

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 13, 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 22, 2013 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 22, 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 the surveillance cameras are not working. He noted that he got in touch with Maximum Security and they evaluated the situation and they said that they need a new DVR and the cost for that is \$600.00.

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- Cart Vandalism

He also mentioned the cart situation. He indicated that they removed the security cable of the outside carts. He noted that one of the carts was driven off which was found by the police near the lake and the other cart was driven into the pond and they had to fish it out. He also said he will evaluate the one cart to see if it could be fixed.

Chairman Larson advised the commission members that he notified the Mayor's office by e-mail (see attached).

Mr. Kealey noted that he will get an estimate of the damages and the replacement of the cart.

- Fence

Mr. Kealey noted that he called Mr. Paulo regarding a fence and he recommended a 14 x 28 with a 6 foot gate and the cost for that is a minimum of \$2,000.00.

Chairman Larson inquired if there were any results regarding the Tuesday's special at which time Mr. Kealey replied no. He noted that he placed an ad in the local paper and the website. He added that May is slow.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present to report that the water pump project is completed as of May 8th. He added that he and the crew received some basic training on the equipment and it was demonstrated by Bob Silliman and it is up and running.

Also, on the 9th of May he contacted John from John's Lawn to get the go ahead for the insurance job for the trees on the 4th hole. He added that they have been ordered and they are in the ground and they have to be dug up, burlaped and delivered. He added that it will take about two weeks and once they are delivered the job will be completed within two days.

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that the insurance company of the person who caused the damage notified the town that they will select one of the two bidders. They chose John's Lawn Care and they

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didn't give them any options on that. He added that it was for \$12,000.00 and that's for 18 Arborvitaes. He noted that they have the check.

Mr. Cullen inquired about the lighting on the outside of the building. He noted that he had Jimmy Carey change the bulb above the carts and he said it is not the bulb, the wiring is burned out. He added that they need an electrician to fix it.

Chairman Larson said the electrician that they use is Joe Cherubini.

Mr. Cullen recommended that they should place some motion sensors too on the corner of the building, at which time Mr. Vastola said next fiscal year.

Chairman Larson requested that Mr. Cullen obtain some prices on motion sensors.

Mr. Cullen also mentioned that they did beautification around the club house. Also, he indicated that they did some sodding hoping to get it all down today but there was an accident on the highway and the delivery came late.

Chairman Larson stated that a friend of DeVito family has advised him that the family is interested in a memorial in an area to be determined. He inquired if Mr. Cullen talked to anybody about this at which time Mr. Cullen said he hasn't heard anything about that.

Chairman Larson noted that he will speak with her.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Vastola informed the commission members that he had to do a transfer of \$3,000.00 from line item "course expansion" and transfer it to "cart maintenance" because they exceeded the \$8,000.00 for cart repairs.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Specials

Chairman Larson mentioned that he had lunch with Mr. DiNunzio and said he would like to do something with the lunch specials. He asked Mr. DiNunzio if he would make some modifications relating to advertising or pricing on how much they will charge. He added that they have enough input on this issue and he said sure.

Chairman Larson advised the subcommittee that they will have to work it out and find out what Mr. DiNunzio wants to do.

Chairman Larson said he would like to do something with advertising at which time Mr. Vastola said they will have to do a transfer.

Mr. Perrone noted that they should have sat down and came up with a plan and say this is what they would like to do; place 8 ads and each ad would be \$200.00 each and then approve a transfer and have a plan regarding the size of the ads, where they were going to place the ads and what they will say.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to request a transfer of \$1,000.00 from Course Expansion to Legal Public Notice, pending the approval of the council.

- DeVito's monument

Was addressed already.

- Pump Payment

Chairman Larson explained to the commission members that Watertronics was the name of the company that did their pump and in the bid for the pump it included the cost of the crane placing the pump back in the pond. Also, they hired Paul & Richard Tiso to place the pump back into the pond. Watertronics is deducting the \$500.00 from the cost of their pump. He added

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that Tiso's bill was forwarded to Watertronics and they have received confirmation and have requested a payment date from them. He noted that he doesn't have any further information on that. He indicated that he wanted the commission members to understand what happened.

- Carts

Chairman Larson said he has been in touch with Paul Schwab. He added that he called him and he has some alternative plans. He was going to get the information to me before the meeting tonight but he did not. He was going to put together a proposal and email to me. He added when he has the information he will structure a letter for the commission members. He also mentioned that this will have to go out to bid. He added that their next meeting is canceled due to the holiday and if they need to have a special meeting he will let everyone know.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Cordone 2013 Season pass refund

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to refund Mr. Cordone his (2013) season pass.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Tony Gugliotti, 21 Colman Drive, Wolcott, CT 06716, was present and came forward to bring an issue to the commission. He handed out a letter and read it into the record (see attached). He would like the commission to reconsider their policy restricting Senior passes to allow anyone to be able to purchase a season pass if and when they actually turn 62 (but not before), and not be restricted to some arbitrary date. Also, he would like the commission to clarify the daily rates.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**