24.95 and if someone wants to change the rate then they can.

Mr. Vastola pointed out that they had a discussion back in December.

- Advertising

The commission members had a discussion regarding advertising and the commission said they made motion to allow the Pro to spend up to \$500.00.

Also, they had a discussion regarding other specials at which time Mr. Kealey said he would like to implement Tuesday's Deal from 7:00am to 10:00am with two players with a cart for \$30.00.

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Anthony Marino, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted for "Tuesday's deal" 7:00 am to 10:00 am for two players with a cart for \$30.00 to run from May until the end of June.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to report that the new Watertronics panel has been installed in the pump house. He added that one pump is up and running. He added that Fred checked it for leaks and there were a couple of heads that failed and one feed to the 2nd hole which is under repair

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now. The other pump will be up and running this week. He added that they had to upgrade the electrical there and that should be completed this week.

Chairman Larson inquired if Mr. Cullen reviewed the (Watertronics) contract at which time Mr. Cullen said that Mr. Carey was checking on some things.

Chairman Larson said he needs to know about the crane. In the contract (Watertronics) there is a statement that says crane to remove existing pump and install new pumps in sled.

Chairman Larson said he didn't receive a bill from Tiso for placing it back in. He added that he wants it to be clarified, at which time Mr. Cullen said he will get it clarified.

Mr. Cullen noted that the dump truck piston had to be rebuilt and it is costly. He added that Mr. Kalinowski said because they use that dump truck for the winter they will fix it and he saved them \$750.00.

He also mentioned that the 9th green had some heaving and they are fixing that.

Mr. Cullen inquired about the status on the insurance claim for the 4th hole. Chairman Larson said they received an estimate and they are waiting for the police report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Vastola said he has nothing additional as they discussed earlier.

Chairman Larson noted that they have 60 days left on their old budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- Specials
Was addressed already

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- DeVito's monument

Chairman Larson noted that he has not heard back from DeVito family.

- Fence

Chairman Larson noted that he looked at the fence and driveway and he will write a letter.

- Advertising

Was addressed already.

- Pump Payment

Was addressed already.

- Carts

Was addressed already.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Mr. Polzella, 13 Lindsley Drive, Wolcott, CT, was present and came forward and stated he joined the CSGA in Connecticut which gives out specials to golf courses. He stated that the fee is \$40.00. They list courses in CT, Maine, New Hampshire and Mass that they can go to. He said for an example the \$24.95 Monday special at the golf course. He looked at Blue Fox run which is an 18 hole golf course; they pay no greens fee a \$25.00 fee for a cart, they give them a \$5.00 token for the driving range and \$5.00 token for lunch which means the course gets \$15.00 for their cart. He added if they look at the list their fees are in the 20's. He stated in his opinion the \$24.95 is not a special if people see what the CSGA has to offer. He noted if he goes to the 40 course he will pay an extra dollar. He said his own personal opinion is that he thinks they are pricing themselves right out of the market.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn 7:55 p.m

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**