

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY  
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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.**

Vice Chairman Greg Solocius called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chairman Greg Solocius, Anthony Marino, Chris Vastola, Michael Perrone, and Chairman Robert Larson (Arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Anthony Marino, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 10, 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 and came forward to give an update on what's happening at the golf course. He advised the commission that they are not going to reach what they did last June. He added that they have a lot of down time and a lot of slow periods. He advised the commission members that Mr. DiNunzio is not coming tonight because he has a party and he apologizes. He noted that Mr. DiNunzio said he would be happy to review any proposals from the commission regarding Monday nights or other nights.

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- Tuesday Special

Mr. Kealey informed the commission members that he has the numbers for the Tuesday special and he doesn't think it is productive at all and it is not working. He added that they are not making any more money and there are people switching from playing on Wednesday and Thursday to save five dollars to play on Tuesday mornings, so he is recommending strongly that the commission abandon the Tuesday Special after tomorrow (June 25, 2013). Having said that, he wishes that Mr. DiNunzio was here tonight and he wishes that he had the opportunity to hash this issue out once and for all. He pointed out that offering the Monday luncheon special for \$19.95 like last year would add an additional dollar. He noted that offering the Monday special would be the best thing that they can do to bring attention to the golfers. He pointed out that the golfers are asking if they will be offering the luncheon special and if they are going to do it again. He stated that this seems to be the most successful. He added that having the Monday special brought in more golfers.

Mr. Perrone questioned if the course is closed on Saturday (June 29th) at which time Mr. Kealey replied yes.

Mr. Kealey explained that Alcott school is having an outing and they had their outings at Hawks Landing and they didn't have a big enough group to play and they wanted to know if they could have it at our golf course. He noted that they called him about Farmingbury and he spoke to Mr. Larson about it. He added that he might have violated policy. He went ahead based on his conversation that he had with some of the commission members. He advised them that they have to take the whole course and they are. He added that it is going to a successful today. He stated that they gave him a \$500.00 deposit.

Mr. Vastola pointed out three or four years ago the commission decided if someone wanted the whole course and guaranteed 64 people they would allow it.

Mr. Perrone said he is not opposed to it but he said he is concerned about the average player on Saturday mornings. The regulars who play on Saturday mornings are not able to play in the middle of their golf season.

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Mr. Solocius pointed out that he has not heard any complaints, at which time Mr. Kealey said he heard there were a lot on the weekend and Mr. Larson heard them.

Mr. Perrone pointed out that this should have come before the commission.

Mr. Kealey said he will take the responsibility for this and as long as he is the Pro, if anything comes up in the future for outings he will bring it to the commission for their approval.

Chairman Robert Larson arrived at 6:40 p.m. and presided over meeting from this point on.

**FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to report that the cart path gates are installed and completed. He added that the only things they need are signs and he spoke with Officer Bender and he said they will get some signs.

He noted that the stump grinding is completed on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> tee, 4<sup>th</sup> fairway and the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway.

Also, on the 19<sup>th</sup> they received the ice machine; it is here and he is waiting for some money so they can build a shed and have it attached to the building and secure.

Also, Mr. Ciccio completed the electrical work and replaced the light on the maintenance building.

They cleared a large area in the back of the maintenance building for storage. He added that they cleaned that area out alongside the fuel pumps.

He noted that the only other issue that was brought to his attention is some people from the restaurant are driving up the sidewalk with their vehicles, and the sidewalks are coming apart.

Chairman Larson said when they have a delivery he told them they can park in the parking lot and then utilize a course utility vehicle.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*Review of Line Items.*

Mr. Vastola stated that he has nothing to report.

- Cart Maintenance

He noted that they started off with \$8,000.00 for cart maintenance and they made a transfer of \$3,000.00 which brought them to \$11,000.00 and they exceeded that. He mentioned going forward with the bid process for the new carts; he thinks this is something that they need badly and the commission members agreed.

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that the bids for the carts were published in the newspaper and the bid opening is July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Town Council Chambers. He added that they only received one bid so far from Club Car.

- New Rate Policy

Chairman Larson inquired if everyone received the (new rate Policy) for the senior season passes (see attached). He added that it is on the website. He mentioned that Mr. Gugliotti came up to him and thanked him for the efforts on the commission's part.

Also, Mr. Marino said he spoke with Mr. Gugliotti and he was very happy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Specials

Mr. Marino advised Chairman Larson that he missed the early part of Mr. Kealey's report at which time he would like to entertain a motion based on Mr. Kealey's recommendation.

A **MOTION** was offered, by Anthony Marino, seconded by Michael Perrone to eliminate the Tuesday morning specials, effective the first week of July.

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Chairman Larson questioned why they want to eliminate the Tuesday Special at which time Mr. Kelley explained that he did the numbers and it has not paid off or received a lot of attention.

Mr. Marino added that it was something that they tried and it didn't pan out.

Chairman Larson called for a vote on the above motion which **carried** unanimously by voice vote.

- Monday Special

Chairman Larson said they are offering Mr. DiNunzio the \$19.95 special and they would receive \$4.95. He inquired if there were any other offers from the restaurant. Mr. Kealey noted that Mr. DiNunzio said come to him with an offer. Also, he added that he feels that he doesn't want to come back to see the commission.

Chairman Larson said he has spoken with him before but he has not made an offer to him.

Mr. Marino said what the bottom line is what is the best interest for Farmingbury Hills. He said what they are looking for is how to generate more people to play golf.

Chairman Larson said he will talk to Mr. DiNunzio about the Monday special.

He noted that the top dresser is being ordered out of the capital budget from the town. He added that there is a Town meeting on that July 16<sup>th</sup> and if anyone would like to go they can.

Mr. Cullen pointed out that they still have to install the cooling system and Mr. Carey will be calling them on it.

Chairman Larson inquired if that is part of the bid package; at which time Mr. Cullen said he believes it is part of the whole system.

Mr. Vastola inquired if they have the list for everything that they need at the golf course; at which time Mr. Cullen said he and Fred have it.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS**

There were none.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual employees (personnel matters) at 7:15 p.m., with Robert Larson, Chris Vastola, Greg Solocius, Michael Perrone and Anthony Marino in attendance and inviting Jim Cullen.

Chairman Larson called the regular session back to order at 7:44 p.m.

A Motion was made by Mike Perrone, seconded by Chris Vastola with a unanimous vote to add James Carey to the Agenda.

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Chris Vastola, it was unanimously voted to recommend to Mayor Dunn that James Carey be promoted from Greens Keeper one to a Greens Keeper two.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman Robert Larson  
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

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COMMISSION SECRETARY**