

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014
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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: Chairman Robert Larson, Vice-Chairman Greg Solocius, Joan Kane and Paul Garland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lou Polzella

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Robert Larson, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the January 13, 2014 regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Craig Kealey was present and came forward to inquire about the pending issue regarding outings. The commission had a brief discussion and they decided to review the policy that they have now and their rates.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to update the commission members.

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- CL&P power outage

Mr. Cullen explained to the commission members that there was a power outage at the golf course and they were looking for reimbursement. Connecticut Light & Power Company confirmed that on that day a fuse on the circuit serving their location caused the power problem. They found that the cause of the problem was a balloon on the fuse so the claim was denied (see attached).

- Maintenance

He noted that the maintenance at the golf course is ongoing. He added that the doors in the office, bathrooms and locker room are being repaired. They had mold on the walls and they repaired that. Also, they had a problem with the locks on the doors and they received three quotes and they range from \$300.00 to \$1,300.00 to redo the locks. They decided to go with the \$300.00 option which is placing dead bolts on the doors.

- **Dump truck**

Mr. Cullen informed the commission that they blew the transmission on the dump truck while plowing and that is in the shop being fixed. He pointed out that the Public Works department is taking care of the cost for the repair from their maintenance line item.

Chairman Larson explained that their workers plow during the winter snow storms and the costs are absorbed into Public Works budget.

- Storage

Mr. Cullen noted that they are cleaning out the storage space that they have at the garage.

Mrs. Kane pointed out that she has a question and she doesn't know who she should address it to, at which time Chairman Larson replied ask.

Mrs. Kane noted that the Farmingbury Hills Ladies Golf Association is looking to do some type of memorial. She added that they have money and they might want to have a professional come to advise them of what they should be planting.

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She indicated that they would like to have permission to do this. Also, she noted that they will be having a meeting in March with the association.

Chairman Larson informed Mrs. Kane that they had a spoken to Debbie Cardozza. She also had written him a letter about this. He added that the commission designated an area already. He also noted that Mr. Cullen is onboard with it.

Chairman Larson suggested that they meet with Mr. Cullen about this.

Mrs. Kane inquired if Mr. Cullen had any background in gardening which they are looking at right now for someone to come in and tell them what they can do. Mr. Cullen replied he has been in landscaping business for 9 years.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they want to avoid having the golf course look like a cemetery. They want to keep the characteristic of the golf course as it is now and not change it.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Chairman Larson noted that there is no report tonight because they just appointed a new treasurer.

He also mentioned that they are in the middle of working out their 2014-2015 budget with Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Hale. They will be going over each line item in their budget and he will be handing a copy of it to each member.

Chairman Larson said as far as old business or new business and public requests which we have none he would like to talk to Joan, Paul and Lou if he was here. He indicated that it is an honor for Mrs. Kane to be on the commission because she is the first woman serving on this commission and it is quite a change and everyone here is welcoming her aboard.

Mrs. Kane replied that she was thrilled and happy when the Republican Town Committee put her name forward. She indicated that the golf course has been in her life for 30 to 40 years and maybe she won't be there a lot due to health reasons. She loves the piece of property and they should be protecting and improving the golf course.

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Chairman Larson also pointed that that he will have to explain the process on the budget, and how bills are paid, at which time Mr. Garland said he is looking forward to it.

Chairman Larson stated that they have to look at a lot of things like rates which they established for their 2014 season passes with the discount.

He informed the commission members that they have collected to date 74 season passes which is less than last year. They are down \$1,700.00 from last year.

He also noted that he has been looking at other golf courses to see what they are offering for specials.

The following are specials that might be good for them:

- 1) Membership for weekends only
- 2) Reduce green fees with your membership
- 3) A five day membership for weekdays only
- 4) Ticket program
- 5) Season passes with carts built in.

He added that he would like to explore some of these ideas.

He also noted that they want to look at their cleaning contract on ordering paper goods.

He also indicated that the restaurant would be interested in doing a promotional program, at which Mr. Garland said he spoke with Mr. DiNunzio.

He added that they will be paying the bill from Mr. DiNunzio for the cleaning of the golf course and it was approved at a previous meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

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NEW BUSINESS:

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PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION

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COMMISSION SECRETARY