

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014
WOLCOTT TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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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 6:00 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

ALSO ABSENT: Craig Kealey, Golf Pro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 10, 2014 Organizational Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the February 10, 2014 organizational meeting.

- February 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Paul Garland, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the February 10, 2014 regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that he received a memo from Mayor Dunn regarding future spending to be kept it to a minimum at which time Chairman Larson read it into the record (see attached).

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

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GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

No report given.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present and came forward to report that not much has changed since the last meeting. The repairs to the maintenance building are ongoing. Also, he added that they received their new restricted chemical cabinet today.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they had a brief discussion at their last meeting about the grinder and he was wondering if Mr. Cullen could get some information together and prices.

Mr. Cullen said he has a call into Mark Osborne from Steven Willard Company who they purchased the top dresser from. They are waiting on a package from them. He added that he is looking at a Foley as another option.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they would like to know when the representative comes to show the video because he would like the commission members there if they are available.

Mrs. Kane noted that she spoke with Mr. Polzella this week and he is very happy about the work that is being done at the golf course.

Mr. Garland pointed out that he has been visiting the golf course and he noticed a huge difference in the appearance of the place. He added that it is shaping up very nicely. He added that Mr. Cullen and his crew are doing a great job.

Mrs. Kane inquired if the dump truck was fixed, at which time Mr. Cullen replied yes.

Mr. Cullen mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Kalinowski to see if they could borrow the bucket truck so they could trim some trees and he said its ok.

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Chairman Larson noted that the arborvitae on the 4th is dead and he was wondering if Mr. Cullen could get a hold of John Lawn's to see if they could replace it.

Mrs. Kane mentioned that on Old County Road people are throwing out garbage and she is wondering if they could clean it up.

Chairman Larson mentioned he has spoken to Southington for help and they got nowhere with them.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Garland was present to report that he has done a few transfers, and has approved purchase orders.

The bills that he approved were the following:

- 1) fuel
- 2) supplies
- 3) water supply test
- 4) reel sharpening

He noted that they needed to do a transfer because they didn't have enough money in their line item. He added that things are tight.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they are at the end of their fiscal year. At this time they are running a little short.

He added that they received in their packet a financial report and an annual report of the cart fee and greens fees. He noted that the financial report could be available at any time.

Chairman Larson mentioned that the other day he and Paul sat down with the Mayor about their budget and one of the questions was that they need someone else at the golf course to be licensed to purchase chemicals and there is a required certification process that they have to go through. He added that Fred Carey is doing it now. He noted that he has spoken to Mr.

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Cullen about getting his certification. He thinks it is a good idea to have more than one person certified.

Mrs. Kane inquired if the service is provided by the State of Connecticut, at which Chairman Larson replied yes.

Chairman Larson inquired if the commission members had a copy of the new budget. He pointed out there is a general fund line item that has 30,000.00 in it and a couple of years ago they had the Town Council's approval to purchase a grinder. He pointed out that they asked if they could place the money back into their 2014-2015 budget. They did not purchase it because they had a major break down on their water system at the golf course. He noted that they are pursuing to have it placed back into their budget.

The commission had a discussion regarding how they could generate more revenue and increase play at the golf course

Chairman Larson suggested that they could do the following:

- 1) Membership for weekends only
- 2) Reducing green fees membership with a cart.
- 3) A five day membership.
- 4) Ticket programs
- 5) 10 rounds and 25 rounds at a discount.
- 6) Have an advertising program

Mr. Garland suggested that they setup a subcommittee for this and the commission agreed.

Chairman Larson pointed out that they have a new employee who will be starting March 3rd and his name is John Cullen. He explained that there was an extensive interview process to fill the vacancy at the golf course and the Mayor was aware of this.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

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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 Joan Kane, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**