

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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:

- May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 13, 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 correspondence from Mrs. Persell inquiring if she could distribute Avon information, at which time Chairman Larson stated that he forwarded it to Mrs. Carozza and she noted that she would look into this.

Mr. Perrone said in his opinion if it is not pertinent to their business at hand they should probably not do anything because if they do for one, they will have to do it for everyone.

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Mr. Kealey reported that the golf course is doing ok when they are open. He noted that Saturday, Mr. Cullen and his staff were able to get the golf course open in the afternoon and they made \$1,100.00 for the day and they did a great job. He pointed out that they deserve a lot of credit for their hard work.

He also noted that the carts are not breaking down regularly. He noted that money is tight and since their last meeting they were talking about advertising. He informed the commission members that the Waterbury clubs are advertising on TV now. He added that someone told him that they were running a \$15.00 special, so he called East Mountain and that was not the case. They have a \$21.00 and \$30.00 special for 18 holes; we are better on both.

- Monday Special

Mr. Kealey informed the commission members that he has spoken with Mr. DiNunzio and he was unsure if he wanted to do anything. He added that Mr. Garland spoke with him and he thinks Mr. DiNunzio is willing to do something.

Mr. Perrone added that Mr. DiNunzio wasn't really interested.

Mr. Kealey said the proposal was to have the Monday special at \$19.95. He noted that Mr. DiNunzio was willing to take a dollar less than he did last year. He also added that no one arrived at any other price.

Chairman Larson inquired if he was a reluctant negotiating with Mr. DiNunzio on his part.

Mr. Kealey said from his point of view the Monday special they wanted to bring back for the \$19.95 and Mr. DiNunzio was going to take a dollar less than last year.

Mr. Perrone said Mr. DiNunzio didn't flat out say no, there was a lot of reluctance on his part. Mr. Perrone added that he had a very good conversation with Mr. Vastola who shared some of his thoughts, and ideas. He thinks that now that they obtained some input from Mr. Garland but not officially, he had spoken to Mr. DiNunzio. He suggested that they should have a meeting to define what they're asking him to do.

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Chairman Larson stated that they could invite Mr. DiNunzio to their next meeting and the commission agreed.

Mr. Kealey noted that he has one other issue. He advised the commission that Mr. DiNunzio has parties on the weekends and what is happening is the people from the parties are going outside and they are taking the golf carts and driving them around. He added that it is a problem and he thinks they have to address this.

He noted that other golf courses have volunteer starters and rangers because when the economy went bad they compensate them by giving them a season pass for a certain amount of work that they did. He added that it saved them money on their budget. He indicated that this might be a way for them to do something and in the future that would give them a little more coverage on golf carts. He noted that Saturday is the issue. He added that Sunday is taken care of. Mr. Kealey said he would like the ball running to see where the commission stands. Mr. Kealey said what he would like to do as of July 1st is to place a starter on Saturday for coverage.

Mr. Vastola had concerns regarding guidelines, hours and who will be keeping track of it.

Mr. Kealey said he thinks the ground rules should be set up by the commission. He informed the commission members that he will have to construct a schedule.

Mr. Perrone asked what they are trying to do with the position.

Mr. Kealey said on Saturday they don't have a starter on the 1st tee. They run it right out of the Pro shop. On Sunday they have a starter who can watch the golf carts and give them more coverage.

Mr. Perrone suggested that they should keep the keys in the club house and return them when they are done with the carts. Mr. Kealey said they tried this before.

Chairman Larson mentioned during the day he has not seen that going on. His thought is that if they get down towards the end of the day the last person in with the cart takes the keys and places it in a box. He said he is reluctant to start a program while they are looking for a starter and giving away free

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passes. He noted that they should resolve it in house and they have to define it better.

Mr. Perrone stated that if they are looking to offer something volunteer wise, why can't they look at making a service that no one else offers; like a valet service for high school kids and give them something volunteer wise.

Mr. Kealey said that is not a bad idea.

Chairman Larson pointed out that the issue is the carts on weekends and if they take the keys out, he feels that will take care of the issue. When someone takes the carts out after 5:00pm they tell them when they are done and bring the key back to the Pro shop. He also added that he is not too crazy about Mr. Kealey's volunteer program and he understands it and he feels that they could solve this another way.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to report that the ice machine broke and the cost to fix it is \$1,950.00 but to purchase a new one the cost is \$1,881.000 (see attached). He noted that they will have to install it themselves and they are placing it behind the restaurant. He added that it has to be secured or have some type of structure around it. Also, there has to be electrical work done on it. He called Joe and he came and asked him for a price and the cost for that would be \$250.00. He indicated what he would like to do is take it in for the winter and then place it back out when the golf course opens.

Chairman Larson said the key is to secure the ice machine, at which time Mr. Cullen said they need to place something around it so that no one can steal it.

Mr. Vastola stated that he will find the \$250.00 for the electrical that they need, at which time Mr. Cullen said they will build something.

Mr. Marino inquired if they were locked in to this contractor, at which Mr. Cullen said no. Mr. Marino suggested that they should call another electrical contractor to see what their price is.

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Chairman Larson pointed out that they are not locked into Mr. Cherubini. He is the one that wired the building and when they have problem he fixes it.

Mr. Cullen noted that the other quote was for the existing light where the carts are stored outside of the building. He noted that the unit is no good; the cost for the light is \$200.00. He added that he wants \$135.00 to remove and replace so the total cost is \$335.00.

- Golf Cart Gates

Mr. Cullen stated that they discussed placing a 6x6 chain and he went to purchase it today and he came up with something better which is more secure. He noted that there was not much difference in price. He installed it in two locations one in front of the maintenance building and it is done. The other one will be installed on the other side. The total cost for both are \$170.00.

Mr. Cullen mentioned that Paul Garland asked Jeff Albert from A&M Alarm's systems to come and gave him a price on placing a camera out there. He added that the cost for that would be \$2,500.00. Mr. Cullen inquired about dummy cameras; Mr. Albert will be getting him a price for that.

- Stumps on the forth tee

Mr. Cullen inquired if they could remove most stumps on the 4th tee. Mr. Cullen also inquired about the 5th tee and he spoke with Mr. Bove about it.

Mr. Larson said the commission does not have any authority to barter rates; they are restricted. He would happily do that for you if he had the authority. He would have to speak with the Mayor.

Mr. Cullen noted that Mr. Bove didn't give him a price as of yet.

Chairman Larson said the stumps on the 4th tee and they are not that big and the Public Works Dept. have a backhoe.

Mr. Marino inquired if they could rent one, at which time Mr. Cullen said the cost is about \$150.00.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they can utilize Mr. Bove for stumping.

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Mr. Cullen informed the commission that he would like to bring water up to the front lawn.

Mr. Vastola questioned is the money better spent in beautification or the golf course.

Mr. Cullen stated that the front of the building is the first and last place they see when they come to the golf course. He thinks it is money well spent.

Chairman Larson inquired what the cost would be for that, at which time Mr. Cullen indicated \$4,800.00 from C.R.I.S Irrigation (see attached).

Chairman Larson asked Mr. Cullen to hang on to that.

Chairman Larson said the only thing he has fencing in the carts.

Mr. Cullen noted that they could build something. The only thing they need is a little of material which won't cost much.

Chairman Larson said they had a quote and it was for \$2,000.00.

Chairman Larson informed the commission that the lines were painted in the parking lot by Mr. Carey and Mr. Kalinowksi authorized him to do and there was no charge.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Vastola reported that he has one invoice for the new ice machine and the cost of that is \$1,881.00. Also, he noted it is the end of the fiscal year and they have nothing left. He noted that they have money for emergency if needed.

Mr. Perrone mentioned that what's the most concerning is that they only have taken in year to date \$462,398.00 and spent year to date \$514,000.00.

Chairman Larson said there are years when they were in the plus and many that they have been in the negitve and they are in the negative now.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Specials

Addressed already

- Carts

Mr. Larson informed the commission that he has the cart bid specifications and they will be going out to bid tomorrow. He will be meeting with Mr. Smith to go over the process. He added the he has information from Club Car and he needs some things clarified.

- Tuesday special

Chairman Larson inquired about the Tuesday special; he wanted to know how it is going.

Mr. Kealey said it is better but he has no report or numbers; he will have to get them numbers.

- Mr. Gugliotti requesting our policy regarding senior passes.

Mr. Larson noted that at the last meeting they received a letter from Mr. Gugliotti about the senior rates and passes. He noted that he went over his letter and he came up with a plan, at which time he handed to the commission members (see attached). He noted that he developed a pro-rated plan for persons who turn 62.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Michael Perrone, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adopt the senior pro-rated season pass plan as presented (see attached).

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Mr. Larson mentioned that Watertronics has not paid Mr. Tiso as of yet. He also mentioned that they are going to purchase a top dresser. He also added that he has not heard anything regarding DeVito's monument.

Mr. Perrone indicated at this time they could take DeVito's monument off the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Michael Perrone, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**