

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 8, 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: Vice-Chairman Greg Solocius, Anthony Marino, Michael Perrone, and Chairman Robert Larson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Vastola

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Michael Perrone, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the June 24, 2013, regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that Lou Paulie has cancer and he is requesting a refund for his 2013 Season Pass. He added that he hasn't received anything formal as of yet.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Kealey was present and came forward to report that he has a copy of their Farmingbury Hills Outing policy for the golf course. He added that they had their outing last Saturday and they had a discussion about how to handle it and how to go about it. He noted that he thinks they were somewhat in agreement that night. He recommends that they need a contract or a signed agreement, at which time he handed out their existing policy (see attached).

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He advised the commission members if they wanted to add or change what is in place now they can. He recommended that he would like the commission members to look over the existing policy and let him know if there are going to be any changes and then he will post it at the Pro Shop. The commission members had a brief discussion and had some suggestions.

Chairman Larson added that he would like the commission members to agree on their policy and he will formalize it for the commission to review and approve.

- Monday Special

Mr. Kealey inquired if the commission members came to an agreement regarding if they were going to offer a Monday special or if not whether they can. He pointed out that he would like to start advertising, at which time Chairman Larson said they will be discussing that tonight.

Mr. Perrone inquired if they have rangers, at which time Mr. Kealey said no. Mr. Perrone inquired if they allow anything other than foursomes on the golf course.

Mr. Kealey said occasionally it happens. He added that they have a starter on Sunday and he does a good job. He noted that he tries to pair as many foursomes as possible. Also, they try to enforce no more than foursomes on the golf course. He said having said that, he had a couple of issues where they had more than 4 golfers at a time.

Mr. Perrone mentioned that he drove by and noticed that there were 5 playing golf, at which time Chairman Larson said he played on Saturday with five guys and they played in four hours.

Mr. Kealey pointed out that is the weakness in not having rangers. He noted that he talks with groups on business days.

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FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen reported that the cart area is completed.

- Ice Machine

He noted that he opened the box for the new ice machine and noticed that there were no fittings that come with it and he had to go to Home Depot to purchase what he needed. He added that it hasn't been put together as of yet and they are trying to decide on what type of structure they are going to build.

Chairman Larson advised the commission that Mr. DiNunzio's ice machine is broken, and he added that he would like Mr. Cullen to please prioritize the ice machine, at which time Mr. Cullen indicated that they were held up because of the new fiscal year starting July 1st and they had the machine before that time and they weren't able to purchase anything. He said that he hopes to have this done by week end. He also said he looked into many different options and he recommends that it be enclosed so no one can see it.

Mr. Cullen also noted that they replenished the sand in the bumpers.

Chairman Larson inquired if they had a person for the summer, at which time Mr. Cullen said they have a part time person who's very nice and he is doing a good job and he is working with Ed.

Chairman Larson inquired if he could weed around the building, at which time Mr. Cullen said he was working on that the other day and there is so much stuff to be done there.

Mr. Cullen noted that Fred Carey is on vacation. Also, they had rain last week and they are trying to catch up on the course.

Also, what was brought to his attention again was the concern about the rough areas around the greens. He added that he brought it up with the guys today and he decided to cut them twice a week and lower the mower deck from 2 1/8 to 1 7/8 and he hopes that helps. He added that there is still some unevenness around the rough areas. He added that they tried on it on the 9th.

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Chairman Larson added that the fertilizing and watering is working.

Mr. Solocius commented on the cart area. He indicated that Mr. Cullen did a great job.

Mr. Perrone inquired if they had any other projects in the works, at which time Mr. Cullen said they did the sod and got the bumper sand. He added that a lot of it is money and no big projects coming. He noted that they will be top dressing the greens in August or early September.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

- Specials

Chairman Larson mentioned that he sat down with Mr. DiNunzio and he asked him about moving the soda machine inside because there was so much condensation on it. He informed the commission that he will be placing it in the conference room and he was told that he needed to clean it out. Also, he needs to clean the area where the dumpster is, and the bathrooms and showers need to be cleaned better.

Mr. Solocius mentioned that he has spoken to him about it.

Mr. Kealey added that he has a new guy now.

Chairman Larson noted that they further discussed the advertising program and the specials.

Mr. Kealey mentioned that he spoke with Mr. DiNunzio and he said if they do the \$19.95 special he will get \$4.95 and if they do the \$20.95 he wants an extra dollar.

Chairman Larson suggested that they can do their own advertising because Mr. DiNunzio is not interested and just take care of themselves.

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Mr. Kealey said they have to start the advertisement now for the \$20.00 special and the \$27.00 special.

Mr. Marino said they have to figure out what they want to do for a special.

Mr. Perrone added that they have a subcommittee and they should come up with a plan on what they want to do and how much the cost will be and when it is going to happen.

Mr. Kealey said he could meet with Mr. Perrone and Mr. Marino.

Chairman Larson mentioned that there is a meeting on the 16th at the Town Hall regarding the top dresser.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New carts

Chairman Larson advised the commission that today was the bid opening for the new carts. He added that Club Car was the only bid.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to authorize **Club Car** to provide our lease program for the carts.

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 Anthony Marino, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7: 35 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**